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*Jesus said to his disciples,
"And whatever you shall ask
in my name, that will I do,
that the Father may be
glorified in the Son."*

John 14:13



Some in the congregation have read [A Praying Life](#), by Paul E. Miller. I would recommend this book as a good read for serious Christians. The book has simple and profound illustrations that will inspire and instill new ways to keep in prayer about every instance this life may hold for you. Let me know if you would like to read this book.

In the twelfth chapter, the author has a heading of "Praying in Jesus' Name." I was impressed with his little story, and I wanted to share it:

✝ "Imagine that your prayer is a poorly dressed beggar reeking of alcohol and body odor, stumbling toward the palace of the great king. You have become your prayer. As you shuffle toward the barred gate, the guards stiffen. Your smell has preceded you. You stammer out a message for the great king: 'I want to see the king.' Your words are barely intelligible, but you whisper one final word, 'Jesus. I come in the name of Jesus.' At the name of Jesus, as if by magic, the palace comes alive. The guard snaps to attention, bowing low in front of you. Lights come on, and the door flies open. You are ushered into the palace and down a long hallway into the throne room of the great king, who comes running to you and wraps you in his arms."

As we pray in the name of Jesus, our prayers have royal access. They are brought before the throne of God. The author says, "Jesus isn't just the Savior of my soul. He's also the Savior of my prayers. . . . Asking in Jesus' name isn't another thing I have to get right so my prayers are perfect. It is one more gift of God because my prayers are so imperfect." (chapter 12, p. 155)