

The Most Difficult Prayer to Pray

Matthew 26:36-46

...the young child,
him, bring me word
and worship him also.
...the king, they de-
...which they saw in the
...ill it came and stood
...they rejoiced

Ps. 72:10
11. 60:6
On offered
ch. 1:28
106: 47-4
107: 24-27
109: 1-17
110: 2-3

11. reign in
12. standing
13. turned
14. 23 And he
15. Nazareth
16. was

I. To Pray This Prayer Demands **Surrender in the Soul**

A. "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death." (v.38)

B. See the depth of our Lord's commitment.

- Phil. 2:8, And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

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- C. This prayer was in preparation for the cross.
- D. Contrast this to the superficial religion of the Pharisees.
- E. Jesus called His disciples to full surrender (Matt. 16:24-25)

- Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

II. To Pray This Prayer Demands a Surrender of the Will

A. *“Not as I will, but as You will”* (v. 39)

B. What stubborn wills we have!

Romans 7: 15-19

For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.

¹⁶If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good.

¹⁷But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

¹⁸For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.

¹⁹For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.

II. To Pray This Prayer Demands a Surrender of the Will

C. Do you refuse Christ because of your stubborn sinful will?

- Phil. 2:13, *for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*

D. Have you refused to forgive someone because of your stubborn will?

E. Yield to God and make His will your will.

III. To Pray This Prayer Demands Dedication Even When Others Fail (vv.40-46)

- A. *“He came...and found them sleeping...”*
- B. How easy it is to give in to the flesh.
- C. What did Jesus do when His disciples failed?
- D. We must remain faithful to Him when others fail.

A sepia-toned photograph of a hand holding a quill pen over an open book. The hand is positioned in the center-right of the frame, with the quill held between the thumb and index finger. The quill is pointed towards the bottom left, where it is about to write on the page of the open book. The book is open, showing two pages with text. The background is a textured, mottled brown. The overall tone is historical and solemn.

We must remain faithful!

***“Not my will, but as you
will, Father!”***

Is it painful?

Yes!

Does it hurt?

Yes!

**Does it matter what others
think ?**

NO!

Philippians 2:21

***“For to me, to live is Christ,
and to die is gain.”***

Hebrews 12:1-4,

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

²looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

³For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. ⁴You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.