

## **John 17:20-26**

**I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.**

Jesus was not only praying for the disciples who were with him at that time .. He was really thinking of you during this prayer to his Father . As Jesus concludes his prayer, he makes it very clear saying, I pray for those who believe in Jesus through the words of the early disciples .. and that is you and me. Listen to what Jesus asks his Father to give you and me. He asks that we may be united with him and with the Father. He asks that we may be united with other Christians. He asks that we may one day be with Him in heaven, to see His glory. Be aware of what thoughts and feelings arise in you as you read again Jesus' prayer for you and me?

### Let us Pray:

Dear Jesus, as I call on you today I realise that I often come asking for favours.

Today I'd like just to be in your presence.

Let my heart respond to Your Love.

You created me to live in freedom.

Mostly I take this gift for granted.

Inspire me to live in the freedom you intended,  
with a heart untroubled and with complete trust in you.

I am surrounded by your loving presence, Lord,

But I am aware of my fragility and weakness.

Thank you that I can face my shortcomings

In your merciful embrace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen