



"THE JESUS MEDALLION" (favrile glass, 1900) from First Presbyterian Church, Topeka, Kansas

The Jesus Medallion contains three symbols for Jesus. The IHS in the center of the circle represents the first three letters of the Greek word for Jesus. The Chi--Rho in the bottom small circle is the oldest monogram for Jesus Christ. It is formed by placing the Greek letters X (chi) and P (rho) together, forming the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ. The upper circles down U, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet the alpha and omega—which stand for Christ, "the first and last, the beginning and the end." Revelation 22:13

DO YOU BELIEVE JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD?

AMEN!



CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Son of God, the Alpha and the Omega, who is and who was and who is to come, hear my prayer. You are the Light of the World, and you are my light, illuminating the path to wholeness and healing, even in the darkest of days. When I suffer, may I remember you suffered more. When I am tempted to despair, may I remember you were tempted more. When I feel alone and sorry for myself, may I remember that even your disciples abandoned you. When I feel God does not hear nor heed my prayers, may I remember your cry of forsakenness from the cross. You alone know me inside and out. You alone have been my companion through the valley of the shadow of death, and you will be there to welcome me into the hallowed halls of heaven.

Knowing that God so loved the world that he sent his Son to save the world, I pray not only for myself but also for others. Deliver us, Lord Jesus, from the fears that divide us, conflicts that destroy us, sin that denigrates us, and the lack of faith in your love that isolates us. May the poor learn the richness of life and the wealthy find the joy of sharing their bounty. May the angry find peace of mind, the anxious find the peace that passes all understanding, and those in emotional or mental turmoil find peace in their souls.

Finally, O Lord, forgive us for failures of the spirit and failures of the flesh. We have spent more time enjoying our faith than applying it. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. You gave your life to wipe clean the slate of our sin. Now give us your grace, we pray, that we may live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are ended, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. AMEN.

Jesus Medallion Prayer. Neil Weatherhogg. 10/31/11