

## **“Jesus Prays for the Church”**

*John 17:20-26*  
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### **1. Jesus prays for the unity of the church (20-23; cf Acts 2:41-47)**

*“I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one, even 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 sent Me”*

### **2. Jesus prays for the glory of the church (24: cf. 14:3; Matthew 17:2)**

*“Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me”*

*“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, and being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit” (2 Corinthians 3:18)*

*“His head and His hair were white like wool...His eyes were like the flame of fire...out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength” (Revelation 1:14, 16)*

*“He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless” (Ephesians 5:27)*

*“When Christ, Who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory” (Colossians 3:4)*

### **3. Jesus prays for the charity of the church (25-26)**

*“O Righteous Father...I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them”*

*“You loved Me before the foundation of the world” (24)*

*“the Father Himself loves you because you have loved Me” (16:27)*

*“I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love (15:10)*

*“He who loves Me will be loved by My Father (14:21)*

*“love one another even as I have loved you” (13:34)*