

First Baptist Church Merritt Island  
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IN THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER  
Jesus is Praying for Us – Part Two  
John 17

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This morning, we are concluding a 6-week series on prayer from the life of Jesus. We've looked at what Jesus says about being persistent and persevering in prayer. We've studied what He taught about fasting and the role it plays in our prayer lives. Last week, we looked at the longest recorded prayer of Jesus and learned 5 priorities for prayer as Jesus prayed for us.

And, as our series on prayer comes to a close, I have felt led to use this final week of the series to pray together as a church family. We don't want to be people who talk about prayer more than we actually pray. I literally want us to practice what we've preached.

So, let me remind you of the first lesson we learned from Jesus in His School of Prayer. We looked at the model prayer Jesus gave us in the Sermon on the Mount.

*Matthew 6:9–13*

*Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread, 12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

What we learned from the Lord's prayer is a PATTERN FOR HOW TO PRAY. And the specific pattern I shared with you was something I've borrowed from author and teacher, Daniel Henderson (Strategic Renewal).

- Prayer looks *upward* in reverence to who God is – *Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name.*
  - Seeing who He is and wanting Him to be glorified in our lives. That's where worship and praise and thanksgiving happen.
- Prayer moves *downward* in response to God – *Your Kingdom come, your will be done.*
  - This is where we trust Him and claim His promises. This is where we align our lives with His Kingdom agenda and submit to His will.
- Prayer moves *inward* to request that God supply our needs according to His will. – *Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors.*
  - We ask Him to strengthen us with daily bread for the resources we need to live for His glory and for the things we need to live in loving relationships with others.
- Prayer moves *outward* by asking God for readiness as we face the spiritual battle that awaits us each day. - *lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*
  - This how we lean into God for the grace and strength to avoid the traps of temptation and sin as we go about our lives.

That's the pattern of prayer Jesus gives us. And that pattern is enough to equip you to have a thriving and powerful life of prayer. If you will simply open your Bible every day and read a passage of Scripture with that pattern in mind, you'll find a whole new life of prayer opened to you.

And the passage of Scripture we are going to pray from today is the passage we studied last week, the prayer of Jesus in John 17.

### **John 17**

**When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. 6 “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. 20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”**

Upward – What does this passage say about God?

### **John 17:1-3**

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- He is our Father who is worthy of Glory.
- Jesus is the King who has all authority.
- Through Jesus the Son, God gives eternal life to those who trust in Him.
  - Praise Him for using His power to save you from your sin. Thank Him for adopting you as His child.

Downward – How should I respond to the truth in this text?

**2-6 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do...**

**6 “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.**

- Ask that God’s Kingdom would expand into the lives of people who need to trust in Jesus for eternal life.
- Ask Him to use you to make Jesus known to the people in your life.
- Surrender your life to God’s will as it’s been made clear in God’s word.

Inward – What should we ask God to do in us and for us?

**17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.**

- Ask God to make you more like Jesus.

**20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one,**

- Ask God to fill you with all you need to live in unity with other believers – grace, forgiveness, patience.

Outward - What resistance will we face today in a broken and sinful world?

**15 do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.**

- Where in your life do you see the enemy of God trying to attack or destroy the work of God in your life? Pray for the power of Jesus to overcome the work of the evil one.

Let’s begin our time of prayer with a song that expresses our heart in prayer to God...”*Lord, I need you*”.