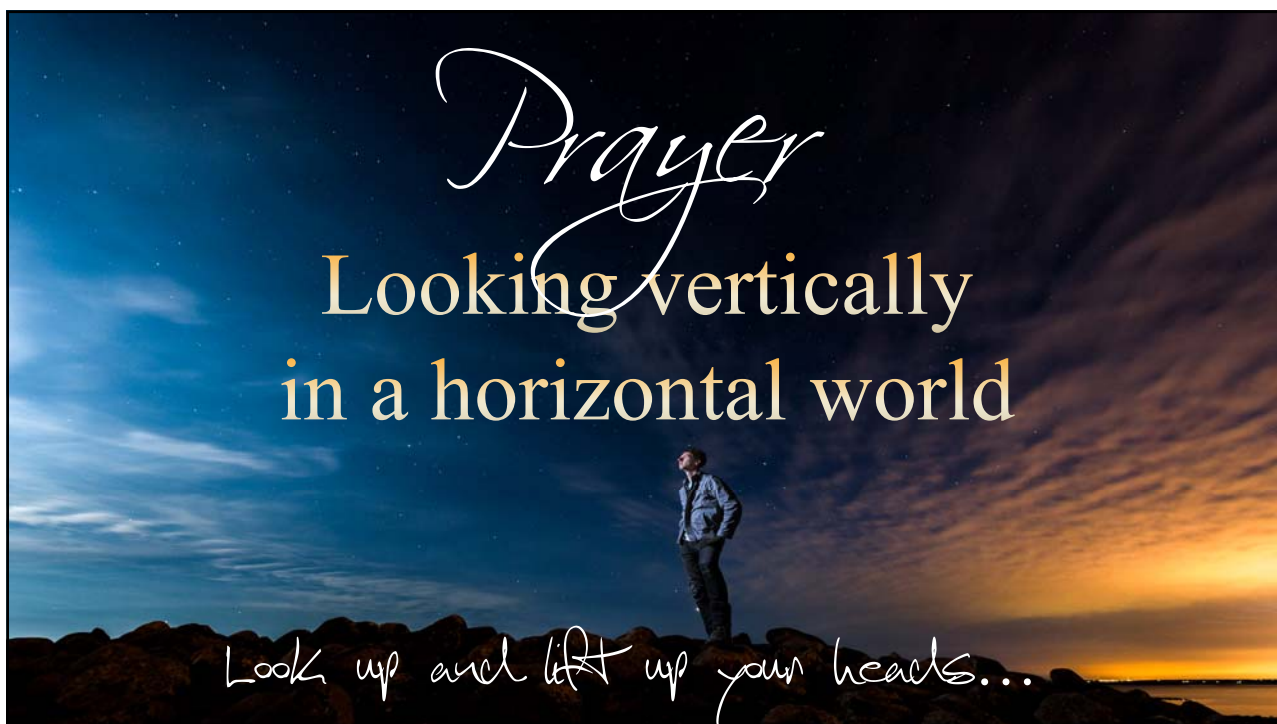




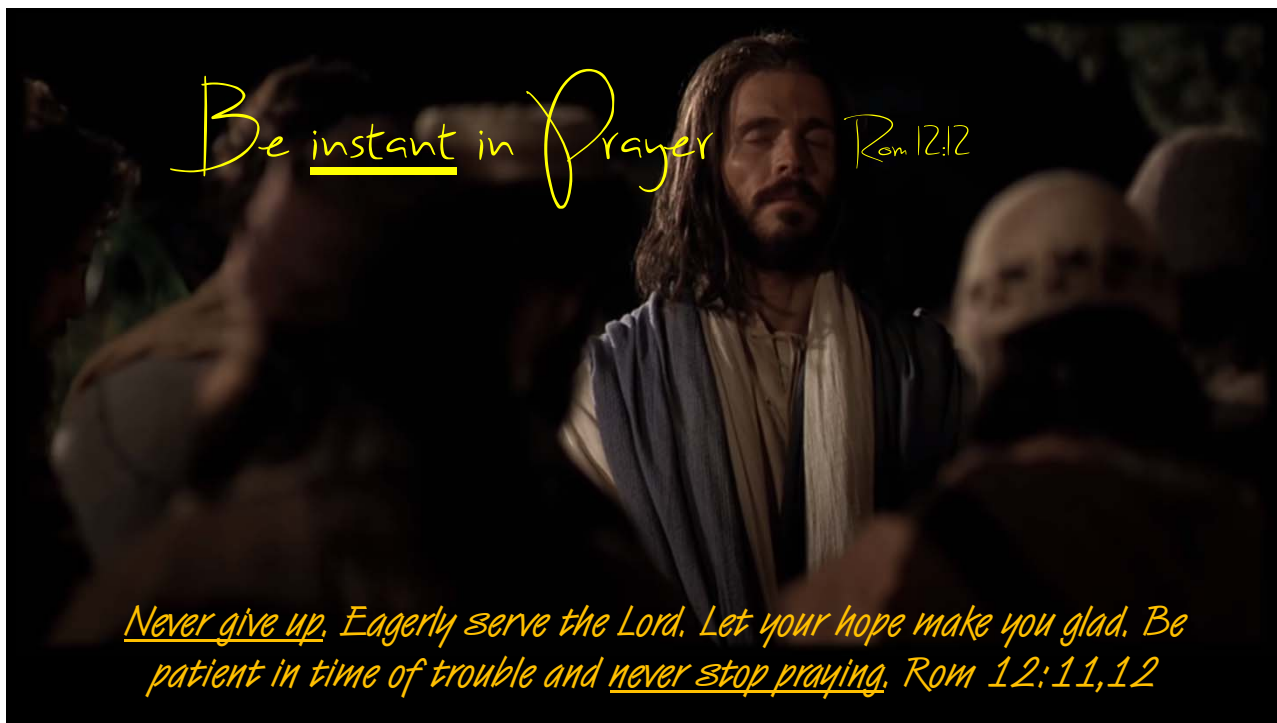
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"What will we do in the midnight of our need when the light of life is gone, when our personal cupboards are despairingly bare? If we have often come to God in the sunshine of our lives, our anxious feet will find the familiar pathway even in the darkness of night.

"You SHALL have tribulation" (16:33)

Though blinded by disaster, though hounded and hindered by doubt, though confused by life which seems out of hand, we can find our way to God intuitively because going to Him has become 2nd nature, a way of life"

Let me grieve, but not forever pg 7.

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The hour...

Jn 2:4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee?
mine hour is not yet come.

7:30 They sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because
his hour was not yet come.

8:20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple:
and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.

12:23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

12:27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

13:1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father

17:1 Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee

And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem Lk 9:51

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Christ's focus & Aspiration I go unto my Father...

13:1 "When Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father...

v3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God:

14:12 I will do greater works than these ...because I go unto my Father.

14:28 If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father

16:10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

16:16 A little while, and ye shall not see me.. because I go to the Father.

16:17 What is this that he saith unto us... Because I go to the Father?

16:28 I came forth from the Father... I leave the world, and go to the Father.

20:17 Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

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A dominant theme I go unto my Father...

In fact there are 53 references
to his Father in these 5 chpts!

15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the **Father** in my name, he may give it you.

15:23 He that hateth me hateth my **Father** also.

15:24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my **Father**.

15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the **Father**, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the **Father**, he shall testify of me:

16:3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the **Father**, nor me.

16:10 Of righteousness, because I go to my **Father**, and ye see me no more;

16:15 All things that the **Father** hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

I have set my right hand always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, & my glory rejoices, my flesh also shall rest in hope, for thou wilt not leave my soul in hell;

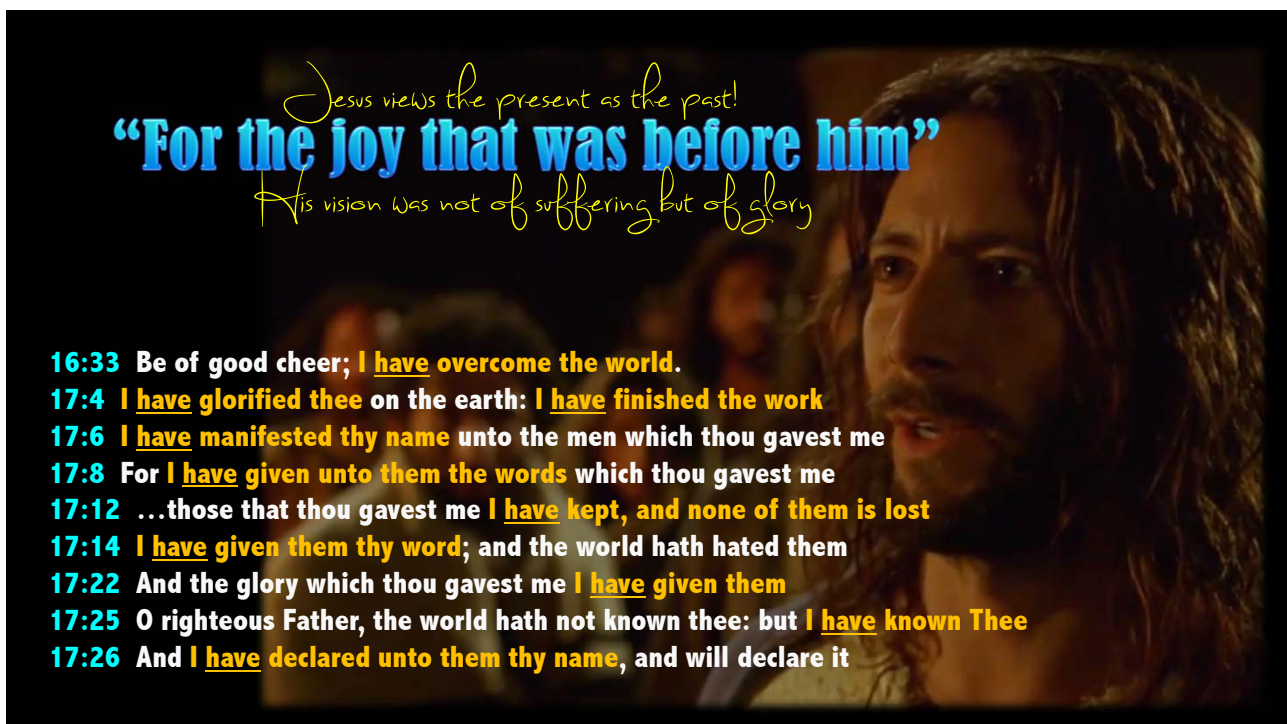
16:16 A little while, and ye shall not see me, and ye shall see me, because I go to the **Father**.

16:17 Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me, and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, and because he goeth to the **Father**.

16:23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the **Father** in my name, he will give it you.

16:25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs.

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Jesus views the present as the past!
“For the joy that was before him”
His vision was not of suffering but of glory

16:33 Be of good cheer; **I have overcome the world.**
17:4 **I have glorified thee** on the earth: **I have finished the work**
17:6 **I have manifested thy name** unto the men which thou gavest me
17:8 For **I have given unto them the words** which thou gavest me
17:12 ...those that thou gavest me **I have kept, and none of them is lost**
17:14 **I have given them thy word**; and the world hath hated them
17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me **I have given them**
17:25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but **I have known Thee**
17:26 And **I have declared unto them thy name**, and will declare it

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Simple in structure.
And profound in its depth

He prays...

For the Glory of God (1-5)
For his Apostles (6-19)
For his Brothers and Sisters (20-26)

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Simple in structure. Profound in its depth.

"There is no redundancy of language, no ornamental periphrasis, no effort to amplify or impress, no attempt at style, no tragic emphasis, no grandiloquence of any kind, but the simple utterance of great and powerful thought and fact"

Bro Roberts (Nazareth Revisited).



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"He lifted up his eyes"

Yahweh said to Abram, after Lot was separated from him, **Lift up now thine eyes**, and look from the place where thou art **Gen 13:14**

Get thee up into the top of Nebo, and **lift up thine eyes** westward and northward **Deut 3:27**

I will **lift up mine eyes** unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from Yahweh, which made heaven and earth. **Ps 121:1**

Jesus **lifted up his eyes**, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me **Jn 11:41**

Distressing conflict

- Joyful promise of hope

The end of life in a barren desert

- Fruitful inheritance

Surrounded by the enemy

- Encircled by Angels

The sorrowful death of Lazarus

- Power of resurrection



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Looking beyond the present

v1 the hour has come, **glorify** thy Son, that thy Son also may **glorify** thee

v4 I have **glorified** thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

v5 And now, O Father, **glorify** thou me with thine own self with the **glory** which I had with thee before the world was

Rom 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

1Pet 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed.

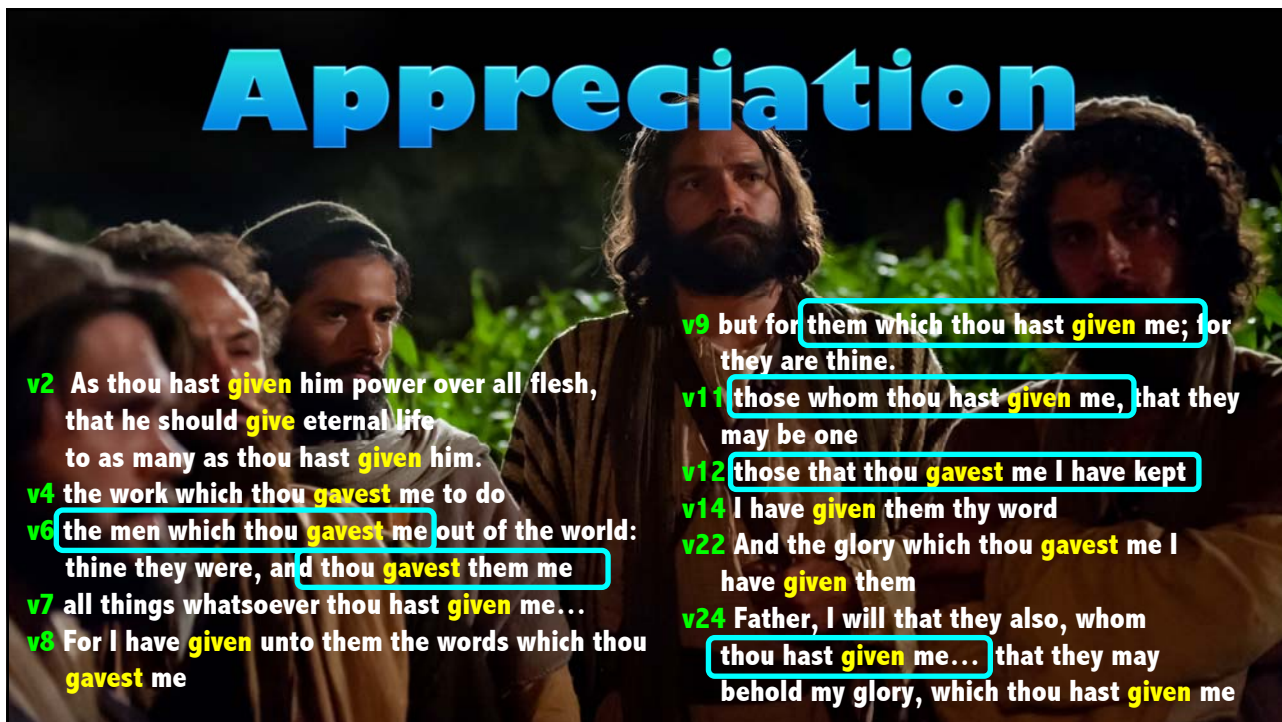
Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.



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Appreciation

v2 As thou hast **given** him power over all flesh, that he should **give** eternal life to as many as thou hast **given** him.

v4 the work which thou **gavest** me to do

v6 the men which thou **gavest** me out of the world: thine they were, and thou **gavest** them me

v7 all things whatsoever thou hast **given** me...

v8 For I have **given** unto them the words which thou **gavest** me

v9 but for them which thou hast **given** me; for they are thine.

v11 those whom thou hast **given** me, that they may be one

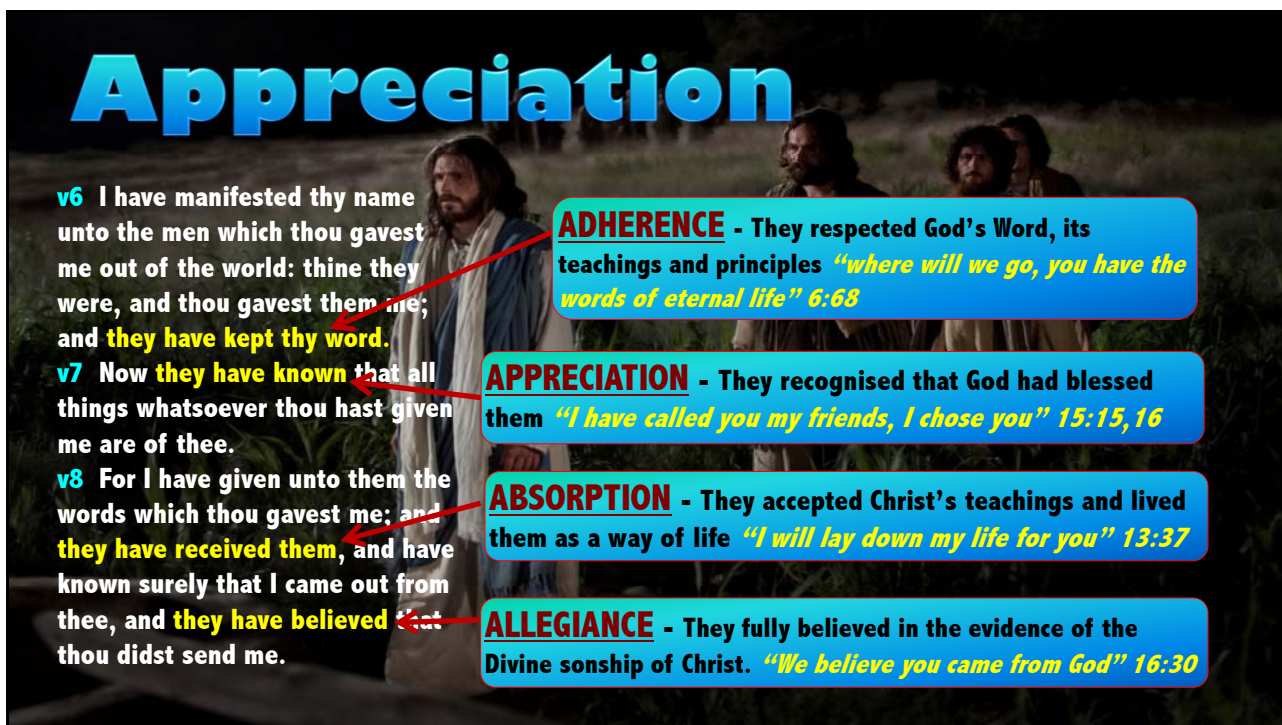
v12 those that thou **gavest** me I have kept

v14 I have **given** them thy word

v22 And the glory which thou **gavest** me I have **given** them

v24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast **given** me... that they may behold my glory, which thou hast **given** me

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Appreciation

v6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and **they have kept thy word.**

v7 Now **they have known** that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

v8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and **they have received them**, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and **they have believed** that thou didst send me.

ADHERENCE - They respected God's Word, its teachings and principles *"where will we go, you have the words of eternal life" 6:68*

APPRECIATION - They recognised that God had blessed them *"I have called you my friends, I chose you" 15:15,16*

ABSORPTION - They accepted Christ's teachings and lived them as a way of life *"I will lay down my life for you" 13:37*

ALLEGIANCE - They fully believed in the evidence of the Divine sonship of Christ. *"We believe you came from God" 16:30*

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Appreciation

for all our brothers and sisters

Some are “fed up” with meetings, some feel we are too rigid in the format of the meetings; for others, we are too loose and casual. Some wish talks were longer, some want them to be shorter. Some want to dress casually, some desire more formality of dress. Some feel we are unemotional and cold; some desire more decorum and restraint. Some feel we are too rigid in our definition of fellowship boundaries; for others we aren't rigid enough...

How can we please everyone? **In the end, the ecclesia you're in is the one God has given you as a gift, and to which God has given you as their gift.** So we do the best we can, where we are, learning to appreciate the blessings we enjoy. **And to thank God in our prayers for the precious gift of their company on the pathway of life, as Christ did in Jn 17:6.**

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Appreciation

for all our brothers and sisters

Phil 1:3-5 I thank my God **upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer** of mine for you all making request with joy **for your fellowship** in the gospel from the first day until now

1Cor 1:4 (Corinth!) I thank my God **always** on your behalf, for the **grace of God which is given you** by Jesus Christ

Eph 1:16 Cease not **to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers**

1Thess 1:2,3 We give thanks to God **always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers...**

Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you... saluteth you, **always labouring fervently for you in prayers**, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God

2Tim 1:2-4 I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience that night and day **I unceasingly remember you in my prayers**

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Praying for others

1Thess 5:25 Brethren, **pray for us.**

Rom 15:30-32 Now I beseech you, brethren... that ye **strive together with me in your prayers to God for me**; that I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea

2Th 3:1-2 Finally, brethren, **pray for us**, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified... And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men

Heb 13:18-19 **Pray for us**, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to conduct ourselves rightly in every respect. **I especially ask you to pray that I may be restored to you very soon.**

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40 Prayers to Pray Over Your Husband

1. A Prayer for You, His Wife
2. A Prayer for Your Husband's Walk
3. A Prayer for Your Husband's Work
4. A Prayer for Your Husband's Talk
5. A Prayer for Your Husband's Faith
6. A Prayer for Your Husband's Mind
7. A Prayer for Your Husband's Attitude
8. A Prayer for Your Husband's Choices
9. A Prayer for Your Husband's Finances
10. A Prayer for Your Husband's Heart
11. A Prayer for Your Husband's Spiritual Hearing
12. A Prayer for Your Husband's Spiritual Eyes
13. A Prayer for Your Husband's Feet
14. A Prayer for Your Marriage
15. A Prayer for Your Husband's Fatherhood
16. A Prayer for Your Husband's Obedience
17. A Prayer for Your Husband's Love
18. A Prayer for Your Husband's Joy
19. A Prayer for Your Husband's Peace
20. A Prayer for Your Husband's Patience
21. A Prayer for Your Husband's Kindness
22. A Prayer for Your Husband's Goodness
23. A Prayer for Your Husband's Faithfulness
24. A Prayer for Your Husband's Self-control
25. A Prayer for Your Husband's Wisdom
26. A Prayer for Your Husband's Integrity
27. A Prayer for Your Husband's Honesty
28. A Prayer for Your Husband's Spiritual Leadership
29. A Prayer for Your Husband's Trust
30. A Prayer for Your Husband's Health
31. A Prayer for Your Husband's Life Example
32. A Prayer for Your Husband's Friends
33. A Prayer for Your Husband's Repentance
34. A Prayer for Your Husband's Protection
35. A Prayer for Your Husband's Courage
36. A Prayer for Your Husband's Humility
37. A Prayer for Your Husband's Emotions
38. A Prayer for Your Husband's Habits
39. A Prayer for Your Husband's Past
40. A Prayer for Your Husband's Future

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“The world” 19x

- v5 with the glory which I had with thee before the **world** was.
 v6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the **world**:
 v9 I pray for them: I pray not for the **world**,
 v11 And now I am no more in the **world**, but these are in the **world**, and I come to thee.
 v12 While I was with them in the **world**, I kept them in thy name:
 v13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the **world**,
 v14 The **world** hath hated them, because they are not of the **world**, even as I am not of the **world**.
 v15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the **world**
 v16 They are not of the **world**, even as I am not of the **world**.
 v18 As thou hast sent me into the **world**, even so have I also sent them into the **world**.
 v21 that the **world** may believe that thou hast sent me.
 v23 and that the **world** may know that thou hast sent me,
 v24 for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the **world**.
 v25 O righteous Father, the **world** hath not known thee

2 main themes = 1Cor 2:12 "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."

25

What does the phrase “through Jesus mean? Are we praying only to Jesus?

“In that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you” (Jn 16:23).

“So that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it you.” (Jn 15:16).

Here, then, is a precept to **ask the Father in the name of Jesus**, which is the **reverse of praying to Christ in the name of the Father**.

Praying to the Father in the name of Jesus, however, is **equivalent in its results** to praying directly to Jesus. This is apparent from the words of Jesus himself, who said to the disciples, “Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, *that will I do*, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, *I will do it*.”

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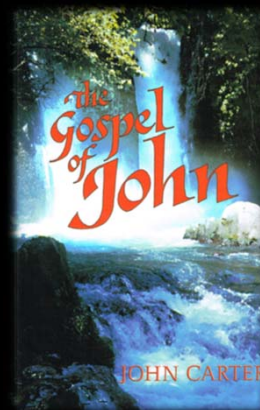
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What does the phrase “through Jesus mean? Are we praying only to Jesus?

“The phrase *“in my name”* (Jn 14:13) here used for the first time, is not a formula to be appended to petitions to secure their acceptance...

“In his name” defines and limits the range and scope of the petitions then in his mind. *“In his name”* is the condition upon which he will do that for which prayer is made... and the mind of the petitioner is regarded as being in harmony with the mind of the Son, since the “works” done through them are the works of the Son.”

Bro John Carter; The Gospel of John, pg 161, 162



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CAN WE PRAY TO CHRIST?

Public prayer should be directed to the Father

Christ's model prayer for the use of his disciples was clearly addressed to the Father.

Matt 6:9-13, Lk 11:1-4

The Lord himself gave specific instruction concerning prayer, in the context of his impending departure to the Father. His unequivocal teaching was that they should pray directly to the Father in his name. **Jn 14:13-14, 15:16, 16:23-28.**

There is not one place in the NT where the words “*prayer*” [proseukhe] or “*to pray*” [proseukhomai] are ever used of prayer to Christ alone. The word is reserved exclusively for prayer to God.

The counsel of Christ was clearly the established custom and teaching of the apostles. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ **Acts 4:24-30, Eph 5:20; “in everything... Let your requests be known to God” Phil 4:6; “let him ask of God” James 1:5**

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A PAST EARTHLY ROLE AND A PRESENT HEAVENLY ROLE

A Mediator Mesitēs - Only 6x always translated “mediator”

One who intervenes between two, either in order to make or restore peace and friendship, or form a contract or for ratifying a covenant. Thayer

Paraklētos - **An Advocate (Comforter)**

“To be summoned, called to one’s side, especially called to one’s aid”

Entugchanō - **An Intercessor**, *“to deal with, bring to pass, to act for another, to intervene”*

29

CHRIST AS A MEDIATOR

“through Jesus” relates to the mediatorial work he has already accomplished through his death

“For there is one God, and one **mediator** between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who **gave himself a ransom** for all for a testimony in due time” **1Tim 2:5-6**

“By how much also is he the **mediator of a better covenant**, which was established upon better promises.... Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but **by his own blood** he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption” **Heb 8:6-9:12**

“How much more shall **the blood of Christ**... purge your conscience... and for this cause he is the **mediator of the new Covenant** that by **means of death**... they that are called might receive the promise” **Heb 9:14-15**

“Jesus the **mediator of the new covenant**, and to the **blood of sprinkling** that speaks better things than that of Abel” **Heb 12:24**

30

CHRIST – THE INTERCESSOR

Christ operates independently to our prayers, he does not wait for us to pray but maintains a constant and active role.

“He that searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because he makes intercession (entugchano) for the saints according to the will of God... And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God... **Rom 8:27,28**

“Who is he that condemns? Christ that died? Yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us” **Rom 8:34**

“Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them.” **Heb 7:25**

*Jesus is not operating against the Father
- he's interceding for us, NOW in OUR lives*

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EXAMPLES OF INTERCESSION

There are many examples of intercession in Scripture:

- Abraham for Lot. **Gen 18:23-33**
- Eliezer for Abraham. **Gen 24:12**
- Isaac for Rebekah. **Gen 25:21**
- Moses for Israel. **Ex 32:30-32**
- Samuel for Israel. **1Sam 7:8-9**
- Jonathan for David. **1Sam 19:4-6**
- Abigail for Nabal **1Sam 25:23**
- Solomon for Israel **1Kings 8**
- Elijah for Israel **Rom 11:2**
- Job for his sons. **Job 1:5**
- Isaiah & Hezekiah **2Chron 32:20**
- Daniel for Israel. **Dan 9:4-20**
- Christ for Peter. **Lk 22:31-32**
- Paul for Onesimus. **Phil v10**

THE SPIRIT OF INTERCESSION

- ✓ An AWARENESS of a situation needing support
- ✓ A DESIRE to extend help
- ✓ A RELATIONSHIP with those being interceded for
- ✓ A POSITION of integrity on the part of the intercessor.

All these principles are integral to the work of Christ, whose role as an intercessor operates independently of our prayers.

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What does the phrase “through Jesus mean? Are we praying to Jesus?

So when we conclude our prayer rightly, with the phrase
“through Jesus Christ our Lord,” we are **NOT** saying;

- X He must first filter our prayer and eliminate wrong expressions
- X He must negotiate with God on our behalf
- X He is mediating between 2 opposing parties
- X He is vigorously bargaining with God for a better deal

What we **ARE** meaning, is that this prayer is offered;

- ✓ In **appreciation** of what he has accomplished for us through his death
- ✓ He **has mediated** a better covenant that provides an opportunity for life eternal
- ✓ He **is at one with the Father** and all things are according to God's will
- ✓ We are **thankful** that “through him and his work” we can be reconciled to the Father
- ✓ That we “**may be one** even as they are one” **Jn 17:21,22,23**

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v21 **That** they all may be one; as thou,
Father, art in me, and I in thee, **that** they
also may be one in us **that** the world may
believe that thou hast sent me.
v22 And the glory which thou gavest me I
have given them, **that** they may be one,
even as we are one:
v23 I in them, and thou in me, **that** they
may be made perfect in one; and **that** the
world may know that thou hast sent me, and
hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
v24 Father, I will **that** they also, whom thou
hast given me, be with me where I am: **that**
they may behold my glory, which thou hast
given me: for thou lovedst me before the
foundation of the world.
v26 And I have declared unto them thy
name, and will declare it **that the love**
wherewith thou hast loved me may be in
them, and I in them.

The ultimate reason
as to why we pray...

So that...

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The diversity of unity

1/ v21 "That they might be one"

Shared Truth = ATTITUDE

2/ v21 "that they might be one in us"

Shared Focus = DIRECTION

3/ v22 "that they might be one even as we are"

Shared Fellowship = RELATIONSHIP

4/ v23 "that they might be made perfect in one"

Shared Objective = DESTINATION

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So what will you do? Points to ponder

- ✓ Have I ever been driven by desperation, with an intensity and a passion whatever the moment or place - to go into the presence of the Father and seek His guidance?
- ✓ Do my prayers have an introductory focus on glorifying God in my life or am I consumed with our problems?
- ✓ Do I appreciate the "men and women" the Father has "given" me?
Do I pray for them and look forward to their company now - and in the kingdom?
- ✓ Are my requests appended with a "so that..."?
- ✓ Christ prayed for ME, that the Father's love may be seen in ME as I heal, help repair and encourage others with a unity of mind. Am I doing my part to show the Father's love in all that I do?

Prayer is NOT an activity - it's a relationship

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May our hearts be clean from sin; may we be at peace, without spot, and blameless, as we look forward to that day—so we say, Our Father—"Even so come, Lord Jesus" for Thy mercy's sake.
Amen.