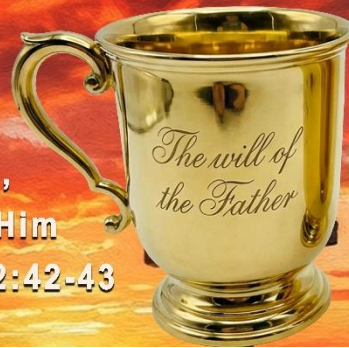


TWO UNITED WILLS AND A CUP

"Father, if it is Your will,
take this cup away from Me;
nevertheless not My will, but Yours,
be done." Then an angel appeared to Him
from heaven, strengthening Him. Luke 22:42-43



SEEING GOD IN EVERYTHING



During the Lenten season, from Ash Wednesday to Resurrection Sunday, Christians around the world participate in various events and activities to prepare for the day dedicated annually to celebrating Jesus' sacrificial love on the cross.

A well-known set of scriptures often referenced during this season is the plea Jesus made to His Father in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus understood that the time had come for Him to go to the cross and suffer the punishment for our sins. Equally overwhelming was the thought of being separated from His Father. These feelings led to His sorrowful and heartfelt prayer to God. *"Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me"* (**Luke 22:42**). It wasn't that Jesus did not want to fulfill the promise of bringing salvation to the world; He was asking if there was any other way to redeem humanity. Nevertheless, Jesus willingly journeyed toward Calvary on our behalf.

This prayer in the garden revealed Jesus' deepest feelings, but can we imagine God's emotions as His Son cried out to Him in sorrow? We honor Jesus for submitting to God's will, which led to our salvation and eternal life. Equally important, let us raise our voices in praise to God for His steadfastness in fulfilling His plan by not removing the cup. The united wills of the Father and Son fulfilled God's promise—pouring out His divine love on the world by giving His only Son (**John 3:16**). Instead of removing the cup, God sent an angel to strengthen His Son for the journey ahead.

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!... 1 John 3:1 NIV.

As we reflect on how Jesus submitted to God's will, let's follow His example by surrendering to God's plan and purpose for our lives.

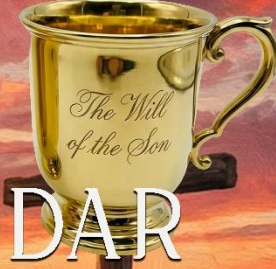
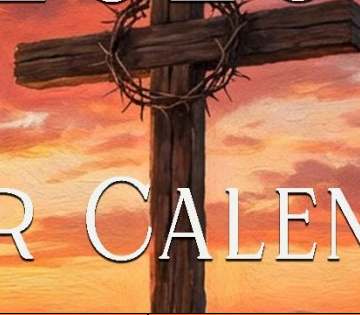
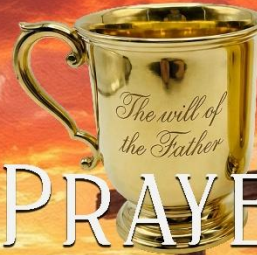
Dear Father, we thank You for two wills that were united—Yours and Your Son Jesus'. Thank You for allowing us to become Your children.

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PRAISE & PRAYER CALENDAR

SEEING GOD IN EVERYTHING

| Scriptures | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Matthew 26:36-50 Luke 23:34 John 19:28 John 19:30 Luke 23:46 | The journey to the cross had begun long before leaving Jericho. As the echo of the crunching of the fruit was still sounding in the garden of Eden, Jesus was leaving for Calvary. <i>Max Lucado</i> | | | 1 Praise Jesus for submitting to God's will. | 2 Following Jesus' example, let us pray that we submit to God's will. | 3 Praise Jesus for His humility. | 4 In light of Jesus' humility, pray that we may live humble lives. |
| | 5 Praise Jesus for His sacrifice for us on the cross. | 6 Praise God for sacrificing His Son, Jesus, for our salvation. | 7 Because of Jesus' sacrifice, give praise that we are forgiven. | 8 As we are forgiven, pray that we are willing to forgive others. | 9 Just as God did not forsake Jesus, pray that we realize He will not forsake us. | 10 Praise Jesus for fulfilling His divine work for our salvation. | 11 Just as Jesus was resurrected to heaven, we too will one day be resurrected to heaven. |
| 2 Corinth 5:21 John 1:12 Romans 10:9-13 | 12 Praise Jesus for bearing our sins so that we may become righteous. | 13 Since Jesus bore our sins, pray that we will strive to live righteous lives. | 14 Pray that we will study and obey God's words. | 15 Praise God, for He wants us to be His children. | 16 Praise God for granting us the privilege to call Him our Father. | 17 Let us also offer praise for the day we called on the name of Jesus. | 18 Pray that our family and friends will call on the name of Jesus. |
| Ephesians 2:8 Matthew 28:19-20 | 19 Praise God for His grace and mercy toward us. | 20 Pray that we understand salvation comes only through faith in Jesus. | 21 Praise God for His gift of salvation, the greatest expression of His love. | 22 Pray that God will strengthen our faith and guide us on the path of righteousness. | 23 Pray that our deeds and actions reflect our salvation. | 24 Pray that we strive to become God's disciples and share the gospel with others. | 25 Praise God, for He promises to be with us always. |
| John 14:1-3 Matthew 24:36 Matthew 24:44 | 26 Praise Jesus, for He has gone to prepare a place for us in heaven. | 27 Praise Jesus, for He is coming back for us. | 28 As we await, pray that we realize only God knows the day Jesus will return. | 29 Pray that we will live with expectancy and readiness for Christ's return. | 30 Praise Jesus, for He desires to spend eternity with us. | Look at the cross, and you will know what one soul means to Jesus. <i>Mother Teresa</i> | |