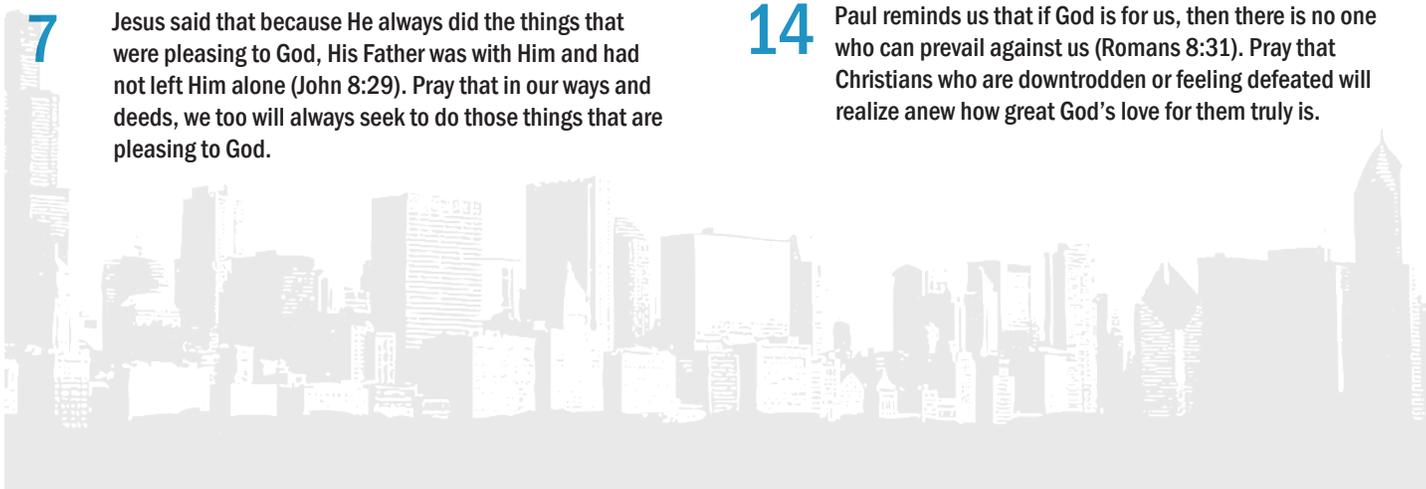


FOLLOWING JESUS' EXAMPLE OF RELATIONAL PRAYER

Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel" (John 5:19-20 NASB).

Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You" (John 11:21-22).

- 1** Pray that the church will understand and follow Jesus' example of prayer, going deeper in her love relationship with God in order to know and pray according to His will (John 5:19).
- 2** Jesus said that when we have and keep His commandments, we demonstrate our love for Him (John 14:21). Pray that your local church's love for Jesus will grow, and obedience to His commands will be a normal part of everyone's daily walk.
- 3** Jesus said He would disclose Himself to those who genuinely love Him (John 14:21). Since knowing Jesus better will help us pray according to His will, pray that this process of obedience on our part and disclosure on His part will take place daily.
- 4** God's dynamic presence within His children always makes prayer come alive! Pray that your Christian friends will be so committed to keeping the words of Jesus, that both the Father and Son will be pleased to abide with them in an ongoing way (John 14:23).
- 5** Just as Jesus did nothing on His own initiative but looked to the Father to guide Him, pray that we will do the same thing while praying and ministering in His name (John 5:30).
- 6** Just as Jesus always sought the will of the Father, pray that this same commitment will drive us, especially while we are praying (John 5:30; 6:38).
- 7** Jesus said that because He always did the things that were pleasing to God, His Father was with Him and had not left Him alone (John 8:29). Pray that in our ways and deeds, we too will always seek to do those things that are pleasing to God.
- 8** Jesus was so close to God that He did not even speak on His own initiative, but spoke what the Father commanded Him to say (John 12:49). Ask God to teach us to speak and pray like Jesus, with words that are initiated by God the Father.
- 9** Jesus told His disciples that if they had seen Him, they had seen the Father (John 14:9). Pray that we will be so close to Jesus that when people encounter us during the week or hear us praying, they will sense the Spirit of God in us.
- 10** Jesus said in John 14:12 that those who believe in Him would do greater works than He did because He was going to the Father. Pray that the Holy Spirit will accomplish in our generation all the great, redemptive works God intends to see performed through His children.
- 11** The Father is glorified through the Son when we pray that God's will be done through the authority of His Son's name (John 14:13). Pray that your church family will be so close to Jesus that they can pray at His direction and with His authority and power.
- 12** Pray that your church family will not take the credit for prayers that are answered, but will, like Jesus, give all the glory to God the Father (John 14:13).
- 13** Paul states in Romans 8:35 that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of Christ. Take a few moments to thank God for making available to us such a strong, enduring love relationship.
- 14** Paul reminds us that if God is for us, then there is no one who can prevail against us (Romans 8:31). Pray that Christians who are downtrodden or feeling defeated will realize anew how great God's love for them truly is.



- 15** Because God loves those who are called according to His purpose, He causes all things to work together for good that they might be conformed to the image of His Son (Romans 8:28-29). Pray that those facing challenges will understand how God uses their trials to grow their love for Him.
- 16** Jesus commanded His disciples to love one another (John 15:17). Since praying for each other is a great way to demonstrate God's love, take a moment right now to pray for your best friend. Pray that they will experience God's manifest love in a very tangible way.
- 17** Pray today that your pastor will experience God's love in a special way. Pray for those in authority over you to have a spirit of wisdom and revelation in their knowledge of Christ (Ephesians 1:17).
- 18** Pray for your church staff to have the eyes of their hearts enlightened so they will know the hope of Christ's calling in their lives. Pray that they will understand the true riches that come from being a part of His forever family (Ephesians 1:18).
- 19** Pray that the members of your church family will not be apathetic in their love for God, but will see and experience the surpassing greatness of His power on their behalf (Ephesians 1:19).
- 20** Just as Jesus prayed for Peter's faith to not fail, pray for someone you know who is going through a tough time to be strengthened with an equally great faith—the kind that will sustain them even in the midst of Satan's great attacks (Luke 22:31-32).
- 21** Before He raised Lazarus from the dead, Jesus lifted His eyes toward heaven and thanked God for hearing His prayer (John 11:41-42). Pray that we as God's children will be so close to God that we can know His will and be able to thank Him with confidence that our prayers have been heard.
- 22** Our confidence in praying and seeing prayers answered comes when we pray according to God's will (1 John 5:14-15), and we can know He always hears us. Pray that your church family will be committed to seeking God's will in everything for which they pray.
- 23** We desperately need the help of the Holy Spirit when we pray (Romans 8:26-27). He knows God's will and helps us pray accordingly. Pray that Christians in your community will welcome the Holy Spirit's guidance in prayer and depend on Him as they seek to pray according to God's will.
- 24** Jesus said the Holy Spirit guides us into all the truth (John 16:13). Ask God to fill your church family with His Spirit so members can pray in agreement with the truth the Spirit reveals.
- 25** One of the Holy Spirit's tasks is that of disclosing what is to come (John 16:13). As your church's leadership seeks God's will, pray that the Holy Spirit will show them everything they need to see in order to lead your church family into God's will for the future.
- 26** When we love Jesus, we experience the love of the Father (John 16:27). Pray that your entire family will love Jesus more and more. If there are any family members who are lost, pray that very soon they will come to know Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord.
- 27** Just as Jesus did these things, pray that everyone in your church family will honor God the Father, walk in all His ways, love Him, serve Him with all their heart and soul, and keep His commandments (Deuteronomy 10:12-13).
- 28** Pray for your church family to be bold in publicly loving and praising God. Pray that He will be so gloriously seen in the lives of your fellow church members that even those in your community who are lost will bless His holy name (Psalm 145:21).
- 29** Pray that the love with which God loved Jesus will be in us and that we too will help others come to know and experience God's wonderful gift of eternal life (John 17:26).
- 30** Just as Jesus makes intercession for us, pray that in our relationship with the Father we will be quick to pray for the needs of those we encounter (Romans 8:34).