

# **We need to get back to being a church of prayer.**

## **1. Jesus Prayed in Faith.**

**First Jesus gave his Father glory and talked about the glory he had with his Father before the world began.**

[Jhn 17:1-26 KJV] 1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. 8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received [them], and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

**Jesus didn't pray for the world, he prayed for his followers to be kept from evil and he prayed for me.**

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. 10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. 11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we [are]. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 **I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.** 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

**20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;** 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, [art] in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

**Jesus closed his prayer with a request for perfect unity.**

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. 24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. 26 And I have

declared unto them thy name, and will declare [it]: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

## **2. We need to pray for God's mercy and grace. Grace is not a concept it is a gift. Mercy helps us stand. Grace helps us go forward. Pray in Faith!**

[Psa 13:5 KJV] 5 But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

[Psa 30:10 KJV] 10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

[Psa 32:10 KJV] 10 Many sorrows [shall be] to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

[Luk 1:50 KJV] 50 And his mercy [is] on them that fear him from generation to generation.

[Rom 9:15 KJV] 15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

[Rom 15:9 KJV] 9 And that the Gentiles might glorify God for [his] mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.

[Psa 84:11 KJV] 11 For the LORD God [is] a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good [thing] will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

[Pro 3:34 KJV] 34 Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

[Luk 2:40 KJV] 40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

[Jhn 1:17 KJV] 17 For the law was given by Moses, [but] grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

[Eph 2:8 KJV] 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God:

## **3. Nothing can happen through us until it has first happened to us. (God's love can't flow through us until God's love happens to us.) We need to be filled with the Spirit of God.**

[Psa 55:17 KJV] 17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

[Mat 9:38 KJV] 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

[Mar 13:33 KJV] 33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

[Luk 18:1 KJV] 1 And he spake a parable unto them [to this end], that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

[Jhn 14:16 KJV] 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

## **4. Always be ready to Pray, Pray for yourself, Pray for others. In Faith!**

[1Th 5:17, 23, 25 KJV] 17 Pray without ceasing. ... 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ... 25 Brethren, pray for us.