

# WHEN SHOULD YOU PRAY?

**James 5:13-20**

James 1:5 NIV

**"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."**

*James is clear . . .*

**There is NEVER  
a time we should  
NOT pray!**

Mark 1:35

**"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."**

Mark 6:46

**"After leaving them, he went into the hills to pray."**

Luke 5:6 NIV

**“But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”**

Luke 6:12 NIV

**“One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.”**

**Jesus lived His life and  
fulfilled His mission out of  
a vital connection with  
God in prayer.**

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# 1. WHEN THINGS ARE TOUGH

James 5:13a NIV

"Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray."

Psalm 16:1 NIV

**“Keep me safe, O God,  
for in you I take refuge.”**

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## **2. WHEN THINGS ARE GOOD**

James 5:13b NIV

"Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise."

Ephesians 5:20 NIV

**"always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."**

The signature prayer written across  
Jesus' life:

***“I thank you, Father, Lord  
of heaven and earth.”***

**“Nothing taken for granted;  
Everything received  
with gratitude;  
Everything passed on  
with grace.”**

**-- G.K. Chesterton**

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## **3. WHEN WE ARE SICK**

James 5:14 NIV

"Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord."

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## **4. WHEN WE FAIL**

James 5:16a NIV

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed."

James 5:16b NIV

**“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”**

Romans 3:22 NIV

**"This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference,"**

## Great Prayer Example

"Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops."

James 5:17-18 NIV

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# **5. WHEN OTHERS DRIFT FROM FAITH**

James 5:19-20 NIV

"My dear brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back again, you can be sure that the one who brings that person back will save that sinner from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins."

*James 5:14-15 NIV*

"Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven."

Video: HEAL ME  
Terry MacAlamon

A person is seen from behind, standing in a field of tall grass. They are looking out over a vast landscape under a sunset sky with warm orange and yellow tones. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a soft glow.

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