

Wednesday , May 20, 2026 | Jesus Prayed for You

SCRIPTURE

Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. — John 17:1–2

DEVOTION

On the last night of His earthly life, with arrest, trial, and crucifixion only hours away, Jesus prayed. He could have done anything in those hours. He prayed — and He prayed for you.

Listen to how He speaks of His suffering. He does not call the cross a tragedy. He calls it His glorification. What looks like defeat is the moment God's love and power are most fully revealed. The Lamb is being led, willingly, for sinners. For you.

The Father has given the Son authority over all flesh to give eternal life. That authority is real, and it is being used for your good. Jesus is not a distant ruler watching from above. He is the Savior who came down, took on flesh, and prayed for you before He bled for you.

And He prays for you still. Hebrews tells us He lives to make intercession for those who draw near to God through Him. The same voice that prayed in the garden is praying for you today.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to you that Jesus prayed for you on the night before His death?
2. How does the cross reveal both the love and the power of God at the same time?
3. How does it change your day to know that Jesus is interceding for you even now?

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our great High Priest, thank You that You prayed for us in the garden and that You pray for us still. When fear closes in, remind us that the One who has all authority is also the One who gave Himself for us. Hold us in Your prayers and in Your wounds. Amen.

FAMILY ACTION ITEM

Read John 17:1–11 together, taking turns by verse. After reading, spend a moment in silence and then let each person say one short prayer of thanks to Jesus — even something as simple as “Thank You, Jesus.”