

Prayer For Remaining In Jesus

We are presenting prayers that ask for those things Jesus said were vital to our life. The three keys to all of Christianity are found in Matthew 7:7-11. Asking, seeking, and knocking are different from you getting instructions on what you are going to need DO to get something for your life. How to pray, what to pray, when to pray, and where to pray are the instructions that help you get everything you need from God for your life.

The Work Of Jesus And The Father

John 15:1 (NIV) I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener.

This explains who is going to be doing what in your life. Jesus is the true vine that you are to remain connected to. Your heavenly Father is the One Who corrects, rebukes, disciplines, and improves your spiritual condition (Hebrews 12:5-11).

True Christians Get Pruned

John 15:2 (NIV) He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

The Father watches every Christian's life and decides whether or not they are true Christians or fake ones. True Christians will produce a certain type of spiritual results that the Bible is here calling "fruit."

You Are A Christian That's Being Pruned

John 15:3 (NIV) You are ALREADY clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

Jesus wants you to know that you ARE a Christian because you are learning, praying for, and yielding to those things He is teaching you in the Bible. You have prayed the prayer He told you to pray; you obeyed Romans 10:9-10; and you are reading and studying all these things He wants you to learn. Jesus is providing you with people who will be "Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (Mat 28:20)."

The Prayer

We are now ready to find out about what we are to do to produce this "fruit" Jesus is telling us about. We will take each verse and make it a matter of prayer; this fulfills Matthew 7:7-11.

Know What Produces Fruit

John 15:4 (NIV) Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.

Jesus, please help me WANT to remain in You, KNOW how to remain in You, and be EMPOWERED to remain in You.

Know What To Believe

John 15:5 (NIV) I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. Jesus, help me know and believe that apart from you I can do nothing. Help me accept this fact so I will always realize I have to remain in You in order to do anything worthwhile and good.

Know What Makes A True Christian

John 15:6 (NIV) If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. Jesus, help me to never separate myself from You for even a second. Help me allow You to come into my thoughts, feelings, words, and deeds. Help me focus my thoughts on You when I am making decisions, making plans, or trying to solve any problem.

Help me open my heart to You when I start feeling a certain way about circumstances and people. Let me be able to invite You into my feelings constantly so I will feel the right way about things.

Help me pause and see what You put into my thoughts and feelings before I speak or do anything. Help me only do and say those things that are a blessing to me, other people, and You (righteousness).

Know What To Pray

John 15:7 (NIV) If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. Jesus, help me to remain in You so all my motives, desires, and goals will fit into righteousness. I want my prayers to be so in line with what is best for me, those around me, and You, that they get positive results every time I pray.

Know How To Be Jesus' Disciple

John 15:8 (NIV) This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples. Jesus, help me live such a righteous life that people want to know my heavenly Father. Help me have such good quality and quantity fruit that people can watch my life and see what my heavenly Father is like.

Know How To Receive And Give Love

John 15:9 (NIV) As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. Jesus, help me know how and be empowered to remain in Your love. I want to experience Your love in my heart (emotions), life (soul), mind (thoughts), and strength (will). And I want to be able to express Your love back to You and to those people around me.

Know And Obey Jesus' Commands

John 15:10 (NIV) If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love. Jesus, thank You for explaining that obeying Your commands is the way for me to remain in Your love. Teach me Your commands and give me the power to obey them. Help me understand why You are commanding them; help me want to obey them, and help me obey them in such a way that it brings people's respect and love to You.

Know How To Get Joy

John 15:11 (NIV) I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. Jesus, I need Your joy flowing in me in such a way that it crowds out all my desires for bodily and world-inspired pleasure. I ask for Your joy that is able to take the place of the addicting, extreme pleasure that Satan and the world are offering my body.

Know What To Do

John 15:12 (NIV) My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Jesus, thank you for explaining what I need to do to remain in You and You to remain in me. Thank You for explaining what remaining in Your love looks like. So, I pray that You will give me the ability to love myself and those around me. Empower me to use Your love that the Holy Spirit poured into my heart (Romans 5:5). Help me be able to yield to it in such a way that I think, feel, say, and do those things You call righteousness.

Know What Love Looks Like

John 15:13 (NIV) Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. Jesus, thank You for helping me see what I need to have the power to do. Thank You for showing me what to pray for so I can remain in You, Your Words, and Your love. Thank You for making it clear what to pray for so You, Your Words, and Your love will remain in me.

Jesus, I pray for the desire, the knowledge, and the power to lay my life down for my friends. I want to be able and willing to do whatever it takes to love my neighbor as myself. Help me know what I need to know so I can do to others those things I would have done to me.

Know The Friendship Of Jesus

John 15:14 (NIV) You are My friends if you do what I command. Jesus, thank You so much for being my friend through providing me with salvation (Romans 5:8). Now, help me be willing and have Your power to do what it takes to love, care for, and help my friends.

Know What Jesus Is Teaching

John 15:15 (NIV) I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. Jesus, thank You for making me one of Your friends; thank You for being willing to share with me those things You learned from Your Father. Help me to learn them, understand them, and be able to apply them to my life.

Know You Are Chosen

John 15:16 (NIV) 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. Jesus, thank You for choosing me to receive all You have to offer. Now, help me obey Your appointment to go and bear fruit; help me to bear fruit that will last forever. Help me get to the place where my Father will be able to give me whatever I ask in Your name.

Know And Receive Jesus' Command

John 15:17 (NIV) This is My command: Love each other. Jesus, I accept Your command into my heart, life, mind, and strength. You are the Creator of the universe and have just spoken power into me to be able to love those around me. I receive and believe in Your creative power that You just spoke into me. I believe and receive the fact that I now have the ability to love myself and love my neighbor as myself.

Thank You for teaching me these things; thank You for empowering me to live them; and thank You for creating them in me. I praise You, thank You, and worship You for Who You are, what You do, and all You have provided!