

John 17:1-26

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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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After Jesus said this, He looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the time has come.” (John 17:1a)

In some of His final moments, Jesus prayed for...

- **Himself** – *“Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.” (John 17:1b)*

- **Jesus the great giver** – *“For you granted Him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those you have given Him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ; whom you have sent.” (John 17:2-3)*

- **Jesus the great worker** – *“I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.” (John 17:4-5)*

“My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I, too, am working.” (John 5:17)

- **His disciples*** – *“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world...I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.” (John 17:6, 9)**

- **Their protection** – *“Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name – the name you gave me... None has been lost except the one*

doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled...I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.” (John 17:11b, 12b, 14-15)

- **Their maturity** – **“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.” (John 17:17)*

- **Their mission*** – *“As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.” (John 17:18)**

- **Us** – *“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message.” (John 17:20)*

- **Our unity as a witness** – *“...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me...May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” (John 17:21, 23)*

- **Our homecoming in glory** – *“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.” (John 17:24)*

- **Our growth in love** – *“Righteous Father...I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.” (John 17:25-26)*