

Message

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JESUS PRAYER BUILDS UP FOR LIFE
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A little boy was kneeling beside his bed with his mother and grandmother and softly saying his prayers, "Dear God, please bless Mummy and Daddy and all the family and please give me a good night's sleep."

Suddenly he looked up and shouted, "And don't forget to give me a bicycle for my birthday!!" "There is no need to shout like that," said his mother. "God isn't deaf." "No," said the little boy, "but Grandma is."

How do you Pray and why do you pray?

Dear friends! Prayer makes you think deeply. [Abraham Lincoln once said](#) "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for the day." Everything seems insufficient and the Holy Spirit shows us that prayer helps the soul to sit with Jesus and submit everything."

Jesus begins His prayer. Jesus said, The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and **you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me.** **³³I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!"**

JESUS PRAYER BEGINS WITH ACKNOWLEDGING THE Father and GIVES HIM THE GLORY.

Jesus is teaching us to pray.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Our calling is to make Jesus known through our thoughts, words, and actions.

⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

Jesus gave us the Father's WORDS.

What WORDS are we giving to the people around us?

"Forty-three times in John we are told that Jesus was 'sent' by God, language that appears only twice in Matthew (10:40; 15:24), once in Mark (9:37), four times in Luke (4:18, 43; 9:48; 10:16), and once in Paul (Rom 8:3).

How many times we acknowledge We are sent by Jesus?

How many times do we remember we are God's children?

Jesus is affirming that God's name is known to the great people the Father has given him. Our Faith journey is to remind us that the Holy Spirit leads us to first receive God's Truth and know and believe in the truth that will set us free.

Jesus now teaches us to pray for others. Jesus begins to intercede for the great people that He has received from the father.

Who are the ones whom God has placed in your heart to intercede for?

Jesus says I have been glorified in them.

Today as we are here in his presence receiving, knowing, and believing in the Truth, we are glorifying Jesus and He commends you for glorifying Him through your receiving, knowing, and believing.

Do we rely on the world's glory or God's glory?

Jesus intercessory prayer is firstly to protect us from this world of temptation and greed.

Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

Jesus teaches us that our prayer is a journey to pray for God's protection on each of his children. So, the more we are led by the Holy Spirit to pray and seeks God's protection and deliverance, our Joy is made complete in Him.

IN V15 "I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

Jesus intercedes that we may be protected from the evil one.

C. Jesus answers that in V 17 "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 19And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth".

We are protected and sanctified. Sanctification needs to happen everyday as we begin our day.

V20 "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, 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."

Intercessory pray involves praying for the future believers, So that they may Receive, Know and Believe the Truth and become ONE. It means to be united as one body in Christ.

Jesus's desire is for us to be with the Father.

What is your desire?

Finally, Jesus wants us to know God through His WORD and make known His world to the people around us. SO that we may all experience God's love for us

William Barclay, once wrote "When we pray, remember:

- 1. The love of God that wants the best for us.**
- 2. The wisdom of God that knows what is best for us.**
- 3. The power of God that can accomplish it."**

Martin Luther said, "If I should neglect prayer but a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith." Prayer is the girdle that holds us together through the love of God, the Grace of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

When Luther's puppy happened to be at the table, he looked for a morsel from his master, and watched with open mouth and motionless eyes; he (Martin Luther) said, 'Oh, if I could only pray the way this dog watches the meat! All his thoughts are concentrated on the piece of meat. Otherwise, he has no thought, wish or hope.'

May this be our attitude towards prayer. Go in Peace. Amen