



The Church... Praying for Your Brothers and Sisters

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Jesus prays for His followers (John 17:6-19)

Prayer is not passive. It is one of the most active things you will ever do.

1. Pray for faithful [obedience to God's word](#)

John 17:6

"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word."

Obedience to the scriptures changes us, honors God, and impacts the world

2. Pray for growing and bold [faith in Jesus](#)

John 17:7-8

"Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me."

We need to know what we believe and actually believe it

3. Pray for Jesus to be [glorified](#) in their life

John 17:9-10

"I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them."

The glory of Jesus should be the consuming passion of every Christian

4. Pray for [protection](#) from the things of this world.

John 17:11

"I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. "

Our heavenly Father and the authority of His name has more power than we dream

5. Pray for absolute and unbending [unity](#) with God's people

John 17:11-12

"I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled."

Our level of unity should look like trinitarian unity

6. Pray for full and overflowing [joy](#)

John 17:13

"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them."

We can cry out for believers to experience growing levels of joy

7. Pray for power to live for Jesus in this [broken world](#)

John 17:14-15

"I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one."

Pray that we can be in the world but not shaped by the world.

8. Pray for power over the [evil one](#)

John 17:15

"My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one."

Pray for eyes to see his tactics and faith to resist his temptations

9. Pray for understanding of, and obedience to, God's word

John 17:16-17

"They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

Pray for commitment to read, understand, and follow what the Bible teaches.

10. Pray for passionate engagement in the mission of Jesus

John 17:18-19

"As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified."

May we see the world as you do, and love the lost with your heart

What might happen if we pray as Jesus did?