

**Scripture:** Deut. 5:1-21 & Luke 23:13-49 *Children's Sermon*  
**Singing:** 14:1-4 – 123:1 – 47:1-5 – 187:2-3 – 386:1, 4 – 362:1-3

## JESUS' PRAYER ON THE CROSS

I. When He prayed II. What He prayed III. Why He prayed

### I. WHEN HE PRAYED

A. Jesus' answered *wrong done* with prayer for *the wrong doer*: vs. 33-34

1. Think through what His journey has been and where it ended

2. What did He do when they finally crucified Him?

B. Reflection: Do you pray? Pray always? Pray as the first thing?

1. Jesus lived a life of prayer (Luke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 13:1; 22:42)

2. Praying is not the same as 'Saying your prayers.' (Acts 9:11)

### II. WHAT JESUS PRAYED

A. What did He not pray?

1. He didn't ask for help for Himself

2. He did not ask His Father why He allowed this wrong

B. What He did pray: *Father, forgive them*

1. Was this for real what He meant?

2. For whom did He pray this?

a. He did it for the Romans and Jews

b. Could He pray this for you?

### III. WHY DID JESUS PRAY

- A. He did it because He loved His sinful neighbors – even His enemies
  
- B. He did because in doing that He gave the problem to His Father
  
- C. He did pray so time be given to them to repent

#### **Finally: *Do you pray?***

- A. Nothing is more neglected than private prayer
  
- B. Real reason we neglect prayer is because we blind for God's truths

The Lord listens when children pray,  
A whisper He can hear.  
He knows not only what we say,  
But what we wish or fear.

He sees us when we are alone,  
Though no one else can see.  
And all our thoughts to Him are known,  
Wherever we may be.

It is not enough to bend the knee,  
And words of prayer to say.  
The heart must be with the lips agree,  
Or else we do not pray.

Teach us, O Lord, to pray aright,  
Thy grace to us impart.  
That we in prayer may take delight,  
And serve Thee with the heart.