

Jesus Christ Prayer life.

**John 17:1 - 2** *“These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: (2) As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.”*

I chose this passage of scripture because if we are going to call something the Lord’s Prayer, this would be it. What the world knows and recognizes as the Lord’s Prayer is a “model prayer” for us and was not a prayer of our Lord. Jesus never prayed with His disciples because Jesus was impeccable, meaning He had no error about himself, He had no sin. While He was born in the likeness of sinful flesh, He was indeed God in the flesh. Therefore, the needs of man and the needs of Jesus were nothing alike. Jesus never requested the prayers of men for Himself, He did not need people to pray for Him. While people may where present while He prayer sometimes, no man ever prayed “for” Him; no man ever prayed “with” Him. **Hebrews 5:7-10** *“Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.”* When the scripture says, *“Who in the days of his flesh...”* The word “flesh” is used to denote human nature not deity, the Son of God never needed to pray because He is God. Look at **Hebrews 2:14** *“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;*” If we do not examine both natures of Jesus Christ, that is flesh and deity then we will never understand who He truly was and is.

Therefore, let us look deeper into the prayer life of Jesus Christ the Son of man or the seed of the woman.

- A. Christ did not pray in the capacity of the eternal Son of God, but in the position as Mediator.
  - 1. Always remember, the Son of man accomplished what the Son of God could not accomplish. Deity could not receive from anyone; He was dependent on no one.
    - a. God (as a whole) cannot be added to nor taken away from, He is Eternal and Sovereign, and He is eternal.

- b. Deity assumed a human nature, and the Son of God became the Son of Man.  
Therefore, as the God-Man He prayed. He prayer as a man.
2. Let us look at the true “Lord’s Prayer”.
    - a. The only true recorded prayer of Jesus was in John 17, while He prayer many times John 17 was His recorded prayer.
    - b. I know the religious world calls Matthew 6:9-15 the Lord’s prayer but it is not a prayer Jesus prayed. Jesus said in Matthew 6:9 these words, “After this manner therefore **pray ye:**” Jesus himself never prayed this prayer.
    - c. In Luke’s account of this model prayer, he wrote in **Luke 11:4a** “And forgive us our sins...” The Son of man was impeccable, meaning He had no sin, and it would have been a sin to ask God to forgive sin’s He did not have.
    - d. Jesus Christ cannot be impeccable if this model pray is called the Lord’s Prayer as though He prayed it.
    - e. While Jesus did pray many times, more than we know, this was not one of His prayers. And John 17 must be labeled the Lord’s Prayer.
- B. As a man Jesus needed a prayer life just as every believer needs a prayer life.
1. We must remember always that Jesus was the seed of Mary and that made Him human. He had the same needs we have.
  2. While He was different because He was God’s Son and Incarnate with two natures, human was one of those natures. He had human needs.
  3. However, we do not need to destroy in our minds His true identity because we do not understand the truth about Him. He was Human and deity and had both natures.
  4. If people deny His humanity, it destroys His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection.
  5. In **Hebrews 5:7** “*Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;*” This is the Son of man, not the Son of God. One nature existed in glory and the other nature was born the seed of the woman.
  6. While we may not truly understand it all, let us walk carefully on this subject and not fail in separating the two natures and accuse the Son of God or God as doing something that is degrading Him or contradiction to His True Existence as God.

C. Our Savior, during the days of His flesh, prayed often.

1. **Hebrews 5:7** goes on to say, “...*when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;*” The word: feared here means to have reverence, not to be at fright.
2. Jesus never prayed not to suffer, He never prayed not to die, He knew God’s plan for Him. But Jesus was a man with feelings, no one looks forward to suffering, pain, or death, as our High Priest He must sympathize with us. **Hebrews 2:14-18** “*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.*”
3. His prayers should not be interpreted as though He did not want to finish His ordained work, His Father’s will is all He wanted to do. **Isaiah 50:5 - 6** “*The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. (6) I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.*”
4. **Hebrews 10:7** “*Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.*”
5. His suffering, pain, and death was the reason He was born, to be the just dying for the unjust.
6. Jesus Christ’s death was for the penalty of sin. The death of the Christian is not a penalty for sin; that was paid in the death of Christ. Therefore, He never prayer in fear of it, nor to be relieved of it.

D. The humanity of Christ appears in His prayer.

1. God cannot pray, God cannot suffer, God cannot die.

2. He as a man felt the awfulness of His anticipated sufferings and was completely resigned to those sufferings.
3. His offering, therefore, was a free will sacrifice. He wanted to do His Fathers will and give His life for us.
4. Jesus said at His arrest, **John 18:11** *“Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?”* He did not want to be saved from His predetermined glorious moment of being our Saviour. He never prayed that He does not do His Fathers will of being our Saviour.
5. Jesus prayed much but always without fear or error, He even prayed for us, **John 17:9, 20** *“I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. (20) Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;”*