

John 17:6-19 - “The REAL Lord’s Prayer?!”

John 17:6–19 NKJV - *“I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your Word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the Words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.*

“I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

I. PREPARATION by Jesus

II. INTERCESSION from Jesus

In this section of John 17, Jesus prays for His 11 disciples, but by extension, Jesus also prays for those of us who follow Him today as disciples & servants. (*Heb 7:25; Rom 8:34*)

I. PREPARATION by Jesus

- Over the 3 years of Jesus’ life and ministry, He did amazing things in preparing & training the disciples:
- **“..Manifested your Name..”** - **John 17:6 NKJV** - *“I have manifested Your Name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world.”*
 - *“What is God truly like?” is a question that people regularly ask...*
 - **John 17:6 NLT** - *“I have revealed You to the ones you gave Me..”*
 - *Jesus clearly displayed the true character of the Father to the world around Him - John 14:8,9*
 - **Jesus has also shown us what the Character of GOD is truly like - John 1:14,18**
- **“..Given them your Words..”** - **John 17:8,14 NKJV** - *“I have given to them the Words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me... I have given them Your Word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.”*

- Jesus was constantly teaching God's Word during His earthly ministry - "...He taught them.."
- **Jesus has also shown us the Truth and power of God's Word - John 8:31-32**
- **"..Sent them into the world.."** - **John 17:18** NKJV - "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world."
 - Jesus was sent by the Father...He sent them out
 - **Jesus has also sent us out to reach our world with the Gospel! - Matt 28:18-20**
 - **"You are now entering the MISSION FIELD!"**

II. INTERCESSION from Jesus

- He prays for **PRESERVATION**
 - **John 17:11,12,15** NKJV - "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your Name those whom You have given Me... While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your Name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled... I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one."
 - **John 17:11** NLT - "Holy Father... now protect them by the power of your Name."
 - The Lord prayed for the protection of the disciples' faith & to keep them from falling away.
 - We today need the **"KEEPING WORK"** of the Lord in our life!
 - **John 15:5-6** NKJV - "I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned."
 - **Jude 24** NKJV - "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy..."
- He prays for **UNIFICATION**
 - **John 17:11** NKJV - "...that they may be one as We are."
 - **John 17:11** NLT - "...that they will be united just as we are."
 - The Lord prayed for the the disciples to be unified in fellowship & ministry.
 - We today need the **"UNITY OF THE SPIRIT"** in our life!
 - **Ephesians 4:3-6** NLT - "Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all."

- **He prays for REJOICING**
 - **John 17:13 NKJV** - “..now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”
 - **John 17:13 NLT** - “..they would be filled with My joy.”
 - *The Lord prayed for the the disciples to have joy, in the midst of their trials & persecutions.*
 - We today need the “**JOY OF CHRIST**” manifested in our life!
 - **John 15:11 NKJV** - “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”
 - **John 16:24 NKJV** - “Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”
- **He prays for SEPARATION**
 - **John 17:16-19 NKJV** - “They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your Word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.”
 - **John 17:17-19 (NLT)**: Make them holy by Your Truth; teach them Your Word, which is Truth... they can be made holy by Your Truth.”
 - *The Lord prayed for SEPARATION of the disciples unto Himself, for devotion & service.*
 - We today need the “**HOLY WORK**” of the Spirit in our life!
 - **2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 NKJV** - “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.” 17 Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.” 18 “I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” 7 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”
 - **Psalms 119:9,11 NKJV** - “How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your Word... 11 Your Word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”
- **APPLICATION:**
 - We should remember that Christ is **PRAYING** for **you** today!
 - We should also PRAY these things for **ourselves**, and for those **around** us!