
THE PRAYER OF JESUS: FOR HIMSELF.

¹⁷After speaking in this way, Jesus raising His eyes into the heaven, said: “Father, the time has come! perfect Your Son, so that Your Son may ²magnify You: for You have invested Him with authority over all mankind, in order that He may give eternal life to all whom You have entrusted to Him. And the eternal life is this: to obtain a knowledge of You the only true God, and the Messiah Whom ⁴You have sent. I have exalted you upon the earth, by completing the work which You entrusted Me to do. ⁵So now, Father, you restore Me to the honour which I had along with Yourself before the world existed.

PRAYER FOR THE DISCIPLES

⁶“I have made Your power known to the men whom You entrusted to Me out of the world. They were Your own, and You entrusted them to Me; and they have carefully ⁷observed Your message. They now know that all which You have entrusted to Me proceeds from Yourself; ⁸because the truths which You have imparted to Me, I have delivered to them. And they have accepted them, and recognized truly that I came from You; and they believed that You sent ⁹Me. It is for them that I am praying. I am not praying for the world; but for those whom You have entrusted to ¹⁰Me, because they are your own. And all that are Mine are yours, and Yours are Mine; and I am honoured among ¹¹them. I am now no longer in the world; but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, preserve by Your power those whom You have entrusted to Me; so that ¹²they may be one, as We are. While I was with them, I preserved by Your power those whom You entrusted to Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them is lost, except the son of perdition, so that the Scripture might ¹³be verified. But I am now coming to You; and I declare these facts in the world, so that they may have My own ¹⁴joy perfected in themselves. I have delivered Your message to hem; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, as also I am ¹⁵not of the world. I do not pray that You should remove them from the world; but that you should preserve ¹⁶them from the wicked. They do not belong to the world, as I also do not ¹⁷belong to the world. Make them holy by the Truth: the message-Your ¹⁸own-is TRUTH. As You have sent Me into the world, I have sent them ¹⁹into the world. And for their sakes I made Myself holy, so that they may become holy by TRUTH.

PRAYER FOR ALL BELIEVERS.

²⁰“I do not pray, however, on behalf of these alone; but also for those who shall believe in Me by means of their ²¹teaching: so that all may be one; as You, Father, are with Me, and I with You, so that they may all be one with Us, in order that the world may ²²believe that You sent Me. And the rectification which you gave to Me I have imparted to hem; so that ²³they may be one, as We are One: I in them, and you in Me, so that they may be perfect in unity; that the world may recognize that You sent Me, and that I have loved them, as You loved Me.

PRAYER FOR THE FUTURE GATHERING OF ALL BELIEVERS.

²⁴"Father, it is My desire for those whom You have entrusted to Me, that where I am, they may be also: so that they may witness the majesty which You have given to Me; because You loved Me before the foundation of the ²⁵world. O Righteous Father, the world indeed knew You not; but I knew You. And these knew that You sent ²⁶Me: and I have revealed to hem Your power, and will continue to reveal it: in order that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."