

May 29, 2016  
**“When Jesus Prays”**  
**(John 17:20-26)**

After the washing of the disciples’ feet, Jesus prays what has come to be known as his “\_\_\_\_\_.”

In the first generation of Christians all who believed in Christ did so through the witness of the \_\_\_\_\_.

3 Insights we find in this lesson:

**#1.- When Jesus prays, he prays for \_\_\_\_\_.**

**(Robert McCheyne:)** – *“If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He is praying for me.”*

When we bring our requests to God, Christ is right alongside us, \_\_\_\_\_ in our behalf.

You have no \_\_\_\_\_ to petition God for His love and mercy. But alongside you is one who has \_\_\_\_\_ to stand with you, giving you comfort and \_\_\_\_\_!

Jesus reassures us that we can come to God as any child can come to a loving \_\_\_\_\_.

**(Thomas G. Long:)** - *“We can pray, not as outsiders, but as God’s children, tenderly, honestly, and confidently. In our secret, whispered prayers, we are known so well that God, like a mother listening with her heart to her children, can finish our sentences.”*

**#2.- In this passage, he makes a specific request in our behalf. He prays for our \_\_\_\_\_.**

That is where we draw our \_\_\_\_\_: we are bound together with one another and with Him.

God works through \_\_\_\_\_ intertwined together, even with all the messy knots and entanglements of our being involved together.

Alone, we are so \_\_\_\_\_; together, we can forge movements that \_\_\_\_\_ world history!

A \_\_\_\_\_ church, in many ways is a scandalous affront to the uniting work that Jesus did on \_\_\_\_\_ by bringing us into relationship with God and ultimately bringing us into relationship with each \_\_\_\_\_.

That is why we are known as the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ!

The real \_\_\_\_\_ is a body of men and women untied to each other because they are \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ!

**#3.- Our unity as the body of Christ is our primary \_\_\_\_\_ to the world to the truth of Christ.**

If you want to witness for Christ, the first thing you need to do is to \_\_\_\_\_ your brothers and sisters in Christ.

We are a \_\_\_\_\_, His family. And Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our family. We are in him as he is in the Father.

We need to know that we are Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_!

**Song:** *“We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. They’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.”*

Are you doing your part in the playing out of Christ’s opus?