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**This prayer sets up the close of Jesus's earthly ministry and ushers in the disciples' ministry.**

**- Todd Fetters**

**The glory of God is greater than we could ever  
understand and yet, somehow, it involves us,  
His people.**

**- Jay Brown**

**God's glory lives above and beyond any type of  
description or definition.**

**Every part of God is glorious in every way possible; there's nothing more to be said. And because God is glorious in every possible way, He alone stands in this vast universe as the only One who is worthy of the worship, surrender and love of every human heart.**

**- Paul Tripp**

<sup>20</sup> “My prayer is not for **them alone**. I pray also for **those who will believe in me through their message**, <sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. **May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.**

**<sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that You gave Me,  
that they may be one as We are One—<sup>23</sup> I in  
them and You in Me—so that they may be  
brought to **complete unity**. Then the world will  
know that You sent Me and have loved them  
even as You have loved Me.**

<sup>24</sup> **“Father, I want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am, and to see My glory, the glory You have given Me because You loved Me before the creation of the world.**

<sup>25</sup> “Righteous Father, **though the world does not know You**, I know You, and they know that You have sent Me. <sup>26</sup> **I have made You known to them, and will continue to make You known** in order that **the love You have for Me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.**”

**John 17:20-26**

**As Jesus was preparing for the cross, He asked  
God two specific requests.**

Unity

**. . .that all of them may be one, Father, just as  
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**John 17:21**

**“We are peculiar. We are different in terms of what we believe, value, and how we are to act.**

**- Steve Flint**

**We were created for unity, saved to be unified,  
and will spend eternity as one body.**

**- Francis Chan**

**What is 'Unity'?**

**Christian unity is a state of harmony, love, and oneness among followers of Jesus Christ. It is a deep spiritual connection that reflects the trinitarian relationship of God.**

**Jesus isn't praying for unity based on your personal opinions or beliefs, but a unity that is based on Scripture, mission, and ultimately the mandate to make disciples.**

**One way of accomplishing this unity is by  
Christ giving His followers the Holy Spirit.**

**But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with  
Him.**

**1 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV)**

**For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body  
—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—  
and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.**

**1 Corinthians 12:13 (NKJV)**

# **What is Unity in the biblical sense?**

**1) Unity isn't Christians trying to figure out how to get along with one another.**

**Christian Unity is based on our belief in God's revealed Word and the fact that without God we would all be lost.**

**From the very first gathering of what would become the church, God gave Jesus to those that by no other measure would be expected to get along.**

**- Adam Keath**

**True unity doesn't come from deemphasizing Gospel truth. It comes by exalting God's Word and allowing it to drive our thoughts and shape our worldview.**

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- 2) Unity is embracing diversity.**

**The danger with pursuing unity is that you can easily compromise your beliefs for unities sake.**

**<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.**

**1 Corinthians 12: 4-6**

**“A rigid push for uniformity can actually be one of the most disunifying forces in a church because it denies the reality of the Spirit’s unique gifting.”**

**- Matt Carter**

**Unity, not uniformity, is what Jesus is actually  
praying for.**

- 1) God created the world and everything in it.**
- 2) Jesus was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit.**
- 3) In its original texts, the Bible is the divinely inspired, inerrant word of God.**

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**John 17:22-23**

**Unity means embracing a new identity in Christ, fully immersed in communion with God, His Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

**What would Unity look like at King Street?**

**<sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.**

**Philippians 2: 2-4**

**<sup>25</sup> that there may be no division in the body,  
but that the members may have the same care  
for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all  
suffer together; if one member is honored, all  
rejoice together.**

**1 Corinthians 12:25-26**







**So What?**

**What are some barriers that are in the way of  
you experiencing Christian Unity?**

**<sup>23</sup> “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,<sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.**

**Matthew 5:23-24**

**Who do you need to reconcile with before doing  
anything else for God?**

