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INTRODUCTION

*Our Father in heaven. Hallowed
be Your Name. Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as it
is in heaven (Matthew 6:9–10).*

Most Christians and even many sinners know the words in our opening verse. These famous words are the beginning of what many in the world know as “The Lord’s Prayer.”

In Matthew 6, we find the disciples asking Jesus how to pray, and what we know as the Lord’s Prayer was the example Jesus gave them when He said:

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen (Matthew 6:9–13).

There have been countless sermons and books teaching, dissecting, and expounding on the Lord's Prayer. I've seen the prayer posted in churches, funeral homes, and hospitals; I have even heard it prayed before sporting events.

As wonderful as this prayer is, there is another prayer Jesus prayed that we have on record. In John 17, we find Jesus praying in the upper room right before His betrayal and arrest in the garden of Gethsemane. Unfortunately, the only thing people know about this time was that Jesus and the disciples were sitting around a table and having the Last Supper.

Although we know Jesus spent numerous hours in prayer with the Father, this prayer is the only time we get to hear exactly what was said in one of Jesus' actual prayer times. In my opinion, THIS is the Lord's prayer, and you find the substance of Matthew 6:9–13 in Jesus' prayer in the upper room, except it is expanded upon and filled with life-changing, new covenant truths. Jesus' prayer in Matthew 6 was an old covenant prayer; Jesus' prayer in John 17 was a prophetic, new covenant prayer founded in grace and union with the Father. If there ever was a prayer in the Bible to be preached, taught, dissected, and expounded upon, it is the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus found in John 17:

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom

You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those

whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. 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. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may

be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

I am so thankful the Holy Spirit gave us this prayer. Not only do we see the heart of Jesus and His commitment to the plan of God, but we also discover

priceless truths regarding our union and identity with Christ. In this prayer, we find Jesus declaring many of the wonderful, redemptive realities that He would later reveal to the apostle Paul, and as a result, they're given to us in the Pauline Epistles. In reality, Jesus prophetically prayed out the entire Christian experience.

In this prayer, we discover the purpose of salvation from the beginning to the end. Jesus prayed out our purpose for being on the earth, our position and fellowship with the Father, healing, financial prosperity, supernatural protection, supernatural encounters, and eventually our physically being with Him once again.

Jesus' prayer in John 17 is amazing and filled with nuggets of revelation. In verses 1–8, we find Jesus talking to God about Himself. Jesus revealed His purpose for coming to the earth and the true meaning of eternal life. Jesus also petitioned God to restore to Him the greater glory He had before He came to the earth. In Philippians 2:7–8, the apostle Paul said that Jesus laid aside the glory He had in Heaven when coming to the earth. We know that Jesus walked as a man anointed by God, so this reveals the glory Jesus

walked in on the earth was less than what He had in Heaven (see Acts 10:38). If Jesus came to take Adam's place as a man, then He would have to walk in the same anointing Adam had as a man.

In verses 9–26, we find Jesus talking to God about us. It is in this passage that we basically find a concise summary of what the Christian experience is all about. Thank God, we have the Epistles, but if all we had was Jesus' prayer in John 17, we would have the starting point for understanding (1) redemption, (2) the staggering reality of our union with Christ, and (3) the foundation for living a supernatural life on the earth.

I have spent the better part of the last eighteen years studying and meditating on the words Jesus prayed and am continuing to grasp at these marvelous truths. There are truths in this prayer we must grab hold of so that we can walk in the fullness of God in us and represent Him with perfection to the world.

Jesus' prayer in John 17 reveals the heartbeat of Jesus and the plan of God for our lives under the covenant of grace. I personally believe the words Jesus prayed in John 17 were the most important words

Jesus spoke on the earth. The teaching we find in John 13–16 took place in the upper room and is filled with the deepest teachings Jesus gave regarding union with God, the love of God, and the Holy Spirit’s working in our lives. Jesus crowned these last moments with the disciples by praying and prophetically declaring new creation realities that had been in the heart of the Father before the foundation of the world.

Jesus came to the earth not only to die for us, but to pray this prayer for us. This was Jesus praying out the will of God so that God could perform His Word!

Jesus always gets His prayers answered, and John 17 was answered as well. The things Jesus prayed were of the utmost importance to Him, and if they were important to Him, they need to be important to us. Legally, this prayer was fulfilled and provided for all; however, just as with salvation and all the realities of redemption, we must lay hold of these realities and renew our minds to them so they can be real in our lives.

I'm still in awe that in over two thousand years, very little has been taught on this prayer. However, I believe in this last, great move of God on the earth, the true sons and daughters of God will finally walk in the fullness of what Jesus prayed—not because God was holding out, but because we dared to expand our souls and, by faith, see ourselves the way God sees us in Christ.

Uniting man and God again was at the forefront of Jesus' thoughts. This purpose of unification propelled Him on the earth so that the life of God would once again flow in and through man, and fellowship with God would be completely restored.

The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus was a supernatural, prophetic prayer for us. In the Old Testament, we see that one of the responsibilities of the High Priest was to pray to God on behalf of the people. Just as the priests of the old covenant did for the people, Jesus was doing for us. As we go through this supernatural prayer of Jesus for us, allow the Holy Spirit to give you fresh revelation and insight into every request that Jesus made of the Father. May every prayer that we

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pray open our eyes to our union with Christ. May we understand all that He has done for us, all that He is doing in us, and all He is endeavoring to do through us.

Chapter 1

“I PRAY FOR THEM”

I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours (John 17:9).

It's staggering to think that as Jesus was hours away from being brutally beaten and tortured, He was praying for me and praying for you. Jesus would not only be tortured physically, but He was taunted by the demonic forces of hell. One can only imagine the jeers, the insults and foul things being flung his way from satan's army. King David saw into the spirit and prophetically declared the sufferings of Christ in Psalm 22.

I'm surrounded by many violent foes like bulls; forces of evil encircle me like the strong bulls of Bashan. Like ravenous, roaring lions tearing their prey, they pour curses from their mouths. Now I'm completely exhausted. Every joint of my body has been pulled apart. My courage has melted away. I'm so thirsty and parched. My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. And now you lay me in the dust of death. They have pierced my hands and my feet. Like a pack of wild dogs they tear at me, swirling around me with their hatred. A band of evil men surrounds me. I can count all my bones. Look at how they gloat over me and stare! (vv. 12–17 TPT).

Jesus knew what awaited Him. He knew the physical torture of the cross. He knew the spiritual torment that was coming His way. Jesus knew the ultimate punishment would be the separation from the Father, and through that sweat mingled with blood began to ooze out His pores. Despite what lay ahead of Jesus, we were on His mind.

Jesus knew that the disciples were His responsibility. Why? Because the disciples were God’s property, but He had given them to Jesus not only to be their Shepherd, but also to be God’s steward over them.

Right here we see the vitally important role of the pastor at work. My wife, Lacy, and I started two churches and pastored for fifteen years. I know what it is like to see people come and go. I know what it is like to have church members come to you with life and death situations. I know what it is like being alerted by the Holy Spirit and spending hours praying in the Spirit for a church member going through an attack.

In my fifteen years as a pastor, I took my position seriously. I understood the authority I had in the lives of those who had submitted themselves to me. As a result, I never had a church member die of a disease in all our fifteen years of pastoring. I have done many funerals over the years, but in fifteen years, I only conducted two funerals that were for my own people: one died of old age and the other died of a stress-induced heart attack in the middle of the night. There is a level of authority available to the pastor that I don’t think

we have realized. If we were walking in this revelation, there would be more honor given to the pastor by the people in their respective churches. The people wouldn't get so easily offended and leave because they didn't get their way.

Most Christians don't realize that when God sends them to a church, it is not only because they have a God-given supply for that church, but also God has a God-given supply for them through their pastor and the other members of the body there.

Jesus took His responsibility of caring for, protecting, and growing the disciples very seriously. He recognized that He was the steward of God's property, and because the disciples were God's property, they were extremely valuable. We will see later on that Jesus was able to intercede on behalf of those who were submitted to Him. The one to whom you submit yourself becomes your master!

While Jesus was praying in the upper room, He was not only preparing to step into His role as our Savior, He was also preparing to step into His role as our great High Priest and Intercessor! Jesus was

praying for us then and is still praying for us now as Hebrews 7:24–25 tells us:

But Jesus permanently holds his priestly office, since he lives forever and will never have a successor! So he is able to save fully from now throughout eternity, everyone who comes to God through him, because he lives to pray continually for them (TPT).

We all have been in hard times and longed for someone to pray for us. However, even if we couldn't find anyone, how wonderful it has been to know that Jesus has been praying for us. In fact, Jesus lives to pray continually for us! Think about the times you have asked someone to pray for you and how it brought some measure of comfort. It has always meant the world to me when I hear some of our partners tell us what and how they have been praying for us. Occasionally, I may receive a text from friends letting me know they are praying for me. I don't know about you, but that blesses me! Yet, how much more should it bless us and encourage us that *Jesus is always praying for us?*

Jesus lives to pray for us. Jesus as our Intercessor is not just a job title or responsibility; it is something He lives to do. The word *lives* is the Greek word *zao* and means to be full of vigor, fresh, strong, powerful, and efficient. This isn't talking about a weak prayer of pity someone says for you. This is talking about someone who is effective and efficient in their praying, like a skilled carpenter who knows how to use his tools. Jesus knows how to pray and get results!

Praying for you is something Jesus wants to do because He loves you and wants to see you fulfill the call of God on your life. He wants to see you prosper in everything that you do. This truth alone should make us take a deep sigh and experience peace even in the midst of the perfect storm! Despite the giants standing in front of you, you should stand tall with a soul full of boldness, knowing that Jesus is praying for your triumph. As the apostle Paul said,

Who then is left to condemn us? Certainly not Jesus, the Anointed One! For he gave his life for us, and even more than that he has

*conquered death and is now risen, exalted,
and enthroned by God at his right hand.
so how could he possibly condemn us since
he is continually praying for our triumph?*
(Romans 8:34 TPT).

Jesus has already won the victory for us. We simply need to be strong in Him and walk it out. In those times when you start to feel weak, stop for a moment and remind yourself that the greatest Intercessor of all is praying for you right then. He is personally representing you to the Father. Jesus knows what you feel and knows what you are going through; He has been there and done that! Jesus was praying for you in the upper room, and He is now praying for you in Heaven!

Now, this is where our praying can get fun and produce great results. Wouldn't you like to get results when you pray? Well, what if we started praying on Earth what Jesus was praying in Heaven? Is that possible? Certainly!

Right before Jesus began to pray in the upper room, He gave the disciples a tremendous teaching about

union. During this time of the Last Supper, Jesus went into His role of prayer in our lives. Jesus said,

I am the sprouting vine and you're my branches. as you live in union with me as your source, fruitfulness will stream from within you—but when you live separated from me you are powerless. If a person is separated from me, he is discarded; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire to be burned. But if you live in life-union with me and if my words live powerfully within you—then you can ask whatever you desire and it will be done. When your lives bear abundant fruit, you demonstrate that you are my mature disciples who glorify my Father! (John 15:5–8 TPT).

Notice verse 7, where Jesus said, “*If you live in life union with me and my words live powerfully within you, then you can ask whatever you desire and it will be done.*” This points to part of Jesus’ role in praying for us. Through our union with Him, His words can flow

powerfully through us. The Holy Spirit can reveal to us the words of Jesus in which to pray and ultimately produce great results. Not only is Jesus praying for us, when we pray what He prays, we will experience tremendous fruit on the earth. Jesus will come into agreement with us in our prayers.

There is another truth to this that I think we have missed out on. During one of Jesus’ teaching times with the disciples, He gave another revelation concerning His role with us in prayer. He said,

Receive this truth: Whatever you forbid on earth will be considered to be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you release on earth will be considered to be released in heaven. Again, I give you an eternal truth: If two of you agree to ask God for something in a symphony of prayer, my heavenly Father will do it for you. For wherever two or three come together in honor of my name, I am right there with them! (Matthew 18:18–20 TPT).

Jesus said that in our time of prayer, He is right there in the middle of it! Jesus unites with us in prayer to bring what we have asked to pass—talk about a prayer partner!

Friend, know that Jesus lives to pray for you. If there is ever a time in which you start to get down and think you are all alone, look at Jesus in the upper room. Look at what He said: “*Father, I pray for those You gave Me.*” You are the personal property of Jesus Christ, and one of His responsibilities as High Priest is to continually pray for you. There may be times when it looks like you have a fight on your hands, and no one is in your corner—but rest assured—Jesus is there! Jesus is interceding on your behalf for your victory, and He is there to come into agreement with you concerning the desires of your heart.

PRAYER

Father, thank You that You gave Jesus to not only be my Savior, but also to be my personal Intercessor. Jesus, thank You for praying for me; I draw strength from Your prayers, and by faith, I come into agreement with what

“I Pray for Them”

You are praying. Holy Spirit, I ask You to reveal to me how to align my prayers with Jesus so that I pray what He prays.

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