

John 16: 24-

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Ask & ye shall receive

John 16:24 - hitherto ye have asked nothing in
my Name = Ask & ye shall receive =

Pray: is a Dut. of Univ. Oblig. - incumb^d
on us at all times - in every Situat: of Life =
The W: in w^{ch} we live is a place wh^{re} we are
surround^d wth Number: Trials & Tempt: = Q.
Oftⁿ we meet wth thro^{ts} of Corrupt: & Nat. h^{av} a
Tend^{er} to sed: us fr^{om} y^e Path of Vert: = Prosp^{er}
encreas: & Pride - Adv: abet^{er} of Vig: of M^{an} =
Word Bus: takes of & lettens: - from y^e m^{ost} imp^{ort}
Concern of & Imm^{ortal} Well^{fare} - & Jell^{ow}: confits us
for all y^e Val: purposes of Life = Health -
entices us to Ind: & Sens: Capt: - & Sickn: or
us to inwar^{der}: & Impat: = In y^e Pres^{ent} Deprav^{ed}
State of & Nat: - eo: y^e: with: & with: - expos^{er}
us to Dang^{er}: = In y^e Malonch: Situat: - wh^{er} hope
of safet: remains - b^{ut}: from y^e Aids of Dio: Grac^e =
= And B^{ut}: be y^e: - w^h h^{av} an Unfail: Prom^{ise}
y^e: if y^e: of Depth of & Mis: - w^h appl: to h^{im} on y^e
Lang^{uage}: of an humb: Faith - h^e will give us
all Need^{ed}: Apit: = He will enlight: & Dark^{en}:

encourage & free: Attomp: to subd: of Corrupt^{ed}
of Nat: - supp: us in Seas: of the m^{ost} Dang^{er}
Tempt: - & fin: lend us Vict: ov all & Tempt^{ed}
= St^{ill}: Import: a Dut: y^e: is Pray: - Willd^{om}
Encourg: to y^e Pract: y^e it is given us on y^e W^{ord}: =
Hitherto = In speak: to y^e W^{ord}: I shall contin^{ue}
(AD) The Foll: Propos: = = = Pray: is off up
& leg^{al}: to G^{od}: = It is ask^{ed} of h^{im}: y^e B^{ut}: we Want = =
= The Propriet^y & Imp^{ort}: of Pray: Arise fr^{om}
a deep Consci^{ence} of & Sinfuln: & Mis: = = = If
we Expt: to rec^{ieve}: a grac^e: Answ^{er} to & leg^{al}: - &
Pray: m^{ust}: be off up: in y^e Name of J^{esus}: -

First, Pray is off up & leg^{al}: unt^{il}: y^e -
It is ask^{ed} of h^{im}: y^e B^{ut}: we Want = = Pray is
not an Uneas: task - impos^{ible}: by an Arbit^{rary}
Appint: = It is bound: in y^e Nat: of M^{an}: - & o^{ur}
ne^{cess}: Depend: up^{on}: G^{od}: - y^e bound: of all Good =
It is nt: an Art^{ificial}: Arrangmt: of & thots - express^{ed}
in y^e Beaut: of Lang^{uage}: = It is y^e Lord's Des^{ire}: of
y^e Heart - deep: affect: w^{ith} a sense of y^e Mis^{ery}: -
& humb: seek^{ing}: Relief - y^e Merc^y of G^{od}: - I can

Pray: do n^t: leg^{re}: sup^r: attain^t: in kno^o -
a sublime & well cultivated Gen^r: = It on^y
suppos: an unbeg^g: Sov^r: for o^r Inn^r: Offences - to o^r Auth^r: & God^d: G^r: - humb^l: to ask o^r forgi^f: o^r
an earn^t: des^r: to be det^r: f^r: o^r G^d: & Merc^y: - Van
hum^l: depend: on o^r Unmerit^d: Good^y: o^r G^r: = Pray
is a Scion^t: n^t: to be beg^g: by Art - or direct
by an^y: prescrib^d: Rule = It is o^r Lang^u: of an
undisguis^d: Heart - groan^g: f^r: deliv^r: f^r: all its
distress^s: - look^u: up to o^r Faith Light for a supp^y
of all its Wants = W^o: Animal: w^h: Sp^r: of true
Devot^{ion}: - o^r Soul^s are penetrat^d: w^h: a View of o^r
Grand^r & Maj^{esty}: of G^d: - we trembl^e: at o^r App^r: of h^{is}
Displeas^r: - We contemp^t: w^h: Joy of Discov^r: h^{is}
h^{is}: Merc^y: of h^{is}: Inf^{inite}: Mercy - We humb^l: o^r best^{ly}: o^r
Ch^{urch}: of an all pres^{ent}: Des^r: - We confes^s: w^h: o^r deep
Confus^{ion}: o^r Unworth^{iness}: small^{ness}: Faw^r: - We Ackn^{ow}: w^h
Grat^{itude}: of inn^{er}: B^{less}: h^{is}: bestow^d: up^{on} us - We reify^e
o^r f^r: to h^{is}: Unmerit^d: Gra^{ce}: for o^r Accomplish^{ment}: of all
o^r Des^r: - [We Impl^{ore}: o^r Guid^{ance}: of o^r B^{less}: Sp^r: - if we
m^{ay}: be led int^o: o^r: Paths - w^h: G^d: is pleas^d: us all
to meet w^h: h^{is}: Indiv^{idual}: Creat^{ure}: - & comm^{un}: h^{is}: fact^{or}: to us]

= The m^{ost}: Acce^{pt}: Pray^{er} is to feel - deep to
feel - o^r corrupt^{ed}: of o^r Heart^s to bewail its Disaff^{ection} -
to o^r Auth^r: & God^d: G^r: - humb^l: to ask o^r forgi^f: o^r
Sins thro^{ugh} o^r aton^{ing}: Blood - & o^r effect^{ive}: Gra^{ce}: w^h:
will det^r: us f^r: Dem^{on}: w^h: Lust - & inclin^d: w^h:
to w^h: in w^h: div^{ine}: Comm^{and}: = = = Animal: w^h: o^r
Disposi^{tion}: we are bet^t: prep^{ared}: for o^r Exercis^e: of Devot^{ion}
o^r: o^r m^{ost}: Accomplish^{ment}: Must: in Ant^{icipation}: of Pray^{er}: = = =
none w^h: qualify: for o^r: hol^y: Exercis^e: - V^{er}: y^e: w^h: w^h
S^{aint}: Paul h^{as}: been transport^{ed}: int^o: 3rd: Heav^{en}: - or w^h:
Moses h^{as}: ascend^d: Hol^y: Mt^{ain}: - & seen G^d: face to face -
o^r: of an Inf^{inite}: Ch^{urch}: m^{ay}: just: be discourag^d: in o^r
App^r: to G^d: - & disp^{ose}: of discharg^{ing}: o^r Dut^y: w^h: Succes^s = =
B^{less}: o^r Voice of Reas^{on}: - o^r Dict^{ate}: of Religi^{on}: - call up^{on}: all
m^{en}: of w^h: Ord^{er}: in w^h: Cond^{ition}: of L^{ife}: = It is o^r Lang^u:
of a depend^{ent}: Creat^{ure}: - & the Prio^{ry}: of the faith^{ful}: on w^h
App^r: und^{er}: w^h: dispens^{ation}: of o^r Ch^{urch} = It is to be practis^d: by
o^r Learn^{ing}: & Ign^{orance}: = It is app^{ro}: for o^r Weak^{ness}: Believ^e:
& o^r m^{ost}: illuminat^d: S^{pirit}: = All o^r Des^r: & faw^r: of o^r
o^r: Auth^r: of o^r B^{less}: - & w^h: sens^{es}: of o^r Van^{ity}: & Merc^y:
in w^h: hum^{an}: Race are mov^{ed}: - ought to be

of Perf. of Div. Nat - & Rep. to h^m for & free
Commencel: of hⁱ Grac & Love = [W^d sh. humors]
at hⁱ feet - w^d Expos. to hⁱ Displeas^r - gives h^m thank
w^d ho fa^d. w^d hⁱ Smiles - express & Depend
w^d h^m for all of B^m of time & Et^r =]

This leads me to my 2^d Propositⁿ =

Second: - The Propriet^r & Import^r of Pray^r: Arises
from a deep Convictⁿ of sinfulness: & thus =
This affe^r us of best Directⁿ for Pray^r: - & will teach
us to offe^r up of m^r prop^r leg^r = The Sick need
ask for of Recov^r: of h^m - of hung^r: a supp^r: of of Ne^r
Food = & Distress: excite^r q^m to: all of Eloq^r: of
Grief - in m^r: Strik^r: & perswas^r: Straining to Plea
for Deliv^r: = w^d dang^r: Distemp^r Morcel: & d^r
w^d: some unexpected: Ex^r: expos^r: us to of Loss & W^d:
w^d: Involv^r: in con: temp^r: Aff^r: - w^d Lift up & Ex^r
to h^m: send & Import^r: Add^r: to of Unknow^r of Grac =
and shall w^d n^t: be as fons^r: of of Disord^r: of of Body
as of of Disease of our Bod^r: = shall be n^t: be as Sollicit
to see & Et^r: Selv^r: - as of transil^r: Int^r: of of Pray^r
Life = If: dangerous & of Pres^r: Cond^r: of

of Human Lib^r = Surround^r: &: Vail^r of
Temp^r: = seduc^r: by of Pleas^r: sense - intimidat^r
by of Reproch^r: of a corrupt^r: w^d: - allur^r: by of Examp^r
of of Muel^r: - dar^r: w^d: Imag^r: Prosp^r: of Hon^r
of Int^r: - deliv^r: int^r: of h^m: of of seduc^r: by of of
Kush - of Deprav^r: of of w^d h^m: & it n^t: of Voice
of least: of w^d Impe^r: of Protect^r: of of h^m: = h^m w^d
n^t: Unknow^r: Gosp^r: to com^r: & send int^r: of h^m: of a
Comp^r: Sav^r: = Is a n^t: an Inatim^r: Prior^r of w^d
and comm^r: by Pray^r & Supplic^r = A Gr^r: w^d is able
to supp^r: all of w^d: - to deliv^r: us: all of Displeas^r
& to do for us w^d abund^r: above w^d: w^d ask^r =

w^d: w^d com^r int^r: of Pres^r: of of m^r: n^t: of
numb^r & Great^r: of of Sin^r: ins^r: us w^d: an auct^r:
fear of h^m Judg^r: - & fill us w^d: m^r: for^r: Des^r: of
h^m Pers^r: Merc^r: = can w^d View of Van^r: & h^m: &
of Disord^r: of of Liver = w^d: an affect^r: Sense of of
Ingrat^r: & foll^r: = h^m: w^d n^t: Inis^r: aw^r: of time -
misemploy^r: of tal^r: - despi^r: of of Grac^r: - & abus^r
of Beaut^r: of Dio: Provid^r: = h^m: w^d n^t: Pers^r: of
choic^r: of of Days - in a brief^r of - an affect^r

to of W: - & of Indulg: & Sens: Indim: = & shall
too nt: earn: deprec: of Seo: Inq: of diol: Just: -
& shall won't: w: Del: betake of: to of B: Res⁴⁰
w: of h: provid: for a G: W: = Plung: in y Liby
y Sen & Ma: w: Refuse h: w: B: Dio: Merc:
And an Int: in of G: Propit: w: Son of G: h m^{de}
for of Son of G: W: =

And too of of hapi: Round of y: w: are too
from of corrupt: in w: great: Part of m: are found
= W: Grat: do we owe to of Faith L: of Gior: =

That diol: Princip: w: we feel f: above
will instruct us to Adore of disting: Grat: w:
which h: Op: of Eyer - dieng: of Aff: f: a decity
W: - & perswad: us to Ent into of w: of Salo: =

The best of S: in of pris: State - will kind
contin: Occas: of Pray: = We are sanctif: but in
part - & are call: by of Sac: Profep: to m: diol
Advocem: in v: Life = Tho enroll: w: of Ben
y of: - we are but gird: on of henn: - & depen of
Aids of Omnip: Gra - to sec: to us of Vict: = Natio
& hapi: Ch: we h: Exponen: - of L: of G

Flesh - perpet: w: are ag of L: of of Sp: of Life =
A Reluct: B: weck: & End: to do good - if tem^{oy}
of concept: in ceptant sollicit us to w: = W
w: Prop: y: clor of B: S: comm: h' Discip: to watch
& pray of G: Int not into Temp: = y: Desires
w: Anim: ev: true & to asp: aft a perf Conform
to of Dio: Will - & various Diff: ho meet with in
glo: Purs: - dom: freq: & fens: Add: to of Ad B:
to: Prerog: it is to work in us = y: Friend of
Corrupt: w: Res: in us aft: we are of Sub: of
Convert: Gra - of Repeat: Apoult: too much w: w:
too inhab: y: Pollut: L: - not on: call for a few
Stat: Add: to of Thoms of Merc: - B: Oblig: us to
a Life of contin: Pray: = The Deny to w: of
frail & feebl: Vert: & expat: - The Attach: to
and m: up: of Faith by of Faith Lior - The Desir
we are so apt to contract from a Convert w:
a Deq: W: = are powerf: perswad: to App: to h
from w: Alone we exp: Deliv: = lip: of Act
we are exult: to pray w: ceas: = to pray Lior
in w: Place - & lip: w: Occas: =

Beside: & person: Wants: The Ch of
distress: w. intestine Divis. - surrounded w. Power
Enorm: Dem: & Import: Pray: = The Dec: of
G: & Deprav: Mann: - of Prog: & Infid: so
Vile: in pres: age m. fill lo: sor: m: - w. of
m: Melanch: Prosp: = We sh: of & Lot seem
to h: falls in y: days predict: by B: S: - lo:
of Son of m: com: shall he find Faith up y: =
In y: disconsol: St: of y: we sh: Bewail of Stand
w: so gen: Prov: Am: all Brd: Dec: & Mon:
of Indiff: to of G: com: of Religi: - lo: & of Epid
Distract: of of Age = We sh: ask of G: of Defe:
of h: B: Sp: in its Religi: - concine: - Convert
Worsh: Int: of Vile m: suppress: - Error Ex
hinder: - & pure & Undef: Religi: - Leo: & flourish =
= [To y: End of he is give us faith: Past: -
Religi: Teach: - will instruct: & Discontent: G:
= That Prince m: be ours: Faith: to G: Ch:
Mages: Min: of G: for Good - & all Ch: of Mon:
Lep: Subst: Just: = In kind of G: w: Accom: of
Defe: h: Gra: - Comp: Num: h: Uct: - Introd: -

New Head: - New En: in y: Bright: Beaut: G: =
I add
Mird: If we Bapt: to Leo: a Grace Answ: to
of Leg: & Pray: m: be off: up: in of Name of G: =
By of Apol: of of first Par: - We forfeit to
Fav: - lo: [unclear] w: reveal: age of Unnig: & m:
This 2: of hebit: of of hum: weed fell land
of Turn: of of h: m: Maker = This Leo: creat:
in m: bec: of Seat of Dark: Divord: & Distress =
The Offend: May: of H: - ~~could no longer~~ -
consist: w: Dis: h: Gov: - ~~could no~~ be m:
w: h: of Creat: on: And a Med: = The w: of
G: C: not be remov: - b: by a prop: Atton: m:
for of Sin of m: = To Word of self: Sain: of
of Son of G: - of Throne of G: is erect: in of Word
lo: - & an offend: Des: condes: to Adm: & Add:
to h: = It is by of Blood of J: of we h: Accp:
into of Hol: of Hol: - & h: of well ground Hope
of Perd: & Accpt: = To And him of G: & leave
of w: unto h: - & Publi: of God tid: of
Peace & Salo: = Therefore Son of G: Defend

entirely low - a much of it long. How good
to go - proclaim the goodwill to men =
O: des: B: & purch: for us by J: - & we
are inclin: to rec: the good will to men = Ho of Purson:
O: B: for us by his Merit: D: - is now asend
above of Des: Heav: - & leav: at of light h: &
O: in of G: of an Incarn: G: - in of May: & all
Mon: = All Power in Heav: & Earth = B: Am: all of
hon: of h: exalt: State - he is not terminat: &
the bel: = He is Died for us offence as live
in of pres: of G: to m: Intercep: for us = On of
Acct: of his All perf: Sacrifi: in his Prevail:
Name: of B: G: gives Grac: G: & so good to us
Chicd: Mon: = W: of Interposit: G: Dio: Med
G: to: h: been incc: - & of Import: Pray by us =
= Let us G: also: App: thron: G: And Med J:
of Inter: h: Intercep: exp: - of B: we want =
Our on: Dep: for of Perd: Sin: - of Sanctis: & Net
of Comp: of time & Verd: of G: - m: be on of
Unmerit: Grac: G: - the Inestim: M: J: =
In h: of Faith & so well Pleas: -

tho him to delg: to comm: of Rich: or
h: Gra: to h: Inidig: Creat: = How Consol:
of the App: to: & given us by h: w: of faint
thru Witn: = Venit Venit I say unt: G: us
yo shall ask & Faith in m: Name he will
give it you =

W: Encourg: G: have freq: to pray
of App: to the thron: of Gra: = W: W: Pleas:
sh: too Obey the Comm: of G: & be in m: text
Ask & yo shall rec: = We are apt to say
of with a few cold wishes - & faint Des:
at best with some form? Acts of Devotion
in of App: seasons = We must ask it.
And: Des: if we w: rec: = We m: w: it.
Violent: if we w: Ob: of B: = We m: knock
it: Repeat: Earn: - if of Gates of Mercy m:
be Op: unto us = Pray m: be of freq: & Dail
Exer: = = Man: are apt to Plead if they
are so involv: in of Hun: of World Bus:
of G: h: no Time for G: freq: Exer: of Dev: =
= = Consider my B: - For w: & of Time given
G: - B: to see: & faith of G: & Long Des:

of happ: & mess: - to obtain of grac: h: in
if y: m: be qualif: for his serv: up: &
& to live & reign w: him in gl: - Can y:
Imag: if y: lo: sent int: y: low w: - on to
take a few turn up: y: theat: of Van: - to
spend a few daies in y: trif: Amusem: & d: -
& y: w: of B: to perish forc'd: = 108 S: no wo
a form for Nob Desig: = An Indulg: y: &
gior: is an Opportun: to accept of Off h: second
Gra: if one day we may Ent: int: triumph
y: = Pray & Appl: M: of Ob: y: Pleas'd = h:
to pray & to ren: of Ch: & to live w: y: - to
gl: - hope in y: w: = Ah: M: B: - y: compl:
y: h: No time to Alt: of serv: y: = h: y: No
time to wait up: men of w: & Peo: - lo: cer: some
y: in y: temp: Int: = y: h: No time for y: Pub:
& Priv: Off: of Devot: = Alas! how m: conprob:
How do y: spend w: y: gay & Sens: Compl: = It
m: time do y: loose in Vain Complim: - Lerom:
Vif: - equal fatig: to y: if y: give & y: to rec:
y: = Be Astonish'd o: It: - at y: Stupid of y:

Inhab: of E: = We Want time to Avert of
w: of an Offend: Des: - & to Imp: of Mon:
w: alone: deliv: us fr: ext: & El: Men: =
How stupid do y: Neg: y: Imm: Welf:
Wh: y: suff: of Affair of time to Engage
& Hots - wh: y: take no care to prov: for
It: =

Let us y: Ob: fr: y: B: Sav: is
Comm: to pray Alw: - & nt: less = By Pray
& Inn: Ob: B: y: an hum: Hon: It: = y:
Vig: - Perso: in Faith = y: Optig: by y: Dut: &
Stat: to freq: Societ: Wich: - pray & our best
preserv: of Integ: of Vice = The Great y:
Dang: to lo: we are expos: - y: m: Indispos:
y: Dut: of Pray: = In fine wheth: y: En:
Beun: Provid: - or are cond: to y: Descrip:
y: Power: = which we spend o: D: in joy or sor:
Pray & o: Nob: Des: ag: y: temp: - & Great: Com:
am: of Unavoid: Chang: = This y: sh: be
o: Const: Employ: - till we Ent: int: y: w: - w: y:
Voic: pray: - shall be chang: int: Prais: - & o: Somer:
sh: End in Joy & Peace & full: To w: o: Amen