

Living the Gospel

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«Truly I tell you, if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

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For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.»

(Mt 18:19-20)



THIS IS ONE OF THE SENTENCES OF JESUS THAT MAKES YOU JUMP FOR JOY!

You have read in the Gospel that Jesus often tells us to pray and he even teaches us how we can obtain what we ask for.

But this sentence, that we are focusing on today, is really unique! It tells us that we need at least two people in order to get an answer from God.

We need a community!

«If two of you»

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Two. That's the smallest possible number to form a community. It means that, for Jesus, a big number is not important.

You might ask: "Why are prayers said in unity heard better by God?"

There is a secret to this and Jesus himself tells us what it is!

THE SECRET IS BEING «UNITED IN HIS NAME»

When we are united, he is present among us and asks with us. That makes our prayer very powerful!

In fact, Jesus is present wherever people love one another. Then he is the one asking the Father for the graces we need.

We know that Jesus and his Father are totally one, so the Father will certainly listen to him. Isn't that wonderful? Doesn't it make you feel secure? Doesn't it give you hope?



Jesus told us to ask for **“anything!”**

So there is no limit! You should include this kind of prayer in the program of your life.

Praying like this, God will help us to face all the various difficulties in life. If at times we do not get the answer we expected, our faith in him will help us to see that whatever happens...is always his great love.

