

**The Prayer Of Jesus**  
**John 17:1-26**

**Christ's Prayer For Then And Now**

# **I. Jesus Prays For Himself (17:1-5)**

## **John 17:1-5**

**1** These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

**2** As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

**3** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

**4** I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

**5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

# **I. Jesus Prays For Himself (17:1-5)**

## **A. Looks to the Father (17:1)**

**Psalm 5:3**

**My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.**

## **B. Looks at the hour (17:1)**

## **C. Looks to glorify God (17:2-4)**

**1. Through God's power (vv 2-3)**

**2. Through God's purpose (v 4)**

## **D. Looks for God to restore His Glory (17:5)**

## **II. Jesus Prays For His Disciples (17:6-19)**

### **A. He identifies His disciples (17:6)**

**John 17:6**

**I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.**

**1. He prays for those who have answered His call**

**2. He prays for those who have kept His word**

**Psalm 119:67**

**Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.**

## **II. Jesus Prays For His Disciples (17:6-19)**

### **B. He has instructed the disciples (17:7-8)**

**John 17:7-8**

**7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.**

**8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.**

**John 6:68**

**Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.**

## **II. Jesus Prays For His Disciples (17:6-19)**

### **C. He now intercedes for the disciples (17:9-19)**

#### **1. Because they are His (vv 9-10)**

**John 17:9-10**

**9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.**

**10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.**

**John 10:28-30**

**28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.**

**29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.**

**30 I and my Father are one.**

## **II. Jesus Prays For His Disciples (17:6-19)**

**C. He now intercedes for the disciples (17:9-19) – cont'd**

**2. Because they are left in the world (v 11)**

**John 17:11**

**And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.**

## **II. Jesus Prays For His Disciples (17:6-19)**

**C. He now intercedes for the disciples (17:9-19) – cont'd**

**3. For their needs (vv 11-19)**

**a. To be kept in unity (vv 11-12)**

**John 17:11-12**

**11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.**

**12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.**



## **II. Jesus Prays For His Disciples (17:6-19)**

**C. He now intercedes for the disciples (17:9-19) – cont'd**

**3. For their needs (vv 11-19) - continued**

**b. For fulfilling joy (v 13)**

**John 17:13**

**And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.**

## **II. Jesus Prays For His Disciples (17:6-19)**

**C. He now intercedes for the disciples (17:9-19) – cont'd**

**3. For their needs (vv 11-19) - continued**

**c. For perseverance to God's Word (v 14)**

**John 17:14**

**I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**

## **II. Jesus Prays For His Disciples (17:6-19)**

**C. He now intercedes for the disciples (17:9-19) – cont'd**

**3. For their needs (vv 11-19) - continued**

**d. For their sanctification (vv 15-19)**

**1) Delivered from Satan (v 15)**

**John 17:15**

**I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.**

**2) Delivered from the world (v 16)**

**John 17:16**

**They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**

## **II. Jesus Prays For His Disciples (17:6-19)**

**C. He now intercedes for the disciples (17:9-19) – cont'd**

**3. For their needs (vv 11-19) - continued**

**d. For their sanctification (vv 15-19)**

**3) Delivered by the truth (v 17)**

**John 17:17**

**Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**

**John 8:31-32**

**31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him,  
If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples  
indeed;**

**32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make  
you free.**

## **II. Jesus Prays For His Disciples (17:6-19)**

**C. He now intercedes for the disciples (17:9-19) – cont'd**

**3. For their needs (vv 11-19) - continued**

**d. For their sanctification (vv 15-19)**

**4) Directed by Christ (v 18)**

**John 17:18**

**As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.**

**5) Distinguished by Christ (v 19)**

**John 17:19**

**And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.**

### **III. Jesus Prays For The Church (17:20-26)**

#### **A. Those who will believe (17:20)**

**John 17:20**

**Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;**

### **III. Jesus Prays For The Church (17:20-26)**

#### **B. For unity in God (17:21-23)**

##### **1. In their belief in God (v 21)**

**John 17:21**

**That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.**

**Ephesians 4:4-6**

**4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;**

**5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,**

**6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**

### **III. Jesus Prays For The Church (17:20-26)**

**B. For unity in God (17:21-23) - continued**

**2. In their glorifying God (v 22)**

**John 17:22**

**And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them;  
that they may be one, even as we are one:**

**2 Thessalonians 1:11-12**

**11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God  
would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the  
good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with  
power:**

**12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be  
glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of  
our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.**



# **III. Jesus Prays For The Church (17:20-26)**

## **B. For unity in God (17:21-23) - continued**

### **3. In their love in God (v 23)**

#### **John 17:23**

**I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.**

### **III. Jesus Prays For The Church (17:20-26)**

#### **C. For their future with God (17:24)**

**John 17:24**

**Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.**

### **III. Jesus Prays For The Church (17:20-26)**

#### **D. For their knowledge of God (17:25-26)**

##### **1. In word (v 25)**

**John 17:25**

**O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.**

### **III. Jesus Prays For The Church (17:20-26)**

#### **D. For their knowledge of God (17:25-26)**

##### **2. In love (v 26)**

#### **John 17:26**

**And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.**

#### **1 John 4:7-8**

**7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.**

**8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.**

**Remember Jesus' Prayer For You**