

**March 28 / Sunday**

**Who would pray for the church?**

Read [John 17:1-26](#)



**29 / Mon – Prayer at the last supper** | Read [John 17:1-5](#)

Jesus' longest recorded prayer came at the end of the last meal he would have with his disciples. He begins by confirming the purpose for which he came, to give eternal life to all those who would believe in him. Jesus brought glory to God on earth by finishing the work His Father had given him. Everything Jesus said and did were for that single purpose. What are some ways you have followed Jesus' example and seen God honored in the eyes of others as a result?

**30 / Tue – Jesus prayed for them** | Read [John 17:6-19](#)

Imagine you are one of the disciples, listening to Jesus talk to His Father about you. Read what he first said regarding who they were and what they had done. It is important to know what God thinks about you because knowing you are dearly loved and forgiven is the only way to deflect the guilt, condemnation and accusations that come from your enemy, the one who wants to defeat you. What two things did Jesus ask His Father to do for them in v. 11, 15-17? What destroys unity?

**31 / Wed – Jesus prayed for you** | Read [John 17:20-26](#)

It is incredible to think that Jesus also prayed specifically for you two thousand years ago. He knew you would be born, he knew you would hear his story, he knew you would choose to believe in and follow him and become a part of his Church. So he prayed for you in advance. What did Jesus ask God to do for you? It is thrilling to hear him end his prayer with... *I want those you have given me to be with me where I am.* Is there any doubt you are dearly loved?!

**01 / Thu – Prayer in the garden** | Read [Mark 14:32-36](#) / [Luke 22:39-44](#)

Jesus finished his last meal and went to the garden to pray. He knew exactly what lay ahead. His prayer was honest. His anguish was real. *"Is there any other way?"* Only Jesus and his Father knew what it would cost him. There is no shame in praying this way when you face something you deeply dread. But if God continues to lead you in that direction, you can find peace and the strength you need, if you choose His will above your own. What gives a person the ability to pray like this?

**02 / Fri – Prayer from the cross** | Read [Luke 23:33-35](#)

They were standing there, mocking him as nails were driven through his hands and feet. Yet, Jesus prayed for them, asking they be forgiven. Is it because Jesus saw them as they really were, created in the image of God and dearly loved by Him but deceived by Satan and being used to carry out his demonic plan. If they knew, if they *really* knew what was happening in the unseen realm, would they have participated? Do you think Jesus has ever prayed these words for you?

**03 / Sat – Silent Saturdays are only temporary** | Read [John 20:19](#)

It was over. The worst had happened and God was silent. His lack of action was inconceivable. Have you ever been there? Then you understand the shock, the anguish, the despair, the confusion. Their hope had died. What was left? They did not know how it would end, as you do. You know that Sunday changed everything. That is the hope on which you can confidently stand. Who do you know that might be going through a silent Saturday and needs this encouragement?