

APRIL 29–MAY 3, 2024



Living Set Apart Lives With Jesus

Joining with Christ in His High Priestly Prayer

JOHN 17:1-26 ESV

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, **2** since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. **3** And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. **4** I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. **5** And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. **7** Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. **8** For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. **9** I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they

are yours. **10** All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. **11** And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. **12** While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. **13** But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. **14** I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. **15** I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. **16** They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. **17** Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. **18** As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. **19** And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, **21** that 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.

22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, **23** I 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.

24 Father, 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. **25** O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. **26** I 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."

Jesus came to reveal the glory of the Father to us.

Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 4:6 that we have been given "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." God isn't looking for begrudging subjects but trusting sons and daughters who trust the Father's heart. So as Jesus approached the end of his life on earth, He prayed that this revelation of God's glory would have its full effect. As Jesus prayed, we also want to pray.

For the week of April 29–May 3, we want to invite you to soak in this prayer of Jesus. It's the longest prayer of Jesus recorded in the gospels. It takes 3½ minutes to read out loud, and we would encourage you to do so daily; perhaps even memorize it. Use this guide to inform your personal prayer times and fuel our corporate prayer times at 6pm each night. Together, let's seek the face of the Lord so that we would know how to respond to His glory.



Prayer & Fasting

DAY 1

Pray for God to glorify Himself through you.

John 17:1

“When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you...’”

At first glance, it may seem strange that Jesus prays for Himself. But He doesn't pray “glorify me” for me, but “glorify for me” for God.

- 1. Pray that your heart would conform to God's agenda. Pray that His will be done in YOUR world as it is in heaven.**
- 2. Pray Psalm 67:1,** *“May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us, that your way may be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations.”*
- 3. Paul says in Colossians 3:17,** *“...Whatever you do...do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus...”*

What is that you do? In the right hand column, write your own prayers over each area of your life that God would be glorified.

WORK: _____

SPOUSE: _____

PARENT: _____

FRIEND: _____

SOCIAL MEDIA _____

DAY 2

Pray for holiness.

John 17:17

“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”

John 17:8

“For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them...”

To be holy means to be set apart for a purpose; to be different, a counter cultural. This happens to us as we “receive” or submit ourselves to the truth of God’s word. It’s what the world needs most from us: to remain salty, or we can no longer be effective in helping them see Jesus (Mt. 5:13).

- 1. Thank God for His word. Pray through Psalm 19.**
- 2. Pray that God would enlighten the eyes of my heart (Eph 1:18) to know and receive God’s word.**
- 3. Pray that God would bring revival to the church in my city and all around the world.**

John 17:14

“I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.”

Jesus was clear that if we follow Him, we would be hated just like Him. It was His holiness that made people want to be like Him, and it was also the thing that made people want to kill him. Holiness is both attractive and unsettling. But God keeps us and sustains us. Jude 1:24 says, “Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy.”

- 4. Pray that God would protect you against the fiery darts of the enemy that would either cause you to lose your saltiness or hide your light under a bush.**

John 17:15–16

I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

There is a warped view of Christianity that seeks to remove itself from the world in the attempt to avoid corruption. But true discipleship is not isolation from the world, it is living like Jesus within the world. Our spiritual success (and that of our children) will not be based on how well we isolate from lies, but in how much we know the truth.

- 5. Ask God to give you the courage and boldness to stay in the world, but not be of the world.**

LIVING SET APART LIVES WITH JESUS

DAY 3

Pray for mission.

John 17:18

“As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.”

Jesus was sent for a purpose, and we too can experience the joy He had.

John 17:13

“But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.”

The only way to have fullness of joy in this life is to embrace the mission of Jesus, but that involves risk and sacrifice. Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, endured the cross (sacrifice) because of the joy set before Him.

1. Pray that God would give you the wisdom to see the joy in the midst of the sacrifice of His mission.
2. Pray that God would protect and sustain brothers and sisters around the world who endure intense persecution because of their faith.
3. Pray that Christ in us is indeed our hope, and that greater is He who is in us than He that is in the world (1 John 4:4).
4. Pray for friends and family by name that don't know Jesus and pray that God would give you a renewed vision of being "sent," to show them the love of Jesus.
