

LENT: JESUS PRAYED FOR YOU AND ME

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

John 17:20-26

Memory Verse

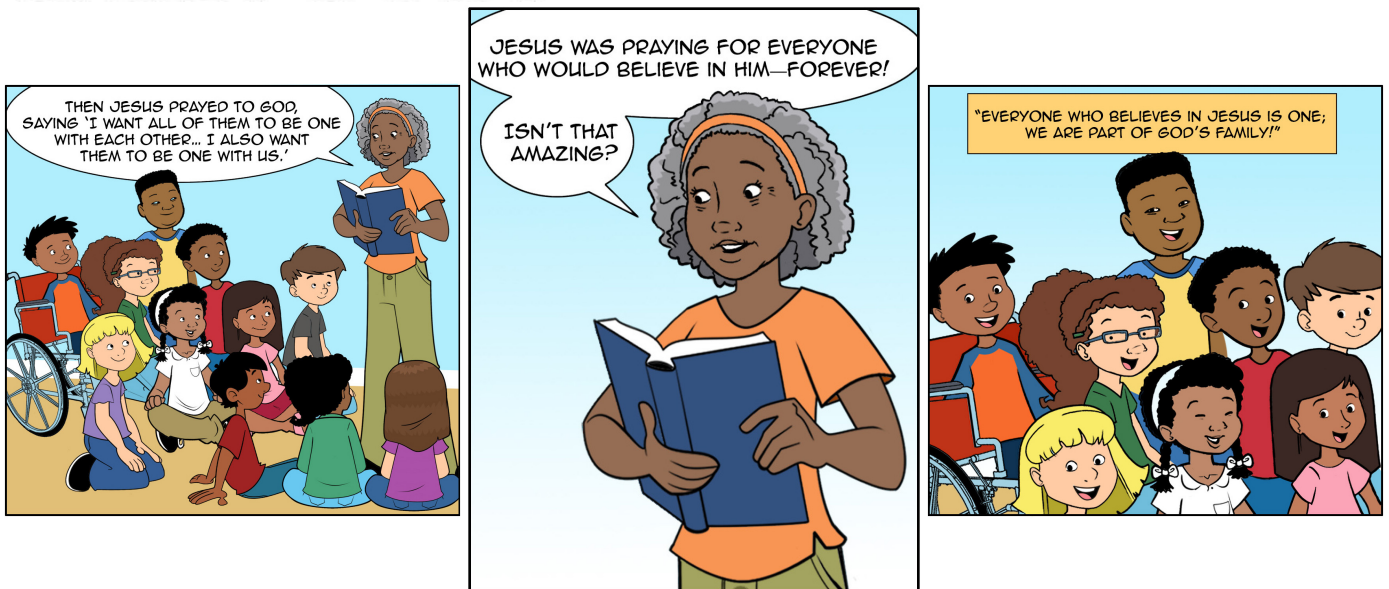
He is forever able to save the people he leads to God, because he always lives to speak to God for them. (CEV)



Hebrews 7:25

CASEY'S DAY

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Did you know that Jesus thought about you? Jesus loved you before you were even born. He showed his love by dying on the cross to pay the price for your sins. He loved you so much that he prayed to God for you... Yes, *you!*

Jesus spent the last night before his death eating the Passover meal with his disciples. He taught, encouraged, and prayed with them.

First, Jesus prayed that God would be glorified through him. He knew that his death and resurrection would bring glory to God, rescuing us all from our sins.

Also, Jesus prayed for God to protect his disciples. He knew they would go through many trials and hardships because of their faith, but many more people would believe because they would share the gospel.

And then, he prayed for *everyone else* who would have faith in God. Jesus said, “I want all of them to be one with each other... I also want them to be one with us.”

Jesus wasn't just praying for the believers born in the next few years—or even the next thousand years. He was praying for *everyone* who would believe in him—forever! Isn't that amazing? Jesus wants *everyone* who believes in him to be *united* in him. In other words, everyone who believes in Jesus is *one*; we are part of God's family! God's love becomes a part of us, and more people will learn about Jesus through the love we share. Because of Jesus, we can pray and talk to God about anything. Jesus is with God, and he can help us talk to God every day.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you that Jesus loved me before I was even born, and thank you that Jesus paid the price for my sins. I am so glad that I can know Jesus. Please help me to share Jesus' love with everyone so your family can grow. Amen.

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