

The Second Lord's Prayer  
John 17  
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Introduction: Though most are familiar with the Lord's prayer He prayed in order to instruct the disciples how to pray, not many are as familiar with another prayer Christ prayed to prepare, protect and propel His disciples to fulfill His mission as He was departing for the Cross.

1. A Supper, A Sendoff, A Farwell, and A Prayer John 13-16

Preparing His disciples, Christ sat with them at the Last Supper. Immediately after the Supper, He washed their feet, in preparation for the mission that they as His disciples would be sent on. After washing their feet, Jesus broke the news to them that He would be leaving them. They were concerned and had several questions. After answering their questions, Jesus prayed and cried out to the Heavenly Father in their behalf. His prayer was not only for them but serves as a model for all of us to receive, embrace and repeat in our own prayer lives as we carry out this second Lord's Prayer (the first being the familiar, "Our Father which art in Heaven...").

2. John's Constant Quote of Jesus, "Do You Believe"

The backdrop for Jesus' prayer is John's constant theme, in following and quoting Jesus. John highlighted the Lord's constant challenge to those who were attracted to Him and followed Him, "Do you believe Me?" The prayer of Jesus would center on those who believe Him, those who would be sent to challenge others to believe, and the oneness of those who believe with the One that they believe in.

3. What Do You Finally Pray?

The occasion of Jesus' prayer at His departure raises the question, "What do You pray for those You are leaving?" Further, "What do You pray for those who have believed in You?" Finally, "What do you pray in order to stay connected with the One You are going to and with those You are leaving?"

4. Before and In Behalf of the Disciples, Christ Cried Out to the Father v. 1

As with the first Lord's Prayer, Christ prayed in front of His disciples. He does not depart into another place as He often did. No doubt, as with the first Lord's Prayer, He wanted them to know that His prayer and follow His prayer. At this occasion, it is additionally noted that Christ cried out as He prayed to the Heavenly Father. Perhaps, this prayer is especially critical because of the Lord's impending departure.

## 5. The Seven-Fold Prayer of Christ as a Model for Us

As a prayer for us, Christ's prayer also raises important themes for us to live out and emulate as we continue to pray today, echoing the prayer that He cried out unto the Heavenly Father that day. His cry continues to ring through our lives and prayers today. AS YOU PRAY...pray with Jesus the prayer He prayed before going to the Cross.

### a. That Christ Would be Glorified by the Father vs. 2-5

Christ was God eternal, walking and dwelling on earth. People around saw Him and knew Him. People today know Him as a person of history. But, Christ be known as the Son of God, God Himself, the third Person of the Divine Trinity. Oh that we and the whole earth would praise Him. AS YOU PRAY...lift Him up, glorify Him!

### b. That We Would Keep the Word vs. 6-8

Christ spoke His Word so that we might receive and be blessed. Christ's Word is a divine deposit within us that should be kept and not wasted. Christ's Word created the world. His Word spoke Lazarus from the grave. His Word declared it is finished on the cross. And, His Word will keep us as we keep His Word. AS YOU PRAY...pray that we would keep His Word.

### c. That Christ Would be Glorified in Us vs. 9-10

The glory of the Lord shines and works through us. People will know the glory of the Lord as we become a means of transmission of His glory. Believing in Christ makes us a receiver of His glory within us. And, He is further glorified as He dwells within us. AS YOU PRAY...pray that Christ would be glorified in us.

### d. That We May Be One as Christ and the Father Are One vs. 11-12

All of Christ's prayer is especially enhanced by this portion of the prayer. If the believer's can be one, Christ will be glorified in a much greater way, the power of the Word will be that much stronger, the joy of the believer will be enriched, evil will be defeated, the Body will be sanctified, and the witness of Christ will reach even more to the lost. AS YOU PRAY...pray that we would be one as the Father and Son are One.

### e. That Our Joy in Christ Would be Fulfilled v. 13

Christ did not just pray that believers would make it all the way to the end. He also prayed that the journey would be a joyous one. The joy of the

Christian is not dependent on circumstances or other persons. Christ has already made provision for our joy, the fulfilling of joy. Our joy is as strong as Christ's prayer. AS YOU PRAY...pray that Christ's joy may be fulfilled in us.

f. That We Would Be Kept from Evil and Be Sanctified vs. 14-19

Sanctification can be such a struggle sometimes. Sin and evil are definitely the enemy trying to rob us of our prayer life and power in Christ. What an assurance, Christ has and continues to intercede for our protection from evil. He has and continues to pray that we would be filled with the sanctifying power of God. AS YOU PRAY...pray that we would be kept from evil and sanctified by the Lord.

g. That We Would Be a Witness of Christ vs. 20-26

The bottom line is one of mission. Christ was fulfilling His mission by going to the Cross. He was praying that the mission and message of the Cross would be spread through us. AS YOU PRAY... pray that we would be a people sent on a mission, the mission of being a witness of Christ's love, power and forgiveness.

6. Five-Fold Parallels of Power in Both of the Lord's Prayers (Matthew 6:9-13)

- a. In the first prayer, the Lord prayed, "Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name." In the second prayer, He prayed, "That the Father's glory would be manifest in the Son." IN OUR PRAYER WE PRAY...God be glorified.
- b. In the first prayer, the Lord prayed, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." In the second prayer, He prayed, "That Christ would be glorified in us." IN OUR PRAYER WE PRAY...Lord be glorified in us.
- c. In the first prayer, the Lord prayed, "Deliver us from evil." In the second prayer He prayed, "Keep them from evil and sanctify them." IN OUR PRAYER WE PRAY...Lord overcome evil and purify us.
- d. In the first prayer, the Lord prayed, "Give us our daily bread." In the second prayer, the Lord prayed, "That they may keep My Word." IN OUR PRAYER WE PRAY...Lord may we keep Thy Word hid in our hearts."
- e. In the first prayer, the Lord prayed, "Forgive us as we forgive others." In the second prayer, He prayed, "May they be a witness of Me." IN OUR

PRAYER WE PRAY...Lord, help us to show Your forgiveness toward others as we forgive them.

Closing: Join the Lord in prayer for You are never alone when you pray. You are never one voice when you pray. His voice is praying in Heaven with you, the voice...

that spoke creation into existence,  
that beckoned the disciples to follow Him,  
that taught from the Mount,  
that broke the bread of life,  
that healed the lame, blind, possessed, sick and diseased,  
that called for the fishes and loaves,  
that commanded peace over the storm,  
that raised the dead,  
that forgave the adulterer,  
that finished it on the Cross,  
that will call for His Bride to arise, living or dead,  
that one day will send the Sword of victory to a world in Tribulation,  
that one day will sentence the Devil to hell forever;  
and that will one day welcome you to eternal joys in heaven  
is the voice that is crying out with you AS YOU PRAY.