

PRAYER TIME

Psalms
40:1-4
Wait Patiently
On the
Lord!

LET'S PRAY

MY REDEEMER LIVES BAPTIST CHURCH

(Praying Like Jesus)
Jesus Prayed for
His Disciples.
John 17:9-26

BIBLE STUDY



JESUS PRAYED FOR HIS DISCIPLES

The prayer Jesus prayed in John 17 has been called the "high priestly prayer," but it could be also called "The Lord's Prayer." (The prayer commonly known as The Lord's Payer in Matthew 6 would be better labeled "The Disciples Prayer, since that is the model, we are to pray.)

The prayer in John 17 Jesus prayed for his disciples (and for us). Jesus prayed for the ones he was most invested in. His practice affirms our natural inclination to pray for those closets to us. It echoes almost every element of the model prayer in Matthew 6. Jesus's prayer can show us how to pray for others.

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JESUS PRAYE DISCIPLES

Jesus prays for our Perseverance as Christians

(John 17:11,15,24)

Living the Christian life is hard.
How many people do you know
that were once active and
faithful followers of Christ, but
now have drifted away?

What are so of the reasons (excuses) do they give you for drifting away?

JESUS PRAYED
FOR
HIS DISCIPLES

Jesus Prays for Our Unity

(17:11,21-23)

Twenty centuries of church history demonstrates the importance of this prayer. Why is unity so important?

It improves our witness to a watching world; it brings us together as on to accomplish God's purpose.



JESUS PRAYED FOR HIS DISCIPLES

Jesus prays for Our spiritual satisfaction

(John 17:13)

Struggle and suffering attend the faithful Christian life, and this makes Jesus' prayer for joy that much more important. As Augustine is often quoted as saying, "We are restless until we find our rest in God." Jesus prays for the fullness of our joy— that it may completely satisfy us---a joy overflowing, running over kind of thing.

Do you have this kind of joy?

Do you seek this kind of joy?

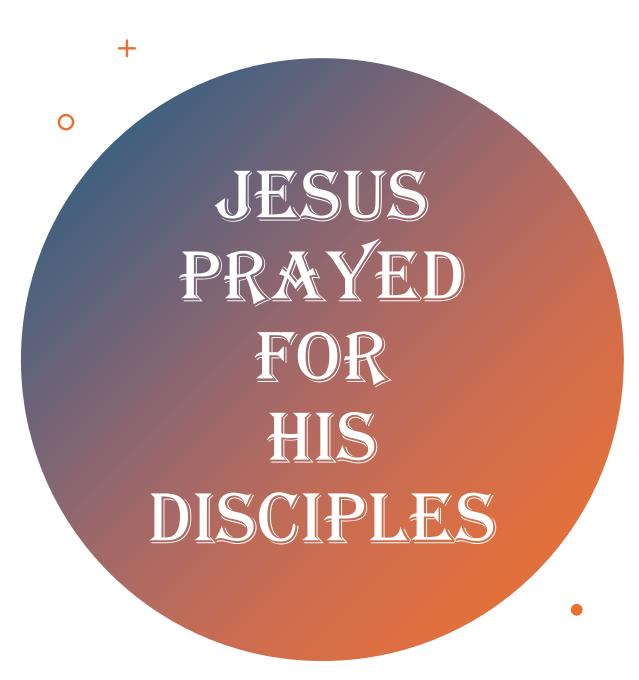
JESUS PRAYED FOR HIS DISCIPLES

Jesus prays for our growth in personal holiness.

(John 17:17)

We have not yet arrived where we should be in our walk with Christ. Sanctification is that process of making us saints. **PBPGINFWMY**; Please be patient God is not finish with ne yet.

We have imputed righteousness---we are declared Holy through Christ's saving work, but we need imparted righteousness through the cleansing and character development of the Holy Spirit's work within us. Thus, Jesus prays for this process to run its course and accomplish its full effect.



Jesus prays for our witness to those who are not yet Christians.

(John 17:20, Matt.28:16-20, Acts 1:8)

His prayer is that we will fulfill his marching orders to go into the entire world to make disciples of all nations.

We are blessed to be a blessing to others. So, he prays, "I pray not only for these, but also for those who believe in Me through their message.(John 17:20)

Are we doing what God has instructed us to do as believers?

Are we obeying his will?

HOMEWORK SCRIPTURE / MEMORIZATION

Last week

Psalms 100:1

"Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth."

Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

NEXT

Praying Like Jesus
(Jesus continues to Pray for Us)
Hebrews 7:25