

# Bible Verses Encouraging Persistent Prayer for One-Ness with God

## Silent Prayer in Church

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## Supporting Bible Verses

Exodus 14:14 The Lord will fight for you and you only have to be silent.

Deut. 6:5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

1 Chronicles 16:11 Seek the Lord and His strength. Seek His presence continually.

2 Chronicles 7:14 "...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

Psalms 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalms 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalms 23 (A Psalm of David)

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Psalms 27:8 You have said, "Seek My face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek.  
([https://www.journal-advocate.com/ci\\_28598862/seek-gods-face](https://www.journal-advocate.com/ci_28598862/seek-gods-face))

Psalms 27:14 Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; Wait for the Lord!  
(<https://www.gotquestions.org/wait-on-the-Lord.html>)

Psalms 36:8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.

9 For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

10 In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.

11 But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.

Psalm 46:10 [Be still and know that I am God.](#)

Psalm 63:1 O God, You are my God; [earnestly I seek You, my soul thirsts for You...](#)

2 So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.

3 Because [Your steadfast love is better than life...](#)

5 [My soul will be satisfied](#) as with fat and rich food,

6 when I remember You upon my bed, [and meditate upon You in the watches of the night.](#)

8 [My soul clings to You,](#) Your right hand upholds me.

Psalm 86:15 You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious...[abounding in steadfast love](#) and faithfulness.

Psalm 105:4 [Seek the Lord](#) and His strength; [seek His presence continually.](#)

Psalm 123:1 To You I lift up my eyes,

O You who are enthroned in the heavens!

2 Behold, as the eyes of servants

look to the hand of their master,

as the eyes of a maidservant

to the hand of her mistress,

[so our eyes look to the LORD our God,](#)

till He has mercy upon us.

Psalm 130:1 [Out of the depths I cry to You,](#) O LORD!

2 O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

3 If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

4 But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

5 [I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,](#) and in His word I hope;

6 [my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,](#) more than watchmen for the morning.

7 O Israel, hope in the LORD!

[For with the LORD there is steadfast love,](#)

and with Him is plentiful redemption.

8 And He will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

Proverbs 8:17 ["I love those who love Me, and those who diligently seek Me will find Me."](#)

Isaiah 30:18 Therefore [the LORD waits to be gracious to you,](#) and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; [blessed are all those who wait for Him.](#)

Isaiah 40:31 [...but they who wait for the Lord](#) will renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Jeremiah 24:7 ["I will give them a heart to know that I am the Lord,](#) and they shall be My people, and I shall be their God, [for they shall return to Me with their whole heart."](#)

Jeremiah 29:13 "You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call to Me and I will answer you, and tell you great and hidden things that you have not known."

Ezekiel 11:19 "I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will give them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh."

Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

12 "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:48 "You shall be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect."

Matthew 6:31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'...

33 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you."

Matthew 6:6 "But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Matthew 6:9-13 Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Matthew 7:14 "Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and few there be that find it."

Matthew 13:46 "...who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

Matthew 24:42 "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming."

Matthew 25:13 "[Watch therefore](#), for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

Matthew 26:40 "[...could you not watch with me one hour?](#)"

41 "[Watch and pray](#) so that you will not fall into temptation. [The spirit is willing](#), but the flesh is weak."

Mark 6:46 [And after he had taken leave of them, he went up onto the mountain to pray.](#)

Mark 13:33-37 "Take heed, [watch and pray](#); for you do not know when the time is. It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. [Watch therefore](#), for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. [And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!](#)"

Luke 6:12 [In these days he went up into the hills to pray; and all night he continued in prayer to God.](#)

Luke 6:40 "The disciple is not above his master, but everyone, when he is fully trained, will be like his master."

Luke 9:18 [Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him...](#)

Luke 9:28 [...he took with him Peter and James and John and went up on the mountain to pray.](#)

Luke 11:1-4 [Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray](#) as John taught his disciples. And he said unto them, "When ye pray, say;

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. [Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us this day our daily bread.](#) And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

5 "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'friend lend me three loaves...'

7 "And he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything.'?"

8 "I tell you, though he will not get up and give you anything because he is your friend, [yet because of your persistence](#), he will rise and give you whatever you need.

9 "And I tell you, [ask, and it will be given to you, seek, and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.](#)

10 "For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks, finds, and the one who knocks, it will be opened.

11 "What Father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of giving him a fish will give him a serpent;

12 "or if he asks for an egg will give him a scorpion?"

13 "If you then, who are evil, know how to give [good gifts](#) to your children, [how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.](#)"

Luke 12:32 "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Luke 13:21 "...it is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened."

Luke 18:1 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God or respected man.

3 "And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'

4 "For awhile he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man,

5 'yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice so that she will not beat me down with her continual coming.'

6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.

7 "And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?

8 "I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the son of man comes, will he find faith on Earth?"

Luke 21:36 "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

John 3:3 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born from above he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:5 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless anyone be born of water and of the Spirit, he is not able to enter into the kingdom of God.

6 "That having been born of the flesh is flesh, and that having been born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 "Do not wonder that I said to you, 'It is necessary for you all to be born from above.'

8 "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know from where it comes and where it goes. Thus is everyone having been born of the Spirit."

John 4:10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

John 4:14 "but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:22 "You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things."

26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

John 4:32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."

John 5:44 "How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another, and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God."

John 6:50 "This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die."

John 8:32 "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 10:10 "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

John 14:4 "And you know the way to the place I am going."

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 17:21 "That all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in me and I am in You. May they also be in us..."

22 "The glory that You have given me, I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one.

23 "I in them and You in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent me and loved them even as You loved me.

26 "I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

John 18:38 "the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth."

Acts 1:3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them with many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a span of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

4 And while they were gathered together, he commanded them: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift the Father promised, which you have heard Me discuss.

5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

6 So when they came together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 Jesus replied, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The Ascension

(Mark 16:19–20; Luke 24:50–53, Acts 1:9–11)

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near the city, a Sabbath day's journey away.

13 When they arrived, they went to the upper room where they were staying: Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

14 With one accord they all continued in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Romans 5:2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope unto the glory of God...

5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom He has given to us.

(<https://openthebible.org/article/experience-gods-love>)

Roman 5:19, For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Romans 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

Romans 8:26 Now likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Romans 8:29 For those whom He foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

30 And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

Romans 8:39 ...neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:12 ...be constant in prayer.

1 Corinthians 2:9 But, as it is written, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him," --

10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

1 Corinthians 13:2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:12 Now we see but a dim reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, the new has come into being.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Ephesians 3:19 ...and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 6:18 ...praying at all times in the spirit...

Colossians 4:2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

Thessalonians 5:17 ...pray without ceasing.

1 Timothy 4:10 For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

2 Timothy 1:10 ...and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

Titus 3:4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,  
5 He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,  
6 whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any two-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is no variation or shadow of change.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1 Peter 1:23 ...since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable through the living and abiding word of God.

1 Peter 2:5 ...you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.

2 Peter 1:4 Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may partake of the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

1 John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

1 John 2:5 ...but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in Him.

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 John 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are...

2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

1 John 3:9 Anyone having been born of God does not practice sin, because His seed abides in him, and he is not able to continue sinning, because he has been born of God.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:12 ...if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is Love, and whoever abides in God abides in love and God abides in him.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

1 John 5:4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world... our faith.

Revelation 3:2-3 "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you."

Revelation 16:15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

## Sample prayers from Paul, modified for group prayer

### Ephesians

1:17 God of our Lord Jesus Christ, glorious Father, give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, that we may know You better.

18 We pray also that the eyes of our heart may be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which You have called us, the riches of Your glorious inheritance in the saints,

19 and Your incomparably great power for us who believe, the power like the working of Your mighty strength.

3:16 We pray that out of Your glorious riches You may strengthen us with power through Your Spirit in our inner being,

17 so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And we pray that, we, being rooted and established in love,

18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that we may be filled to the measure of all Your fullness.

20 Father, to You who are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to Your power that is at work within us,

21 to You be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever!

Amen.

### Philippians

1:9 Father, we pray that Your love may abound in us more and more to our knowledge and insight,

10 so that we may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,

11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Christ to Your glory and praise, O, Father.

Amen.

### Colossians

1:9 Father, fill us with the knowledge of Your will with all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

10 That we may live a life worthy of our Lord Jesus Christ and may please him in every way, bearing fruit in every good work, growing in our knowledge of You.

11 Strengthen us with all power according to Your glorious might, unto all endurance and patience with joy.

*How do we watch and pray for more of the transforming Love of the Father to flow into our souls?...Fervently, Frequently, Faithfully--Forever!*

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