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## WARM-UP

- Have you ever prayed for someone?
- Was there a time that your prayer was answered because somebody prayed for you?

# WORD

*“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”*

*John 17:20-26*

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“I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”

John 17:23

What is a recent thoughtful act that has been done to you?

One of the most loving and selfless acts is praying for others. When we pray, we come to God for their sake. When Jesus was nearing His death, He prayed with others in mind. During this time, Jesus prayed for the believers to unite so that the world may know God’s redemptive plan for mankind.

# 1. PRAY FOR PEOPLE TO COME TO THE SAVING KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST

*“so that the world may know that you sent me...”*

*John 17:21*

Jesus was sent to the world for an ultimate purpose of salvation. Because of Him, we can be forgiven from our sins and receive eternal life. John 3:17 says “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” The world is hindered by unbelief, spiritual blindness, and corruption but our prayer is that the lost would come to know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior through the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Why do you think we should continue praying for the salvation of people?

# 2. PRAY FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE IN GOD’S LOVE

*“and loved them even as you loved me.”*

*John 17:23*

The ideal picture of love is that of the trinity — the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. This love must be so perfect and rich that Jesus wants us to experience it too! Because of the sacrifice of Jesus, we became children of God and therefore heirs (Romans 8:17). We can experience a full life of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. How loving and generous of Christ to desire that we get to experience the same kind of love! In the same way, we ought to desire for others to know how much God loves them. This desire will grow as we pray for them.

How can God’s love change people’s lives?

# APPLICATION

- Is there someone who is close to you that you want to be committed to pray for?
- Are you burdened for lost souls? Why or why not?
- How can you demonstrate God's love in your sphere of influence?

# PRAYER

- Thank your Heavenly Father for demonstrating how to love others unconditionally just the way He loves us.
- Pray to find and reach those in your sphere of influence whom God would desire to be saved.
- Pray that God will help you to have a posture just like Jesus who has a heart to pray for others.



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