

## Prayer in Luke's gospel

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*Proseuchomai*, the basic Lucan word for “to pray,” is used 19 times in Luke of 44 times in all four gospels combined. Another word for “to pray,” *deomai* (which is also translated “to beg” or “to ask”) is used 8 times by Luke of 9 times in all four gospels.

1.10: Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was **praying** outside.

1.13: But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your **prayer** has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John.

2.37: [Anna the widow] never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and **prayer** night and day.

3.21: Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was **praying**, the heaven was opened...

5.16: But [Jesus] would withdraw to deserted places and **pray**.

6.12: Now during those days [Jesus] went out to the mountain to **pray**; and he spent the night in **prayer** to God.

6.27-28: “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, **pray** for those who abuse you.”

9.18: Once when Jesus was **praying** alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?”

9.28-29: Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to **pray**. And while he was **praying**, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

11.1-4: He was **praying** in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to **pray**, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you **pray**, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

18.1: Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to **pray** always and not to lose heart.

18.10-14: “Two men went up to the temple to **pray**, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was **praying** thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other.”

19.46: [Jesus] said, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of **prayer**’; but you have made it a den of robbers.”

20.46-47: “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets. They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long **prayers**. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

21.36: “Be alert at all times, **praying** that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

22.32: “I have **prayed** for you that your own faith may not fail...”

22.40-46: When he reached the place, he said to them, “**Pray** that you may not come into the time of trial.” Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and **prayed**, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he **prayed** more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from **prayer**, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and **pray** that you may not come into the time of trial.”

Also: **giving glory or praise to God**: 2.14, 20; 4.15; 5.25, 26; 7.16; 13.13; 17.15; 18.43; 19.38; 23.47