

The Gospel According to Luke

Luke 22:31-34

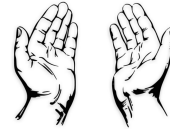
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Children

What comes to your mind when you see someone with their hands together – like this?



What about when hands are held like this? This is how hands are held in Pakistan because they want to show God they have nothing to hide.



How often do you think we should pray? Once a day? Before meals? Before we go to sleep at night? What do you think we should pray for?

The Bible does not tell us exactly when to pray. The Apostle Paul instructs, ¹⁶“Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

In today’s passage from Luke, Jesus prays for Peter and his other disciples. Jesus did not pray for Peter to be spared testing and trouble. Jesus did not pray for Satan to leave Peter alone. Do you know what Jesus prayer for? Jesus told Peter, “I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.” (LK. 22:32)

If Jesus prays for something - do you think it will happen? Why? That’s right because He is God.

Why do you think Jesus did not pray for Peter to be spared Satan’s attacks? Because Jesus knew the attacks of Satan would make Peter’s faith stronger. So, when we go through attacks and temptations by Satan – as long as we keep our focus on Jesus and pray for His help - He will help us grow in faith. It is like working out at the gym. The more we work out, the stronger we get. The more we rely on Jesus and pray to God during difficult times the stronger our faith becomes.

Our Father, as we live in this broken world. Help us remain holy and separate from the world. Help us be ready for spiritual warfare with the evil one and that our faith will grow stronger. Amen!

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John 17:9 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 17:6-11 (NIV).

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