

Between Heaven & Earth

John 17:1-26

In his high priestly prayer, Jesus prayed that he would glorify God with his life and death (1-5). He prayed his disciples would stay faithful and pursue holiness (6-19). He prayed future believers would experience unity in the present and heaven in the future (20-26). In so doing, Jesus provided a model for intercessory prayer.

☐ **Jesus prayed for himself (1-5)**

- **Purpose:** May my life accomplish your purpose and bring you glory

☐ **Jesus prayed for his disciples (6-19)**

Knowing his departure is imminent, Jesus is concerned about his disciples (6-11a)

- **Security:** May you keep them in your name (11b)

That they may experience unity (11b)

That they may have joy (13)

Protect them while they live in enemy territory (14-16)

- **Purity:** May your word keep them holy (17-19)

God's Word is central to growth in holiness (17)

Holiness is needed for the mission (18)

☐ **Jesus prayed for future disciples (20-26)**

- **Unity:** May they experience unity (21-23)

Unity is central to evangelism (21b, 23)

- **Glory:** May they join me in heaven (24-26)

☐ **Intercessory Prayer**

When you pray for others, pray that they will:

- Accomplish God's purpose and bring him glory
- Remain loyal to Christ
- Practice holiness
- Maintain unity
- Look forward to receiving glory in heaven