



Pray Like Jesus for His Church

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Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did.

1 John 2:6 NIV

We are Covered by the Prayers of Jesus

Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 7:23-25 NIV

Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Romans 8:34 NIV

Jesus Prayed for Protection for His Followers

“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.”

John 17:11 NLT

“I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one.”

John 17:15 NLT

Jesus Prayed for Our Sanctification

“Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.”

John 17:17 NLT

“And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.”

John 17:19 NLT

For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight.

Ephesians 1:4 NIV

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.

2 Peter 1:3 NIV

“Sanctification means being made one with Jesus...It will cost everything that is not of God in us.”

Oswald Chambers

Jesus Prayed for Unity in His Church with Purpose

“I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. “I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.”

John 17:20-21 NLT

“Be united with other Christians. A wall with loose bricks is not good. The bricks must be cemented together.”

Corrie Ten Boom

Jesus Prayed for Present and Future Glory for His Church

“I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. “I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

“Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!”

John 17:22-24 NLT

The Church of Jesus Must Be Focused and Devoted

“The church holds the key to revival. It is within our grasp.”

Billy Graham

“God wants our churches —whatever specific forms our gatherings take—to be focused on active discipleship, mission, and the pursuit of unity.”

Francis Chan

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 NIV

"Don't build a church that attracts people — build a church that attracts God and God will attract the people."

Anonymous

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

1 Corinthians 15:58 NLT

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 4:32-37 NIV

"The church is so subnormal that if it ever got back to the New Testament normal it would seem to people to be abnormal."

Vance Havner