

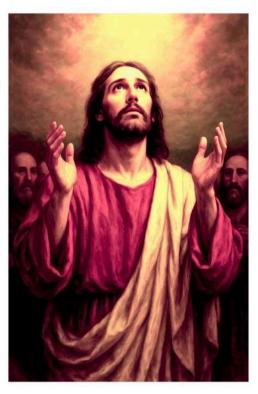
Lectio Divina: Jesus' Prayer for Unity and Mission (John 17:20-26)

Brother Knights, let us together reflect on Jesus's prayer for all believers, including us, in John 17:20-26. He prays for our unity—a cornerstone of our Order—our participation in His glory, and our grounding in God's love, so our witness through charity and fraternity may be powerful. Let us open ourselves to the Holy Spirit as we engage with these sacred words.

Meditation (Reading and Reflection): The passage (John 17:20-26) will be read. As you listen or read, note words, phrases, feelings, or images that resonate or challenge you. What might the Spirit highlight for you and for us as Knights in Jesus' prayer today?

Silently consider:

- How does it move you knowing Jesus prayed for you, who would "believe in me through their word" (v. 20)?
- Jesus prays for our unity: "that they may all be one, as you, Father, are
 in me and I in you, that they also may be in us" so the world may believe
 (v. 21-23). What does this divine oneness—our Lord's call to unity and
 our fraternal commitment—mean for you, your council, and the Order?
 What hinders it?
- What is the "glory" Jesus gives us (v. 22)? How does His presence within us ("I in them and you in me," v. 23; "I in them," v. 26) lead us toward "perfection as one" in our Catholic faith?
- How do you receive that the Father has "loved them even as you loved me" (v. 23)? How does this empower our charity?
- Jesus desires us to be with Him and "see my glory" (v. 24). What does this hope mean for your commitment as a Knight?
- Jesus made the Father's name known "that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them" (v. 26). How can we better show this love and His mission in our lives?
- What phrase or desire from Jesus' prayer calls to you now as a Knight?



(Silent reflection)

Contemplation: Choose a word, phrase, or image that draws you (e.g., "that they may all be one," "I in them," "your glory," "charity," "unity," "loved them even as you loved me"). Gently hold it in your mind and heart. Let us rest silently, allowing the Holy Spirit to illuminate its meaning for you, drawing us into Jesus' prayer for us.

(Shared silence)

Call to Action (Prayer and Action): How might this prayer influence your life as a Knight and our mission this week?

- **Pray:** For deeper unity and fraternity in our councils and the Order. Ask for a renewed experience of God's love to fuel our charity. Pray that our witness as Knights may draw others to Christ.
- Act: How can your council and you individually better live the unity Jesus prayed for? Consider one act of
 charity or fraternity this week reflecting Christ's love and strengthening our Catholic mission.

A Moment of Grace: Jesus, our High Priest, holds us, His Knights, in His heart, praying for our perfect unity in His love and glory. Strengthened by His prayer, Mary's intercession, and our fraternal bonds, may we strive for oneness and radiate His love and charity.

Amen.

Vivat Jesus!

Our Shared Lectio Divina Journey

"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." – 1 Samuel 3:9

Three volunteers will lend their voices to the Sacred Text, inviting us into three profound encounters with the living Word. This passage from John's Gospel reveals Jesus's prayer for our unity, our shared glory in Him, and our mission as His witnesses. After each reading, we will pause in sacred silence, allowing His words to penetrate our hearts and speak to our souls.

After the First Reading:

- We will share a word or phrase that stirred our hearts.
- This simple act of sharing weaves a tapestry of spiritual insight, drawing us together in Christ and enriching our collective reflection.

After the Second Reading:

- We will reflect more deeply on how that word or phrase speaks to our lives today.
- How is Jesus inviting us—individually and as Knights—to grow in unity, faith, and love through this prayer?

After the Third Reading:

- We will listen for the divine invitation before us.
- What is Christ calling us to do, change, or become in response to His prayer? Let us share our insights with openness and fraternity, strengthening our spiritual bond and shared mission.

May this time of prayerful listening draw us deeper into the heart of Jesus's prayer—closer to the Father, to one another, and to the world we are called to serve.

* Lectio Divina *

"The Prayer of Unity and Divine Love"
Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 17,20-26.

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying:

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.

And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.

Father, they are your gift to me.

I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me.
I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them

and I in them."



As We Depart



You prayed for all who would come to believe through the word of Your apostles.

Thank You for drawing us into that prayer—into Your love, Your unity, and Your mission.

Make us one in heart and purpose, that the world may believe in You through our witness of charity and truth.

Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may serve with joy, forgive with mercy, and build up Your Church in love.

Keep us close to You, until we see Your glory and dwell with You forever.



Amen.



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St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in our struggle for unity and faith. Be our protection against division, doubt, and despair. May we be one as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one, so that through our witness the world may believe. Guide us to live in charity and truth, strengthen our hearts to serve with courage, and help us to build up the Body of Christ in love. Lead us in the battle against all that separates us from God and one another, that, united in Christ's love, we may share in His glory forever.

Amen.

