



Lord's Prayer (Traditional Version)

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Benediction

Closing Hymn **C.W. 162**

SERMON TEXT: John 17:13-19 – Jesus' Sacerdotal Prayer / High Priestly Prayer / Prayer of Intercession.

Vs. 13 - "I am coming to **You** now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

Vs. 14 - I have given them Your word and **the world has hated** them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

**Vs. 15 - My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.**

Vs. 16 - They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

Vs. 17 - **Sanctify** them by the truth; your word is truth.

Vs. 18 - As you sent me into the world, **I have sent them into the world.**

Vs. 19 - For them **I sanctify** myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

GREETING: Yours O Lord is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours O Lord, is the kingdom You are exalted as head over all. (I Chron. 29:11)

In this section of Scripture, we see Jesus on the night in which He was betrayed – Maundy Thursday of Holy Week – He is praying. This prayer is referred to as: "Jesus' Sacerdotal Prayer / High Priestly Prayer / Prayer of Intercession."

In this prayer – Jesus prays **1.** For Himself – **2.** For His Disciples – and **3.** For all believers. {Jesus also prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane "Father, not My will but Thine" Matt. 26:36-46; Mk. 14:32-42; Lk. 22:39-46}

What is prayer? Prayer is an act of worship, in which we talk to God - from our heart at anytime, in anyplace and we can ask God for / about anything.

Prayer is a form of Worship because when we go to God in prayer, we are humbling ourselves to God and giving Him honor and glory and respect with all our requests.

God only listens to the prayer of the believer. God does not listen to the prayer of the unbelievers, since we can only approach God through and because of Christ Jesus our Mediator and Great High Priest. (Psalm 34:15-16; Psalm 66:17-19; Isaiah 59:1-3; Proverbs 15:29; Isaiah 1:10-18; John 15:6-7; Heb. 4:14)

When you pray, does God answer all of your prayers with a YES?

We know that sometimes God says – YES! – Sometimes God says NO! – Sometimes God says – WAIT!

God gives us that which is best for us and our eternal good and welfare.

This prayer of Jesus includes all of chapter 17 from the Gospel of John.

**John 17:1 – tells us: Jesus looked toward heaven and prayed: Father, the time has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You.**

As we look at a portion of this prayer, we see that Jesus is confident of His victory over sin – death and the devil – as Jesus looks forward to again ascending into heaven and being at the Right Hand of the Father. (Romans 8:34)

**Vs. 13 - “I am coming to You now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.**

Jesus makes it quite clear, that the unbelieving world will not be very fond of his disciples. As a matter of fact, Jesus says that the world will hate them. And so, should it surprise us if someone hates us because we are believers?

**Vs. 14 - I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.**

In John 17:15 we hear that Jesus prays that His disciples be protected from the Evil One. From Satan and all evil which Satan dishes out.

**Vs. 15 - My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.**

As I read through this verse, I give thanks that Jesus prays to protect us from this world, but I have a bit of difficulty with the portion that says: **Vs. 15 - My prayer is not that you take them out of the world**

Have you ever had some days when you just wish that the Lord God would take you out of this world?

As someone might say: “Beam me up Lord” –

“Take me away as You took Enoch” (Genesis 5:24)

“Lord, send Your Chariot of Fire and a whirlwind to take me to heaven as you did for Elijah” (II Kings 2:11)

This leads us to ask: Why Lord, do You leave me remain in this world?

Verse 18 of our text answers that question:

**Vs. 18 – “As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.”**

Jesus leaves us here in this world to proclaim His Word.

To tell others of their Salvation which Jesus won for us by His perfect life and innocent death and His glorious resurrection.

As we wait for the Lord Jesus to come again on the Last Day, Jesus is at the Right Hand of the Father, ruling all things. (I Peter 3:22)

As we wait for the Lord Jesus to come again on the Last Day we pray, knowing that Jesus has already prayed for us, and knowing that for Jesus' Sake, our prayers are heard by God the Father.

As we wait for the Lord Jesus to come again on the Last Day we know that we have been sanctified by Jesus.

Through faith in Jesus we are covered with Christ. We are sanctified, that is made Holy.

Therefore, as we wait for the Lord Jesus to come on the Last Day, let us continue to pray and proclaim the message of Salvation which Jesus has won for us on the cross of Calvary. AMEN

**THEME: Jesus' Sacerdotal Prayer**