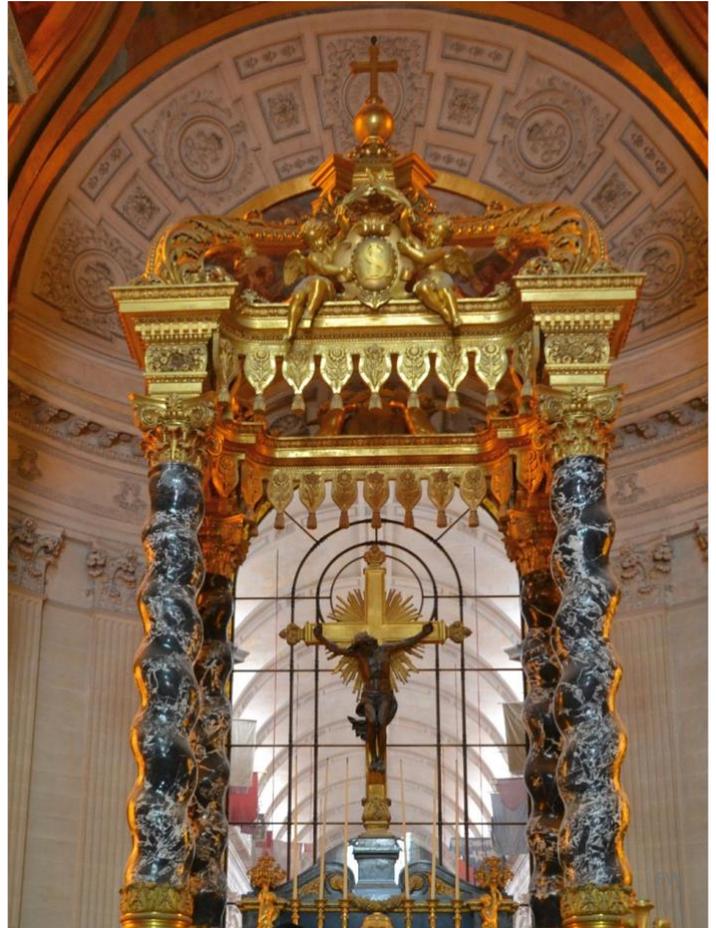


# PRAYER

*There are two similar verses on prayer: Colossians 4:2 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19. God wants us to pray to Him always. Prayer is very important in our daily walk with God. We can only know God's desire and will through prayer. There are three key points:*

- 1. Pray continually. Colossians 4:2 uses the word steadfastly. That means devoted to prayer. Never give up waiting for God's response and leading because He is always faithful.*
- 2. Rejoice and at the same time be watchful. We need to have confidence when we pray. God is always in control. Joy comes from trusting God. Seeing hope, mercy and deliverance by Him. However, we should also be watchful. Examine our thoughts and actions as well as watch out for the devils. Devils always try to tempt you and lead you astray.*
- 3. Give thanks. It is important to thank God in all circumstances. Thank God for what you already have because God knows what is best. Focus on His provision, leading, and faithfulness. It will bring us peace, joy and confidence. God loves a thankful heart.*

Colossians 4:2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.



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

