



**(“JESUS AGONIZES IN THE GARDEN” from Salemsborg Lutheran Parish,
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Luke 22: 45-46

When He arose from prayer and went back to the disciples, He found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. “Why are you sleeping?” He asked them. “Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.”



AGONIZING IN THE GARDEN

**Jesus slowly climbed to the Olive Grove; toward the finale of His life
Fully cognizant of the events to come; thoughts cutting Him like a knife
“I will strike the Shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.”
A fact he taught His disciples; one that truly mattered.**

**While with them at Gethsemane, Jesus went alone to pray
His disciples as chosen followers; awake He desired them to stay
Then returning to His faithful, He found them fast asleep
Wakefulness being their hearts desire, but one they did not keep.**

**Strengthened by a heavenly angel, Jesus’ mission was clearly to remain
Though His sweat poured like drops of blood due to intense agony and pain
When Jesus cried out, “Abba, Father,” God was watching from above
That He did not intercede shows how great for us His love.**

**For God so loved the world He gave His only Son
Allowing Christ to die in our place so that we all might be one
Don’t sleep dear children, be alert keep watch and pray
Overcome temptation by wearing God’s armor each and every day.**