
TABLE TALK

One in Christ

Prepare:

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As one person lights a candle, the family reads together: (adapted from LSB 658)

C: Preserve Your Word, O Savior

R: To us this latter day,

C: And let Your kingdom flourish;

R: Enlarge Your Church, we pray.

Read: John 17:11-22 (ESV)

11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Reflect

Jesus prays not only for the protection and unity of the disciples but for those who will believe in him "through their word." Jesus prayed for us that we may be one with the Father in him.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (John 17:11-22) means for you as a family.

Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.

Pray:

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The head of the household prays:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you that we are joined to you through the work of your Son. Let your Holy Spirit guide us, so that through us, the world may know your love and your Son.

In Jesus's name, amen.