THE GARDEN PRAYER

Matthew 26:36-41

Why did Jesus pray?

- Prayer allows us to open our hearts to the one who knows our hearts.
  - *Jesus asked for another way, even though he knew the Father's will.*
    - Matt. 16:21-23
    - Luke 18:31-34
  - *Psalm 109:6-20*

Why did Jesus pray?

- Prayer gives us strength.
  - *It helps us to keep from being caught off guard.*
    - Luke 22:31-32, 39-41, 45-46
  - *Reminds us of God's eternal presence*
    - In my sin, I'm always "found out".
    - Ps. 139:1-12

Why did Jesus pray?

- Prayer gives me strength
  - *When things do not go my way – they go my way.*
  - *I'm praying to the one who makes it so.*
    - Romans 8:28
    - Hebrews 5:5-10