

said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Mark 3:34-35

¹ And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. ⁵ And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

⁸ First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them" (although the law required them to be made). ⁹ Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:8-10

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:8-9

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Scripture Prayer Guide

Using the Word of God

To Pray for The Will of God

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Prayer and the Will of God

I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart. Psalm 40:8

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Psalm 51:6

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Matthew 26:39

²⁶ *In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.*

²⁷ *And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.* Romans 8:26-27

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Colossians 1:9

Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. Colossians 4:12

²⁰ *May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that*

great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ *equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.* Hebrews 13:20-21

¹⁴ *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.* ¹⁵ *And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.* 1 John 5:14-15

Instructions Concerning the Will of God

¹ *Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.* ² *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.* Romans 12:1-2

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Ephesians 5:17

⁵ *Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.* ⁶ *Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.* Ephesians 6:5-6

³ *It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;* ⁴ *that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable,* 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4

¹⁶ *Be joyful always;* ¹⁷ *pray continually;* ¹⁸ *give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. Hebrews 10:36

¹³ *Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."* ¹⁴ *Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for*

a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ *Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."* James 4:13-15

¹³ *Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority,* ¹⁴ *or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.* ¹⁵ *For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.* ¹⁶ *Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.* ¹⁷ *Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.* 1 Peter 2:13-17

¹ *Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin.* ² *As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.* 1 Peter 4:1-2

So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. 1 Peter 4:19

Propositions about the Will of God

²² *But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams."* 1 Samuel 15:22

For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings. Hosea 6:6

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

¹² *On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick."* ¹³ *But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'* *For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."* Matthew 9:12-13

³⁴ *Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and*