

## Our Lord's Prayer For The Church

1. John 17: 1-26
  - a. Matt. 6:9-13 is commonly called the Lord's Prayer. In this prayer, Jesus taught the disciples how to pray.
  - b. John 17 records what the Lord's Prayer really is; the prayer Jesus offered to His father.
  - c. (v-2) The believer is given to the Son by the Father.
  - d. (v-2) The believer has eternal life.
  - e. (v-3) The believer knows the Father through the Son.
  - f. (v-6) God's name is manifested to the believer.
  - g. (v-6) Believer keeps the Word of God.
  - h. (v-8) We believe that the Father sent the Son.
2. (v-6) The believer is taken out of the world.
  - a. John 5: 24 We passed from death to life.
  - b. Ephesians 5:8 – from darkness to life. This change comes through new birth.
  - c. (v-16) The believer is in the world, but he is not to love the world (I John 2:15-17). The evil unbelieving system (world).
  - d. 2 Cori. 4:4 – Satan is the god of this world.
  - e. We have connection to the world, but no communion.
3. (v-11) Believers are saved from the world, but left here in the world. Why?
  - a. We are here for a purpose.
4. (v-15) God wants us here in this world for a time, but grace is given from evil (God's protection is available).
5. (v-18) We are sent into the world. This is the place of our relationship to the world.
  - a. How are we sent? (v-18) As the Father sent me into the world.
  - b. How was Christ sent?
  - c. (1) who didn't belong here (2) to declare the Word of God (3) to reveal the character of God (4) to give His life a ransom (5) and then called back to the Sender
  - d. In like manner – Christ sent us to the world. We do not belong to this world. Our citizenship is in heaven. We must finish our race and go back to Jesus.
6. Why are we sent? (v-21)
  - a. So the world may know Jesus through us.

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