

THE PRAYER OF JESUS John 17:1-26

It is important that we understand the setting.

This is potentially only hours before Christ would be arrested, tried, persecuted, and crucified.

He was experiencing great grief, and dread for what was about to occur.

Matthew 26:39 NLT; Luke 22:44 Amplified

At the same time, he was experiencing worry for His followers.

We see in His prayer:

I. HIS RECOGNITION OF THE FATHER **John 17:1-8 NLT**

1. Jesus recognizes and vocalizes that the Father has given Him all power and the ability to provide eternal life to all who would receive it.
2. Jesus requests that the Father would glorify Him as He completes His task.
3. Notice how Christ opens his prayer with honor, recognition and praise to God.

II. HIS REQUEST FOR OUR SAFE KEEPING **John 17:9-12 NLT**

His prayer is a beautiful reminder of His love for us and of His desire for us to do well.

He asks the Father to keep us.

To be protected by the power of His name is to:

1. Be kept in his character.
2. Be kept in his likeness
3. Be kept in his salvation

III. HIS REQUEST FOR OUR JOY **John 17:13, 14 NLT; Romans 14:17 NLT**

The Lord's people are not asked to put on a smiling face without possessing a smiling heart!

Jesus knew that due to the hatred people would possess for the message,
the life of His followers would indeed be in danger.

What He is asking here is that God would simply protect us and sustain our lives.

IV. HIS REQUEST FOR OUR PROTECTION FROM SATAN **John 17:15 NLT**

Notice Jesus didn't ask for God to deliver his followers from the evils of this world.

His request was that God would simply protect us so we could continue the work of Christ.

V. HIS REQUEST FOR OUR SANCTIFICATION & EFFECTIVENESS **John 17:16-19 NLT**

Jesus simply prays His followers would be sanctified [set apart]

Christ's desire is that His followers would be free from sin, and its bondage.

That they would be capable of being used by God for His purpose. **2 Timothy 2:21 NLT**

VI. HIS REQUEST FOR OUR UNITY **John 17:21 NLT**

Without Unity among believers, the powers of Hell are capable of entering the church.

We must work together to make Heaven our home and win as many others to Christ as possible

And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

John 17:22, 23 NLT

VII. HIS REQUEST FOR US TO BE WITH HIM FOREVER **John 17:24-26 NLT**

Jesus concludes this prayer with one of the most beautiful requests ever spoken –
that one day we would be with Him beholding His glory.

Our eyes have often been dimmed with tears.

As we ponder the sufferings of Jesus.

But all tears shall be wiped away, when we behold his glory!!!!

WHAT A DAY THE WILL BE!

MAY WE, THROUGH OUR SANCTIFIED [SEPARATED] LIVES,
LIVE TO GIVE JESUS THESE DESIRES OF HIS HEART!!!