

Jesus Prayed for Us? | John 17:1-26 | Pastor Steve Wells | 09.04.2022
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Jesus Prays for Us

Despite what we may face in this life, we can live with the confident assurance that, if we belong to Jesus, He is always praying for us.

When we examine the person and work of Jesus Christ we can gain valuable insight as to what Christ's intercession for us looks like:

- He advocates for believing saints, that even though they still sin, have the perfect righteousness of Christ—**1 John 2:1**.
- He prays that though they may be faced with many temptations, such temptations would shipwreck their faith—**Luke 22:31-34**.
- **Hebrews 4:14–16** describes Jesus as our great High Priest. Because of His intercession for us, we have access to the Father ourselves:
 - *¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."*
- **1 Timothy 2:5** teaches us Jesus is the only one with authority to mediate between Us & God.
 - *⁵For, there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus.*

Based upon **John 17:1-26** (Transcript of Jesus' Prayer for His Disciples and ALL future believers) we can find Jesus praying for us in these areas:

That we would:

- Know God and His Son, Jesus Christ (verse 3)
- Be protected from the hatred of this World & our hypocrisy, apostasy (verse 11)
- Be one in spirit (unified) as the Father and Son are one (verse 11)
- Be filled with His joy that comes from His Presence (verse 13)
- Be protected from the evil one (verse 15)
- Be sanctified through God's Word (verse 17)
- "Live Sent"— being salt & light to this world – fulfilling His Kingdom work through our lives (verses 18-20)
- Remain unified in Christ throughout the generations (verses 20–21)
- Let our life & love convey Christ's message to the world (verse 23)
- Join Him in heaven for all eternity (verse 24)
- Experience the same kind of love for each other that the Father and Son share (verse 26)