# Living in Unity: Jesus' High Priestly Prayer



Explore Jesus' final prayer for believers focusing on unity, sanctification, and glory as recorded in John 17:1-26.





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### Introduction

Jesus' High Priestly Prayer recorded in *John 17* stands as one of the most profound moments in the Gospels. Just before His arrest and crucifixion, Jesus lifts His voice in prayer, revealing His heart not only for Himself but especially for His followers. This prayer offers a window into His desires for those who believe in Him — unity among believers, sanctification through truth, and the sharing of divine glory.

In this prayer, Jesus acknowledges the completion of His earthly mission and prays for the glorification of the Father through the Son. His focus then shifts to us — His disciples and future believers — urging unity as a testimony to the world, a sanctification that distinguishes His followers, and the eternal hope of shared glory. Each of these themes challenges and encourages believers to deepen their relationship with God and one another.

Over the next seven days, we will journey through Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. We will meditate on the depth of His requests, discover how these themes can transform our daily lives, and be encouraged to live in the same love and unity for which Jesus fervently prays. This study invites us to behold the heart of Christ and embrace the calling to live as sanctified, unified, and glorified children of God. May this time deepen your fellowship with God and inspire a renewed passion for community in Christ.  $\triangle$ 

















Day 1: 💥 Jesus Prays for Glorification

### Your Verse

John 17:1 – "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 13:31 "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him."
- Philippians 2:9-11 "God exalted him to the highest place..."







Day 1: 🎇 Jesus Prays for Glorification

# Devotional: Understanding the Glory Between Father and Son

John 17:1 reveals Jesus beginning His prayer by asking the Father to glorify Him, so that He, in turn, may glorify the Father. This mutual glorification signifies the deep unity and love within the Trinity. Jesus' earthly mission reaches its climax as He willingly steps into suffering and death, knowing it will reveal God's glory fully.

What does it mean for Jesus to be glorified? It involves the revelation of His divine nature, obedience, and the fulfillment of the Father's plan for salvation. The glory is not self-serving but reveals God's power and love to the world.

As believers, we are invited into this glorious reality — to reflect God's glory in our lives through obedience and faith. Jesus models surrender and trust that can inspire our own daily walk. Recognizing the glory of God displayed through Christ's sacrifice can deepen our worship and commitment.







Day 1: 🞇 Jesus Prays for Glorification

# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do I understand the concept of glory in relation to God and Jesus?
2.	In what ways can I glorify God in my everyday life?
3.	How does recognizing Jesus' obedience and sacrifice impact my faith?







Day 1: 🞇 Jesus Prays for Glorification

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a moment when you experienced God's glory in your life.
2.	Reflect on how Jesus' surrender to the Father challenges you personally.
3.	Document any areas in your life where you want to better glorify God.







Day 1: 💥 Jesus Prays for Glorification

# Prayer for Today

**Father,** thank You for revealing Your glory through Your Son Jesus Christ. Help me to understand and appreciate the depth of His obedience and love. Teach me to glorify You in all that I do, reflecting Your light in a dark world. May my life be a testimony to Your power and grace. In Jesus' name, *Amen.* \(\text{P1}\) \(\frac{\text{P1}}{\text{N}}\)







# Day 2: Prayer for Unity Among Believers









Day 2: 🎔 Prayer for Unity Among Believers

### Your Verse

John 17:21 – "...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 4:3 "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."
- Psalm 133:1 "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"







Day 2: 🎔 Prayer for Unity Among Believers

# Devotional: Embracing Jesus' Call for Unity

In John 17:21, Jesus prays fervently for His followers to be unified just as He is united with the Father. This unity is not superficial but deeply spiritual, founded on mutual love and shared purpose.

Unity among believers serves as a powerful witness to the world, demonstrating the reality of God's kingdom. It transcends cultural, racial, and social divides, showing a love that originates from God Himself.

How can we live out this unity today? It begins with humility, active listening, forgiveness, and an intentional commitment to love one another. Jesus' prayer reminds us that this unity is essential for effective ministry and spiritual health. Reflecting the oneness of the Father and Son, believing communities become beacons of hope.

Ask God to reveal any barriers to unity in your life or church and seek His grace to overcome them. As you grow in unity with others, you participate in Jesus' mission to the world.







Day 2: 🍑 Prayer for Unity Among Believers

# Reflect and Apply

1.	What challenges do I face in pursuing unity with other believers?
2.	How does Jesus' unity with the Father inspire my relationships?
	In what ways can I actively promote peace and understanding in my faith community?







Day 2: 🎔 Prayer for Unity Among Believers

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List relationships within your church or group where you sense disunity and pray over them.
2.	Write about how practicing forgiveness can improve your unity with others.
3.	Reflect on examples of unity you've witnessed and how they encouraged your faith.







Day 2: 🎔 Prayer for Unity Among Believers

# Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for praying for unity among Your followers. Help me to be a peacemaker and to foster love and harmony within the body of Christ. Remove pride and judgment from my heart, and fill me with Your Spirit of unity. May my relationships reflect Your divine oneness and draw others closer to You. *Amen.* 💝 💱 🙏







# Day 3: 💙 Sanctification Through Truth









Day 3: 🖏 Sanctification Through Truth

### Your Verse

John 17:17 - "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 5:26 "...to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word."
- Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."







Day 3: Sanctification Through Truth

# Devotional: Growing Holy by God's Truth

Jesus prays for the sanctification of His followers in John 17:17, emphasizing that sanctification—being set apart for God's purposes—comes through the truth of God's Word. The truth is not merely knowledge but a transformative power that changes hearts and lives.

Sanctification is a lifelong process. It involves daily surrender to God and commitment to living according to His truth, letting His Word shape our thoughts, actions, and desires.

As believers, we face many influences that can distract or distort our faith. But God's truth stands firm to purify us, helping us grow in holiness and Christlikeness. Immersing oneself in Scripture allows the Holy Spirit to guide, convict, and empower us to live set apart.

Reflect on your openness to God's truth today. Are there areas where you resist His Word or need renewal? Jesus' prayer reminds us that sanctification is deeply connected to God's living Word.







Day 3: "Sanctification Through Truth

# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do I daily invite God's truth to sanctify me?
2.	What areas of my life need more surrender to God's Word?
3.	In what ways can Scripture guide my decisions and attitudes?







Day 3: W Sanctification Through Truth

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a Bible passage that has recently challenged or encouraged you.
2.	Reflect on habits or thoughts you want God to sanctify in your life.
3.	Journal your prayer asking God to deepen your hunger for His Word.







Day 3: 🖏 Sanctification Through Truth

# Prayer for Today

**Dear Holy Spirit,** sanctify me with Your truth. Cleanse my heart and mind, helping me to live fully surrendered to God's Word. Guard me against deceit and guide me in holiness so I can be set apart for Your glory. Teach me, Lord, to cherish Your truth daily. *Amen.*  $\square$   $\heartsuit$   $\triangle$ 

















### Your Verse

John 17:18 - "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 28:19-20 "...go and make disciples of all nations..."
- Acts 1:8 "You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth."







# Devotional: Embracing the Call to Go

Jesus reminds the Father in John 17:18 that just as He was sent into the world, He now sends His followers with a purpose. This commissioning underscores the missional nature of Christianity—a call to bring light and truth into dark places.

We are not called to live in isolation but to engage with the world around us. Jesus' prayer reflects His heart for believers to carry on His mission, empowered by the Holy Spirit, witnessing through words and actions.

What does it mean to be sent into the world? It challenges us to step beyond comfort zones, to love sacrificially, and to live courageously as ambassadors of Christ.

As you meditate on this, consider how embracing your unique calling to witness aligns your life with Jesus' prayers. Your presence, kindness, and faithfulness can impact those around you profoundly.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do I perceive God's mission for my life?
2.	What fears or barriers hold me back from being a witness?
3.	In what ways can I actively engage with my community for Christ?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about opportunities God might be giving you to share your faith.
2.	Reflect on any hesitations you have about living out the Great Commission.
3.	Journal a plan or prayer seeking boldness in your witness.







# Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for sending me into the world just as You were sent. Give me courage, wisdom, and love to fulfill this calling. Help me to be a faithful witness of Your truth and grace wherever I go. Use me to shine Your light in dark places. *Amen.* 💸 🔾

















### Your Verse

John 17:23 – "I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 8:38–39 "Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus."
- 1 John 4:16 "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God..."







# Devotional: Abiding in Jesus' Love and Unity

**Jesus expresses a beautiful truth in John 17:23:** He dwells in believers, and the Father dwells in Him, creating a profound spiritual unity. This mutual indwelling guarantees the unity and love that Jesus desires for all His followers.

Believers are not just called to unity but to abide in the love of Christ. This abiding is a constant connection sustained by faith, prayer, and obedience. It is through this union that Christians find strength, encouragement, and a true sense of belonging.

How often do we reflect on Christ living in us? This intimacy is a source of peace and joy, reminding us that we are never alone.

Consider how Jesus' love can shape your relationships and your view of yourself. Jesus' prayer assures us that His love is perfect and powerful, able to hold us together and draw us into deeper community.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What does Jesus' indwelling presence mean to me personally?
2.	How can I cultivate a deeper experience of abiding in His love?
3.	How does Jesus' love transform my relationships with others?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about times you have felt especially aware of Jesus' presence.
2.	Reflect on ways to deepen your daily walk of faith and love.
3.	Journal prayers inviting Jesus to live more fully in your heart.







# Prayer for Today

**Dear Jesus,** thank You for living in me and for Your perfect love that unites us. Help me to abide in You daily, growing in love and unity with others. May Your presence bring peace and strength to every part of my life. I trust in Your unfailing love. *Amen.*

















#### Your Verse

John 17:15 – "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 6:10-11 "Put on the full armor of God..."
- 2 Thessalonians 3:3 "The Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one."







### Devotional: Trusting God's Protection in the World

**Jesus' High Priestly Prayer includes a fervent plea for protection:** not removal from the world, but protection from evil. This prayer acknowledges the reality of spiritual warfare and the dangers believers face while living in a fallen world.

God's protection is both spiritual and practical. It equips us with His armor—truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, and the Word—to stand firm against temptation and attacks. Jesus does not promise an easy life, but He assures His followers of His sustaining power.

We are invited to depend daily on God's provision and strength, keeping our eyes fixed on Him even amid challenges.

Reflect on your own experience of spiritual vulnerability. How can Jesus' prayer encourage confidence and vigilance in your faith walk?







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do I perceive spiritual protection and warfare in my life?
2.	In what ways can I more actively depend on God's armor and defense?
3.	What are practical steps for standing firm in faith amidst trials?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Journal about times when you felt God's protection.
	Write about any fears or challenges that you want God to guard you against.
3.	Reflect on how you can put on God's armor daily.







# Prayer for Today

**Father God,** thank You for protecting me in a world filled with trials. Help me to stand firm, equipped with Your truth and strength. Guard my heart and mind from the enemy's lies and attacks. Surround me with Your peace and power daily. In Jesus' name, *Amen.* •

















### Your Verse

John 17:24 – "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 8:17 "...if we share in his glory, we must also share in his suffering."
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 "We are being transformed into his image with everincreasing glory."







### Devotional: Anticipating Eternal Glory with Christ

**Jesus closes His prayer with a beautiful hope:** the longing that believers may be with Him to share in His glory. This promise motivates perseverance, reminding us that current sufferings are temporary compared to eternal joy.

The glory Jesus speaks of is both present and future. He invites us to experience His glory through transformation now and ultimately in heaven. This shared glory implies intimacy, honor, and eternal fellowship with God.

Recognizing this hope helps believers face challenges with courage and joy. It fuels worship and aligns our hearts with God's eternal purpose.

Take time today to meditate on Jesus' desire for you to share in His glory. Let it strengthen your faith and inspire holy living.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How does the hope of shared glory influence my daily choices?
	In what ways am I allowing God to transform me into the image of Christ?
3.	How does eternal perspective affect my response to suffering?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about what heaven and sharing Jesus' glory means to you personally.
2.	Reflect on how current struggles build character and hope.
3.	Journal a prayer of commitment to live for eternal purposes.







# Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for the promise of glory and for inviting me to be with You forever. Help me to keep my eyes on this heavenly hope amid life's trials. Transform me daily into Your likeness and strengthen me to live with eternity in mind. I eagerly await that day of perfect joy. *Amen.*  $\Sigma$ 







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