

LET US LISTEN TO JESUS PRAY

John 17- Jesus Priestly Prayer

Main Thought

Before we ever prayed to Jesus, Jesus prayed for us.

INTRODUCTION

John 16:33 — “In this world you will have trouble...”

- Jesus is hours away from the cross.
- He knows what is coming.
- Yet He prays for the Father, His disciples, and us.

Read John 17:1–5

1. JESUS PRAYS FOR GOD’S GLORY

John 17:1–5

- “Father, the hour has come.”
- The cross was not an accident.
- Jesus was committed to finishing His assignment.
- Prayer should align our lives with God’s glory.
- Eternal life is not just knowing about Jesus—it is **knowing Jesus**.

Key Thought

Don’t only pray, “Lord, get me out of this.”

Pray, “Lord, how can You be glorified through this?”

Question

What would change if we prayed, “Father, be glorified through my life”?

2. JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES

John 17:6–19

Read John 17:9–19

- Jesus doesn't pray to remove them from the world—He prays to **keep them**.
- We are in the world, but not of the world.
- Our identity belongs to Christ.
- Jesus saves us and then **sends us**.
- "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."

Key Thought

The Word of God does not only inform us; it transforms us.

We are sent into our:

Homes • Schools • Workplaces • Prisons • Streets • Communities

Question

What voices are shaping us, and are we giving God's Word enough room to shape us?

3. JESUS PRAYS FOR US

John 17:20–26

Read John 17:20–23

"I pray also for those who will believe in me..."

This is where we enter the prayer!

- Jesus prayed for us.
- He prayed that we would be **one**.
- Unity is not uniformity.
- We can disagree without dishonoring.
- We resist pride, gossip, offense, and division.
- Our unity becomes part of our witness to the world.

Key Thought

When a divided world sees a united Church, it sees the reconciling power of Jesus.

Righting Relationships

Genesis 3 → Broken relationships

Ephesians 2 → Jesus reconciles

Job 29 → Righteousness becomes visible in how we treat people

Application

**One relationship.
One neighbor.
One obedient step.**

Question

Is pride, offense, or misunderstanding weakening any relationship? What obedient step can we take?

10-MINUTE GROUP DISCUSSION

1. GLORY:

How can God be glorified through what I'm facing?

2. TRUTH:

What is shaping me—God's Word or other voices?

3. UNITY:

What relationship needs an obedient step toward reconciliation?

CLOSING

ARE WE BECOMING THE PEOPLE JESUS PRAYED FOR?

Father, be glorified in us.

Sanctify us by Your truth.

Keep us.

Make us one.

Send us into the world.

Let people see Jesus through the way we live and love.

Final Thought

Jesus prayed for us. Now may our lives become a visible answer to His prayer.