

Friday

Please read John 17:20-26 and Matthew 28:16-20. How are you to make disciples? What resources do you have? In what ways do you see yourself fulfilling the Great Commission? Do these passages encourage you or make you feel guilty? Why?

Thank God for his mercy for you! Ask him to help you be salt and light in your world.

Saturday

Please read John 14:1-14 to prepare for tomorrow.

Ask God to prepare your heart for tomorrow so that you can worship him in Spirit and truth as you come together with your brothers and sisters. Pray that our church family will clearly show God's grace and truth to all who attend.

My Prayer

Heavenly Father, I want to pray what Jesus prays:

For unity:

I can struggle with attitudes that divide instead of unite.

Help your church to be unified,

So people are drawn to you by our love.

For security:

I can struggle with fears and anxieties.

Help me remember I'm under your ultimate protection,

So I can live unafraid.

For purity:

I can struggle to lead a holy life.

Help me trust your Word and not the world,

So I stay beautifully distinct from the world that surrounds me.

For priority:

I can get focused on life's many tasks.

Help me remember I am called to a purpose,

So I stay focused on my mission to love people as you do.

In the name of Jesus I confidently pray,

Amen

Jesus' Prayer for You

Message by Rick McRostie on Sunday, May 14, 2017

John 13

Serve one another and love one another

John 14

Promises from Jesus for uncertain times:

He promises me a future

He promises me a friend

He promises me a family

Left behind, but not alone!

John 15

Jesus is the vine

God is the gardener

We are the branches

We must remain in the vine.

John 17

Jesus prayed for _____ the night he was betrayed.

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message." John 17:20

Jesus is praying for me _____!

"...Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is interceding for us." Romans 8:34

**Four ways Jesus is praying for me:
(John 17:11-20):**

1. For _____

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so



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that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” John 17:20-23

2. For _____!

*“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 **my prayer is** that you **protect them from the evil one.**” John 17:14-15*

Jesus wants me to live _____!

3. For _____!

*“They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. **Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.**” John 17:16-17*

**Jesus wants me to live by the _____
not the _____.**

4. For _____!

*“In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, **I give them a mission in the world.**” John 17:18 (MSG)*

Jesus wants me to remember that I am on a _____!

Daily Meditations

Daily Bible studies and questions for reflection on Sunday’s topic.

This week’s memory verse:

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. John 17:20-21b

Monday

Please read John 17:11-19. What part of Sunday’s message hit home for you? How do the facts that Jesus prayed for **you** just hours before his crucifixion (see verse 20) and prays for you even now in heaven, impact you? What difference does that make in your daily life? Which of the four points from the message did you really need to hear the most at this point in your life?

Pray “My Prayer” found on the back page. We can know we are praying in God’s will when we pray the prayer Jesus prayed!

Tuesday

Please read John 17:20-23. Jesus starts and ends his prayer for us with a plea for unity. When is living in unity with your Christian brothers and sisters particularly hard for you? How can you contribute to the “complete unity” Jesus prays for? According to these verses, what will happen when we live in complete unity? What kind of unity exists between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit that we should copy?

Ask God today to show you if there are any relationships you need to work on so that you can be part of the answer to the prayer of Jesus.

Wednesday

Please read John 17:15 again, as well as John 10:27-29 and Luke 12:4-6. What do these verses teach you about how God will protect you? Jesus is not saying God will protect us from all harm. Jesus himself came to harm on the cross! So, according to these verses, what kind of protection from God is Jesus speaking of? How has God protected you in your past, and how will God protect you in your future?

Thank God today for his protection. Think of a way that he has specifically protected you and praise him for it. Think of his protection for your soul eternally and praise him for that!

Thursday

Please read John 17:16-18 and 1 Peter 1:13-16. From the five commands Peter gives in verses 13-15, how would you define “holy”? What reasons does Peter give for his commands? How can those reasons move you to obey? How specifically does “holiness” or “purity” behave at home, work, church, school, or in your neighborhood?

Pray for purity in your life.