

Why Did Jesus Pray?

He prayed:

1. Because He knew that prayer works.

Mark 11:22-25 (NIV)

²² "Have faith in God," Jesus answered.

²³ "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

²⁵ And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

Matthew 7:7-12 (NIV)

⁷ "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

⁸ For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹ "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

¹² So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Mark 9:28-29 (NIV)

²⁸ After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

²⁹ He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

John 14:13-14 (NIV)

¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.

¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 15:7 (NIV)

⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

John 15:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

John 16:23-24 (NIV)

²³ In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

1. To remain connected to the Father (God).

2. Because it made a difference.

1 John 5:13-15 (NIV)

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.