

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Jesus prays for his disciples



**Read:** John 17:6-19

Jesus knew life would be difficult for his disciples, and also knew that life would be challenging for his followers – us – years later. He prayed for the disciples before his death and resurrection. We are lucky because Jesus said this prayer for us too – Jesus understood that we would need help to follow him and his ways. He knew there would be temptation and that being a Christian would not always make us popular. Jesus asked God to help his disciples, to look after them and to protect them from all the sin in the world. Jesus knew we would need this help – he knew we would sin and make mistakes, but he also knew that he would pay the price for our sin. Jesus knew the Holy Spirit was coming, and we can still pray for the Holy Spirit to help us today. This prayer was not just for the disciples but for all of us!

**Watch:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dHgQcN\\_FIA&t=423s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dHgQcN_FIA&t=423s) (Ministry to Children)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsUCJDRNHlQ> (Saddleback Kids)

Who was Jesus praying for? Why did he pray for them? What did he pray for them? How can we be different from others? How can we share God's love with others?

**Do:** Colouring Page - <https://sermons4kids.com/jesus-praying-2-colorpg.htm?fromSermonId=292>

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**Pray:** God, thank you for Jesus and all he did for us. Help us to live our lives for you always. Amen

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.

Keep them by your side.

May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.

Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,

renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.

Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.

May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen

(taken from Praying Together)

**Share:** Choose a few people to pray for this week – ask God to be with them and help them.