

Praying Under Testing

Then He said to them,
My soul is exceedingly sorrowful,
even to death.
Wait here and watch with Me.

And He went a little further
and fell on His face,
and prayed, saying,
O My Father, if it is possible,
let this cup pass from Me.
Yet not as I will,
but as You will.

And He came to the disciples and found them asleep.
And He said to Peter,
What! Could you not watch with Me one hour?
Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation.
The spirit indeed is willing,
but the flesh is weak.

He went away again the second time and prayed, saying,
My Father, if this cup may not pass away
from Me unless I drink it,
Your will be done.

And He came and found them asleep again,
for their eyes were heavy.
And He left them and went away again,
and prayed the third time,
saying the same word.
Then He came to His disciples and said to them,
Sleep on now and take your rest.
Behold, the hour is at hand,
and the Son of Man
is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

