

Prayer Points for Unity

Spring Prayer Gathering

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Jesus's high priestly prayer in John 17 shows how much is at stake regarding the church's unity. God's name, his glory and his love are tied to the unity in which his people are to live. You see, our bond as believers in Christ is much more than something to keep us from discord among ourselves. **It is a testimony to the world that the Lord and the faith we preach are real.** Unity is critical to the movement of God's kingdom agenda by the church. We come together today to prayerfully consider God's truth and His purpose for our lives, so that we may be used by Him to build unity wherever there is conflict---sharing our testimony of His great love for us.

To guide you in your prayer experience, consider these topics with Scripture references and questions for reflection:

Praise and Thanksgiving

Start your prayer with a time of worship to God for the attributes and characteristics you adore and thank Him for the many blessings in your life. Consider praying the words of a favorite hymn praising God for who He is recognizing the power of the presence of God.

Pray for Unity in Knowing God

John 17: 3; Ephesians 4:13

Scripture attaches much importance to knowing God. We were created for the purpose of a growing relationship with deepening knowledge and experiences of God through Jesus. Knowing God enables us to relate to others in warmth, care, and liberating love.

How confident are you of knowing and experiencing God in your daily life?

Are you actively seeking spiritual conversations with others to share your relationship with Jesus?

Pray that all would come to the knowledge of God through Christ Jesus.

Pray for Unity in Protection

John 17:11; Psalm 91:14-16

In Scripture, names do not only identify people, but speak of their character. So, in verse 11, Jesus is asking that God would protect his disciples by keeping them connected to their holy and righteous Father---"by the power of your name".

Who might you know to pray for that needs to remain connected to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Pray that all believers are protected under the power of God's holy name.

Pray for Unity in Values

John 17:15-16; 1 John 2:15-17

Christians must function in this world, yet we are not to adopt the world's perspective or let it dictate our lives. We must operate on earth from a heavenly perspective. God's word shapes our understanding of right and wrong, not social justice culture. God calls us to go against the grain when the grain is going against God. Be *in* the world, not *of* the world.

What challenges do you face in upholding a biblical worldview today?

Pray that all believers remain steadfast in living a righteous life before others.

Pray for Unity in Truth

John 17:17; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

To be sanctified is to be set apart for God's purposes. This process happens through internalizing the truth of God's Word not by merely hearing or reading it, but by trusting and obeying it. Then its work of spiritual transformation is activated in your life.

In what areas of your life are you trusting your feelings and experiences more than the truth of God's Word?

Pray that all believers would become sanctified in truth.

Pray for Unity in Purpose

John 17:18-26; Luke 4:43

Jesus is praying for the mission of his disciples, which becomes our mission as disciples today. We have the common purpose of proclaiming the Gospel and pursuing God's kingdom agenda. Our effectiveness is determined by our unity.

What barriers are currently preventing you from experiencing a greater level of unity with others in your family? Your church?

In your neighborhood, in your community, or in the nation?

Pray that we all serve the Lord in unity so that the love and glory of God is visibly and powerfully shown to a watching world.

Doxology: Jude 1:24,25