



# Jesus The Lord Our Saviour

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**"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ"**

**(2 Peter 3:18)**

# BELOVED IN CHRIST...



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**Dear Beloved in Christ! We read in the Book of Genesis that, "God created human kind in his image." (Genesis 1:27)**

**Every man and every woman is a mirror that reflects the figure of God. We bear His image. Just as we are able to see our face in the mirror, so too does our body and soul, reflect the image of God. Read and re-read the Message given by our Blessed Mother on July 2nd at Medjugorje for the whole world.**

**"To come to know and to love others, you must see my Son in them."**

**Think about how we look at, or treat the people in our families, at our work places, in the Church premises or in any other place, and how do we judge them?**

**When we train ourselves to see Jesus in the person who is close to us, or within the vicinity, then there can be no place for hatred or bitterness in our heart.**

**With the thought, " He/She too is a child of God, just as I am," all irritation and anger will vanish. Try and you will succeed ! I wish you joy! .....Fr. V. Ignatius. S.J.**



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**"Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward."  
(Psalm 127:3)**

**All Powerful and Holy God, who looks on all that is, I praise You ! O Immortal One, I praise You ! There is no goodness apart from You, my God ! My work is worth all the sweat, as You are the One who has built up my house. My vigil would have become insignificant if You were not to deeply care for me , my loving God ! Every morning I rise to run restlessly and work to feed myself.**

**Lord, when I am bereft of Your glance and Your grace, I gain nothing! So cast Your merciful glance on me and look on my children with Love!**

**My children are the greatest treasure and the staff that You have bestowed me with! O God the fountain of mercy , may our children live. Stretch forth Your hands and bless them that they may lead lives pleasing to You.**

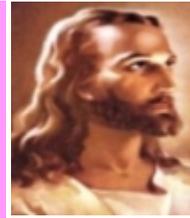
**Preserve them that no harm may attack them. Keep them close that no danger or accident may befall them.**

**Lord order Your angels to keep their feet from hurting on the stones. My Lord and my God, I thank You ! I thank You for keeping us close within Your loving glance ! Thank You my Saviour, Thank You ! AMEN !**

**Fr. V. Ignatius. S. J.**



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## **THE LIFE OF JESUS WRAPPED IN PRAYER - THE FOUNTAIN OF OUR EXISTENCE**

Prayer was the basis for the Life of Jesus on this earth. His prayer and action were much intertwined. The Holy Scriptures speak about His precious prayer life.

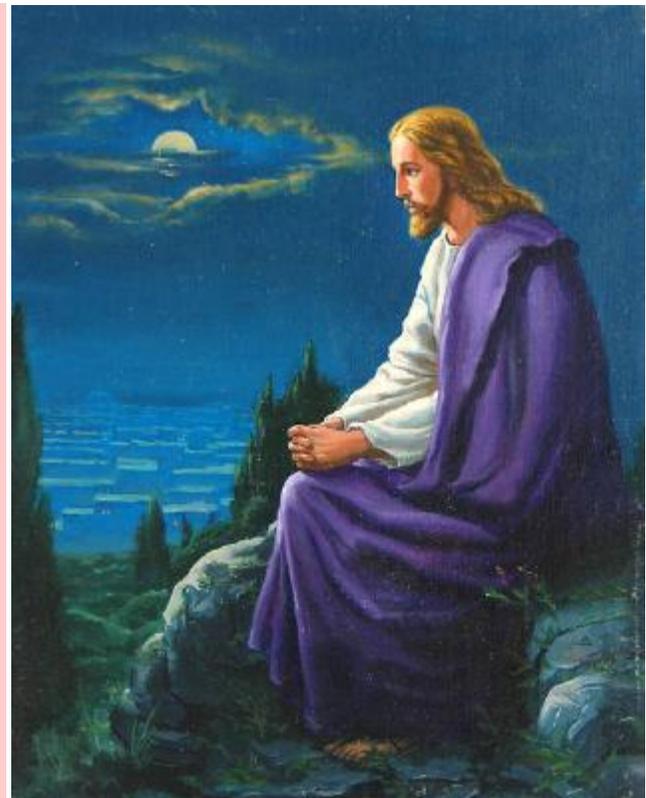
1. Jesus “ would withdraw to deserted places and pray.” (Luke 5 :16)
2. “He spent the night in prayer to God.” ( Luke 6:12)
3. “Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.( Luke 9:28)
4. “He was praying in a certain place.” (Luke 11:1)

Thus we read the depth of Jesus’ prayer life. When we meditate upon this, we would realize that Jesus not only prayed at specific moments or during emergency meetings, but we’d be enlightened on the truth that from the very beginning of His life to the very end , He prayed and that His life was solely rooted in prayer.

Before He could take on the form of a man-  
When He assumed the human form-  
In His infancy and childhood-  
In His public life-  
When in solitude and with His apostles-  
When He hung on the Cross-  
When He sat the right hand of the Father in all His glory-

### **Before He could take on the form of a man**

The people of the world were immersed in their sinful ways of living. All forms of sacrifices to appease God in atonement for their sins were of no avail. The world was thus groaning in agony. The Almighty and Triune God considered this hapless state and pitied the human kind. Thus the Son of God who was in close embrace of the Father deigned to descend on the earth and sought to do the Father’s will. ( Hebrews 10:7)



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He assured the Father that He would fulfill His wish in the human form that that He had assumed, by being a sacrificial offering Himself as an atonement for the sins of the world, as all other offerings did not seem pure in the sight of the Father. ( Hebrews 10:5-9)

The letter to the Hebrews thus reflects on this longing that Jesus exuded all His life to fulfill the will of the Father which was the foundation of His action-plan for His Ministry on the earth. The letter to the Ephesians too briefly states the idea. St. Paul praises God who pours out His heavenly Blessings of the Holy Spirit through Jesus.

He thanks God for pre-conceiving the idea of our holiness and immaculate nature, by moulding us through Jesus. ( Ephesians 1:3-4) Yes, the Father pre-destined our life in Jesus even before the world was born. It was in fulfillment of this plan that Jesus took on the form of a man.

“ He has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.” ( Ephesians 1:10)

### When He assumed the human form

God the Father sought the approval of a woman, for His Son to be born in this world. In the beginning of creation God created man out of the dust of the earth. ( Genesis 2:7) He breathed life into his nostrils He formed a woman from one of his rib bones. ( Genesis 2: 21-22) But He did not form the human flesh for His Son from out of the dust of the earth. The Gospel of Luke brings to light the approval sought by the Father from the young virgin of Nazareth, by sending His angel Gabriel who explained the Father's heart-felt wish. (Luke 1:26-38) Just as the Son was more than ready to fulfill the will of the Father, so too was the virgin of Nazareth ever ready to do His will. She expressed Her willingness saying, " Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to His Word." ( Luke 1:38) The humility and the Faith of the of Mary paved the way for the Divine Word to take 'flesh' and be born in the world . Thus was the prayer of the Son of God fulfilled. From thence flowed the prayer of the Son of God and of Mary in total harmony with the other. It then led to the crushing of the head of the wily 'serpent' that harmed humanity. The promise of God was thus fulfilled.

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"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." ( Genesis 3:15).

We witness the fervent prayer life of Jesus coupled with His Mother's , being a well spring for the Redemption of mankind. Thus the conception of the Divine Word in Her womb, led to the overflowing of joy and prosperity wherever the virgin Mother paid a visit! Bearing the child who is the Eternal Word, The Mother Went to the hilly town of Judea to meet her cousin Elizabeth.

She greeted them on reaching: "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit." (Luke 1:41) This was indeed an unusual happening, a mystery. This reveals the indelible truth that in union with the Virgin Mother , the Son of God Jesus, poured out His Holy Spirit , opening up the fountain of Redemption .



Elizabeth was thus empowered to comprehend the presence of the Redeemer and to exclaim in praise, "The Mother of my Lord". And this filled her heart with great joy. She revealed that her child leapt in her womb, on hearing the greeting of the Blessed Mother.(Luke 1:44) This is not a joy that the world can offer. This is the heavenly joy that erupts on being filled with the Holy Spirit , the joy that envelops us on being redeemed by God.

Thus the world accepted the Mother who carried the Divine Word. The Holy Spirit thus spoke through the mouth of Elizabeth: " And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." ( Luke 1:45) The Faith of the virgin Mother and the Fruit of Her womb were essential for the Redemption of the world.

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