

"I am praying for them.
I am not praying for the world
but for those you have given me,
for they are yours. (John 17: 9)
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This month let's learn from our Savior's intercessory prayer. Let's follow His clear pattern as we pray for our brothers and sisters, both near and far.

The High Priestly Prayer

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.

*ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS,
we should be praying with Jesus
for all people everywhere,
that they will have the opportunity
to know God through Jesus.*



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.

*Pray for God's people,
that they will continue
to obey God's 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.



*Remember to pray for fellow believers
throughout the world.*

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.

*Pray for the unity of all believers.
Pray especially for those in China, Iran, Turkey,
Syria, Iraq, India, North Korea and West
Africa, where persecution is strongest.*

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.

*Pray for believers, that God will hold them
close to Himself through His Word and
through His Spirit.*

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.

Pray for joy in the lives of all believers.

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.

Pray for God's protection
over every believer
as He protects 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.

Pray that believers
will
be sanctified
by the Holy Spirit
and
God's Truth.



18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

Believers are sent into the world
with the Good News of Jesus.
Pray that they will be faithful.

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.

Pray that believers will be
challenged and encouraged,
for they have been
given the Gospel message
for the whole world.

22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,

Pray for living a united
witness of shared love
among all believers
before the world.

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.

Pray that the resurrection glory
of Jesus will be both
an encouragement
and a challenge
for believers everywhere.

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."

Pray that God's Love
will overflow the hearts
of all believers
and spread Gospel seeds
in every country
of the world.

