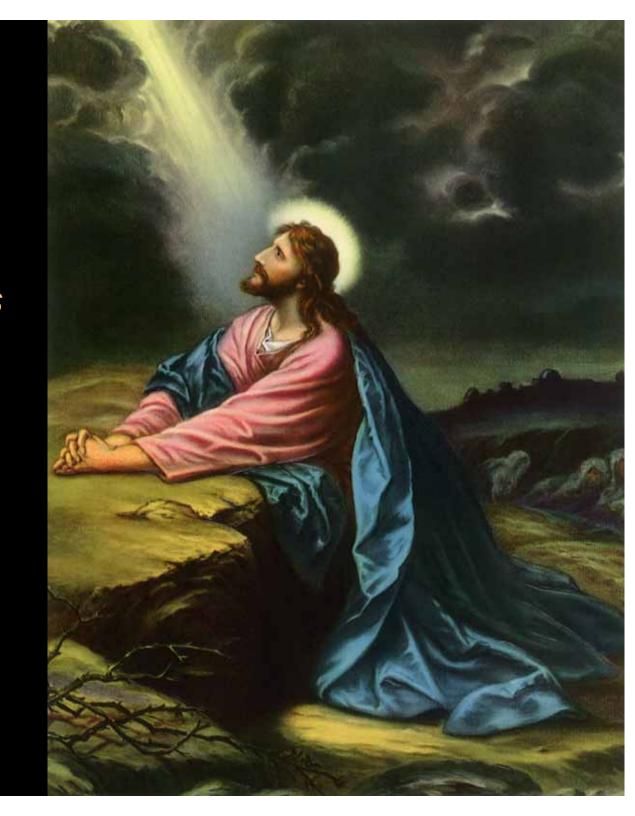




When the Christ Came to Earth . . .

Jesus Prayed:

- Alone
- On mountains
- In wilderness
- Morning
- Evening
- All night
- For children
- For apostles
- For Himself
- Constantly



1st Principle – Pray to the Father Matthew 6:9

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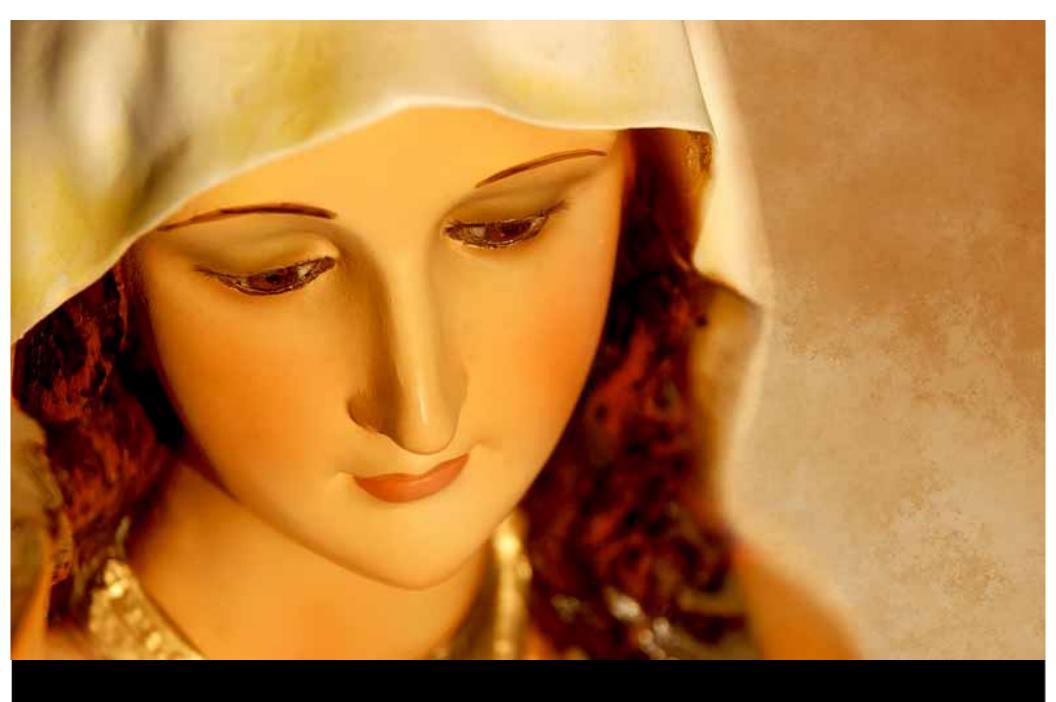
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Paul Harvey first broadcast his "If I Were the Devil" about 1965 and apparently edited and reworked it through the years.



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 - Not Mary, Jesus' mother



We Should Not Pray to Mary

In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words . . .

Romans 8:26

Can We Pray to Jesus or Holy Spirit?

Matthew 6:9

- All prayers are offered to the Father, except for one.
- Only one prayer was offered to Jesus
 - Acts 7:59-60
- No prayer is recorded to the Holy Spirit
 - John 16:14
 - Romans 8:26-27; Eph. 6:18; Jude 20

Pray to the Father through Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit

2nd Principle – Ask That The Father Be Regarded As Holy Matthew 6:9

- Hallowed means "to make holy"
- We make God holy by our behavior
 - Matthew 5:16
- The angels
 - Isaiah 6:3
 - Revelation 4:8

3rd Principle – Your Kingdom Come

Matthew 6:10

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 - Matthew 25:34
 - Revelation 22:20

4th Principle – Father's Will Is Done on Earth

Matthew 6:10

- Father's will is done in heaven!
- Earth is ge, which means "earth."
- We should want the Father to have His will done!
 - Acts 21:14
 - James 4:13-17

Jesus teaches us to pray . . .

- 1. To the Father
- 2. That the Father's reputation is holy.
- 3. His kingdom will come soon!
- 4. The Father has His will fulfilled.

Message . . .

Start your prayer focused on the Father and be concerned about His reputation and what He wants.