Jesus’ prayer captured in John 17 is quite possibly the most intimate look into our Savior’s relationship with His Father and His deep love for His disciples. We get a glimpse of His passion that the world would come know His Father through the love of His people. We are using this prayer as our guide. We believe God moves through prayer, aligning our hearts to Him, therefore we pray prayers that agree with His heart. We are asking God to move in our generation- to push back darkness- to advance the good news of Jesus Christ, that every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

We pray that on this night women from all over the world corporately come before God and surrender their lives. Each gathering will be unique. Our hope is that you would pray and connect with God in the way you feel the most comfortable.
IF:PRAY GUIDE

4 CALLS TO PRAYER
A CALL TO OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

READ ALOUD

**John 17:1-5**

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said,

“Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,
since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom
you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true
God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having
accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in
your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

PRAY: GIVING GLORY TO GOD

- Give thanks to God for sending His Son, Jesus Christ, and the gift of
  eternal life. (1-2)
- Name and give thanks for the attributes of God that are most important
to you. (3)
- Remember and give thanks for one thing that God has accomplished in
  and through you. (4)
- Ask God to use us for His glory and for the good for others. (5)
SUGGESTED READING

Psalm 77:13-15
Psalm 138:1-2
John 1:14

RESPONSE
A CALL TO PRAY FOR GOD’S CHURCH AND HIS PEOPLE

READ ALOUD

John 17:6-19

I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. 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. 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. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 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. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.
PRAY: FOR GOD’S CHURCH, US, AS HIS PEOPLE

- Affirm that we belong to God. Therefore our lives are not our own. (6)
- Ask God to help us to know, and be full of His joy as one of His chosen ones. (13)
- Beg God to continue to shape and mold us so that we are used for His good purposes. (14-17)
- God has sent us out into this world into our unique places. Pray for the specific names or people that He has sent you to point them to Jesus. (18)

SUGGESTED READING

Isaiah 43:1-2
John 15:9-11
Ephesians 1:17-18
A CALL TO PRAY FOR THE WORLD

READ ALoud

John 17:20-21
When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 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.

PRAY: THAT SALVATION IS BROUGHT TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

- Pray for the world that the message of Jesus Christ would reach every tribe, tongue & nation. (21)
- Pray for our part in restoring our cities and the world. (21)
- Pray for specific people in your life that have yet to believe in the hope of Christ. (21)

SUGGESTED READING

Jeremiah 24:7
Matthew 28:19
1 Corinthians 15:57-58
A CALL TO PRAY FOR UNITY AND LOVE

READ ALoud

John 17:22-26

The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 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. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

PRAY FOR UNITY THROUGH THE CHURCH

- Because God the Father and God the Son are in perfect unity, pray and believe that unity is possible (22)
- Pray that we would see others through God’s eyes. (24)
- Confess any part that you have played in disunity.
- Ask that the world would know God by our love. (26)
CLOSING

CONFESSION AND RESPONSE

At the end of your corporate prayer time, spend time together or alone reflecting on what God was stirring in you as you participated in IF Pray. Write down your response.

Psalm 62:8

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

God is a refuge for us

QUESTIONS FOR JOURNALING AND REFLECTION

Where do you see sin in your own life and in your community? Confess.

What are you learning about God, you, and the world right now in response to this time of prayer?
Which places and people are God awakening you to?

Where do you sense disunity and how can we move towards unity?

Who are other women in your life that can join you in loving your local and global context?
Here are lyrics for suggested songs and hymns if you want to worship organically or plan a time of corporate worship.

**Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul’s Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven’s joys, O bright Heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befal;
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.


Come Thou Fount

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing your praise
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I’m fixed upon it
The mount of thy redeeming blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I’m constrained to be
Let your goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here’s my heart Lord,
Take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Prone to hear you and not heed it
Prone to scorn you in your love
Prone to wander
Prone to wander
Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I’m constrained to be
Let your goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee
Jesus sought me while a stranger
Wandering from the heart of God
And He to rescue me from danger
Used his own precious blood

**How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul! my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul! my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul! my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

10,000 Reasons

[Chorus]
Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I’ll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning
It’s time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

[Chorus]

You’re rich in love, and You’re slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

[Chorus]

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

[Chorus x2]

Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
I'll worship Your holy name
Pray about gathering, equipping, & unleashing women in your local context this February.

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