**PRAYING FOR FUTURE BELIEVERS (US)**

John 17:20-26

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**INTRODUCTION**

In Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer, we have heard Him pray for Himself that He may glorify the Father in His death as He has done in His life and ministry. Then, we heard Him pray for that the Father protect His present followers for two reasons: (1) They would be left to face a hostile world alone without Him, and (2) they would be confronted again and again by the Evil One. Finally, He concludes His prayer by praying for His future followers, which includes you and me. Let us see what He prays for us.

1. **HE PRAYED THAT WE WOULD BE COMPLETELY UNITED.**
2. He wants us to be united with Him & the Father & receive His **glory**.
3. He wants us to be united so that the world will know the **truth**.
4. The world will know that the Father **sent** Jesus.
5. The world will know that the Father **loves** us as He **loved** Jesus.

*Although organic unity is highly unlikely, we must learn to function as brothers and sisters with the same Heavenly Father, having the same Lord, the same concern for a lost and dying world, and carrying out a common task of sinning the world to faith. If we are fractured in spirit and attitude, we will fail our Lord.*

1. **HE PRAYED THAT WE WOULD BE WITH HIM.**
2. He wants us to be **present** with Him in Heaven.
3. He wants us to see His **glory** and how God’s eternal **love** for Him.

*Unlike Jesus’ present followers, we have not seen Him in His earthly glory. We can only read about Him through the eyes of those who were with Him in His earthly ministry. Thus, His desire for us is that we also see and know His glory*

1. **HE PRAYED THAT WE WOULD KNOW THE FATHER.**
2. He wants us to experience the Father’s **love** that He has experienced.
3. He wants us to experience His **presence** in our lives.

*He desires the very best for us, knowing full well that we will then be able to do our very best for Him. He loves us just as He loved His disciples during His earthly ministry. What a wonderful Savior and Lord we have!*

**CONCLUSION**

Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer began with a prayer for Himself and ended with a prayer for us. You see, we are important to Him also! Just think of it: Jesus prayed for you! Yes, for you! Jesus wants the very best for you. He wants you to experience the same things His disciples experienced during His earthly ministry. Then, too, He wants us to experience His glory in Heaven, to share in that glory, to be a part of His eternal reign. That is our Jesus!

*“There is none like You. No one else touch my heart like You do.*

*I can search for all eternity Lord and find there is none like You!”*