



Jesus is praying for you!

September 8, 2024 – John 17:20-26

Jesus prays to His Father
...for Himself, for His disciples, for you!

(John 17)

John 17:20-26

²⁰“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,

²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Ephesians 4:1–6

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain **the unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Matthew 7:7–11

⁷“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?

¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

One: He prays for our oneness...
it is our powerful witness to the world!

(John 17:21-23)

Your positional oneness in Christ! Ephesians 2:11-22

Your experiential oneness as we walk in the Spirit!
Eph. 4:1-6; Phil. 2; Acts 2:47ff

Two: He prays that: being with Him you’d
see His glory!

(John 17:24a)

Glory: that which is heavy about someone giving them their importance.

--- Some Responses to these Truths ---

1) Approach God as your loving Father!

Before creation the God was a loving Father!

(John 17:24b) Also see Matt. 6:9f; 7:7-11; Rom 8

“We must not conceive prayer

as though it were an overcoming of God’s reluctance, when in fact it is a laying hold of His highest willingness!”

- Richard Trench

2) Always keep growing to know your Father and His love for you!

(John 17:25-26)

> I made known and **continue** to make known Your Father and His love for you!

Also see John 1:18; Romans 5:5,8; Ephesians 1:6,12,14

Application questions on the back →

--- *Jesus is praying for you!* ---
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SUNDAY after church...

Think through your morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give! 2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received! 3) List songs or lyrics that touched your heart.

MONDAY

READ today's verses. **DISCUSSION STARTED:** From our study and your notes on the front, write out what "oneness" within the local church looks like. List common hinderances you face in building oneness with your fellow believers. How has this passage helped you? **PRAY:** Pray over your applications.

TUESDAY

READ today's verses. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** This passage emphasizes your oneness with Christ and therefore the Father (17:21a, 22, 23,24). How do you "apply" the truth that you are in Christ and therefore in the Father? This seems like a positional truth which becomes easy to say "it is just true...an no application". List glories of Christ from these passages. Take one or two and list how it affects your practical life. **PRAY:** Pray over your applications.

WEDNESDAY

READ today's verses. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Write wrong ways you see and approach your Father. How do these wrong visions of your Father derail your walk with Him, with Christ, and with the Helper? **PRAY:** Pray over your applications.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

READ today's verses. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Jesus states that He will continue to reveal His Father to us. Many times as we age, we tend to quit growing because we (maybe subconsciously) think we know everything. This verse means we must be life-long learners, growing in knowing Him (Philippians 3). What is your response to this? **Pray:** Pray over your applications.

SATURDAY

Prepare your heart for Sunday's gathering by being ready to fully engage in the worship.