

Jesus Prays for Us

Before his death, Jesus prayed for himself, his disciples, and finally, all believers in the future—including all of us today. When we study Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer, we witness the depth of his love for us as he prays for us to experience unity, the Father’s love, and for the world to know God through our lives. Together, let’s discuss what it means to live in the reality of Jesus’ prayer, how it shapes our relationships, and how we can reflect the transformative power of God’s love to others.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we’ll cover in the episode.

- How do you define “unity”?
- How do you feel when someone prays for you?



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READ [John 17:20-26](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 1, hosts Scott Hoezee and Darrell Delaney make two points about Jesus Christ’s prayer for unity: 1) unity does not mean uniformity and 2) unity has a purpose. Through our unity, the world can see the Triune God in us, know he is who he says he is, and he can do what he says he can do. Is this how you think Christians usually understand Christ’s prayer for unity? Why or why not?
- When we pray for unity, we become part of the answer to Jesus’ prayer for unity. Pause *right now* and pray for unity! Ask God for the global Church to be unified. But also remember what Scott said: “Start local. Pray for your own congregation; pray for your role in that congregation, that you will be somebody who will overcome division, that God will use you to bring his peace and his love to that community.”
- Consider Darrell’s comment in segment 2, “Unity isn’t the destination, per se; it is a process of ... surrendering daily to what it means to live for Christ, and the example that he has given us; and receiving the strength that comes from his prayer for us that gets us to this place of unity.” What do you think about this perspective? How might this perspective impact situations where we disagree and there is conflict?
- Jesus prayed for us to experience the same love the Father has for the Son. Darrell called it “That eternal, unbreakable love—that unconditional and transformative love.” How does it impact your faith to know that Jesus prayed for you to experience that love and to see his glory?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[1 Corinthians 12:12-30](#), [John 15:5](#), [Acts 2:44-46](#), [1 Corinthians 1:10](#), [Galatians 3:26-29](#), [Philippians 2:3-5](#), [Ephesians 4:32](#), [Romans 12:18](#)

CONCLUSION

As they close the episode, Scott and Darrell discuss three ways we can be part of God's answer to Jesus' High Priestly Prayer:

1. Pray for others with specificity.
2. Practice forgiveness.
3. Build bridges across differences.

Are you already doing any of these well? Where can you grow? What is the Holy Spirit stirring in you?

Remember, we do not do this on our own. We do this by God's grace, and it is his love flowing through us that transforms hearts and relationships.

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