

A Father For All: Jesus Prays for Us

John 17:20-26

JESUS PRAYED THAT WE'D HAVE THE SAME UNITY THAT HE AND HIS DAD HAVE.

- 📖 John 17:20 (NIV84) "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message..."
- 📖 John 17:21-23 (NIV84) "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 that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³ I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."
- 📖 John 13:35 (NIV84) "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

JESUS PRAYED THAT WE'D SPEND ETERNITY WITH HIM AND HIS DAD.

- 📖 John 17:24 (NIV84) "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world."
- 📖 3 John 4 (NIV84) "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."
- 📖 1 John 3:2 (NIV84) "Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

JESUS PRAYED THAT WE'D GET TO KNOW HIM AND HIS DAD BETTER.

- 📖 John 17:25 (NIV84) "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me."
- 📖 John 20:29 (NIV84) "Then Jesus told him [Thomas], "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
- 📖 1 Peter 1:8-9 (NIV84) "Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls."
- 📖 John 17:26 (NIV84) "I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

Digging Deeper: How does it make you feel to know that Jesus prayed for you the night before He was crucified? Jesus prayed that we would be unified—would you say that you are a unifier or a divider? Are you more likely to seek the battle ground or the common ground? Do you know with certainty that you will spend eternity in heaven? In what ways are you growing in your faith? Are you closer to God than you were last year at this time? In what ways does/did your earthly father model what your heavenly Father is like? Guys: How could you better model Christ to your kids?