

# “The Prayers of Jesus”

~ John 17:11b–19

May 16, 2021

~ Pastor Kurt Ebert



## 1. United as one.

Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ... But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. *(John 17:11b, 13)*

## 2. Planted where we are.

I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ... Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. *(John 17:15, 17)*

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. *(Psalm 1:3–5)*

## 3. Sent to where we live.

As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. *(John 17:18)*

## Text for Prayer and Personal Reflection

*Jesus said, "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one."* (John 17:15)

What does it mean to you that Jesus' greatest desire is not to have you in different circumstances, but to have you live faithfully in your current circumstances?

*They are not of the world, as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.* (John 17:16-17)

In what parts of your life do you struggle to blossom where you have been planted?

*Jesus said, "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."* (John 17:18)

What temptations seek to lead you away from serving others where you have sent?