

Scripture

John 17:1-12 (NLT)

The Prayer of Jesus

17:1 After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “**Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you. 2** For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him. **3** And this is the way to have eternal life – to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.

- 4** “I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. **5** Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.
- 6** “I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word. **7** Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, **8** for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.

- 9** “My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you.
- 10** “All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory.
- 11** “Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are.”

12 “During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me. I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold.”