

Jesus Prays – Bible Story

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Reader 1: Prayer was important to Jesus. It was his way of talking to God and listening for God to talk to him.

Reader 2: After the last supper, Jesus and his disciples went to the Mount of Olives. Jesus went to the garden there to pray. The garden of Gethsemane was a place Jesus had prayed in many times.

Reader 3: Three of Jesus disciples went with him into the garden. He told them to stay there while he went further into the garden to pray. The disciples were supposed to stay alert and pray.

Reader 1: Jesus prayed, “My Father, if it’s possible, take this cup of suffering away from me. However—not what I want but what you want.”

Reader 2: When Jesus came back to the three disciples, they were sleeping. Jesus told them again to stay alert and pray.

Reader 3: Jesus returned to his place of prayer and asked God again to remove his suffering. But Jesus said he would follow God’s will.

Reader 1: He returned to his disciples, and they were sleeping—not praying. Jesus left them asleep and returned to pray again.

Reader 2: Again, Jesus asked God to show him God’s will. God showed Jesus what he must do.

Reader 3: Jesus returned to the sleeping disciples and woke them up. The time of prayer was over.

(Based on Matthew 26:36-46)

