



Good morning
everyone!

Welcome

Today we hear how Jesus prayed for his disciples – asking God to protect them and to help them to follow his word.

Let us think a bit more about this means for us today.

Opening prayer



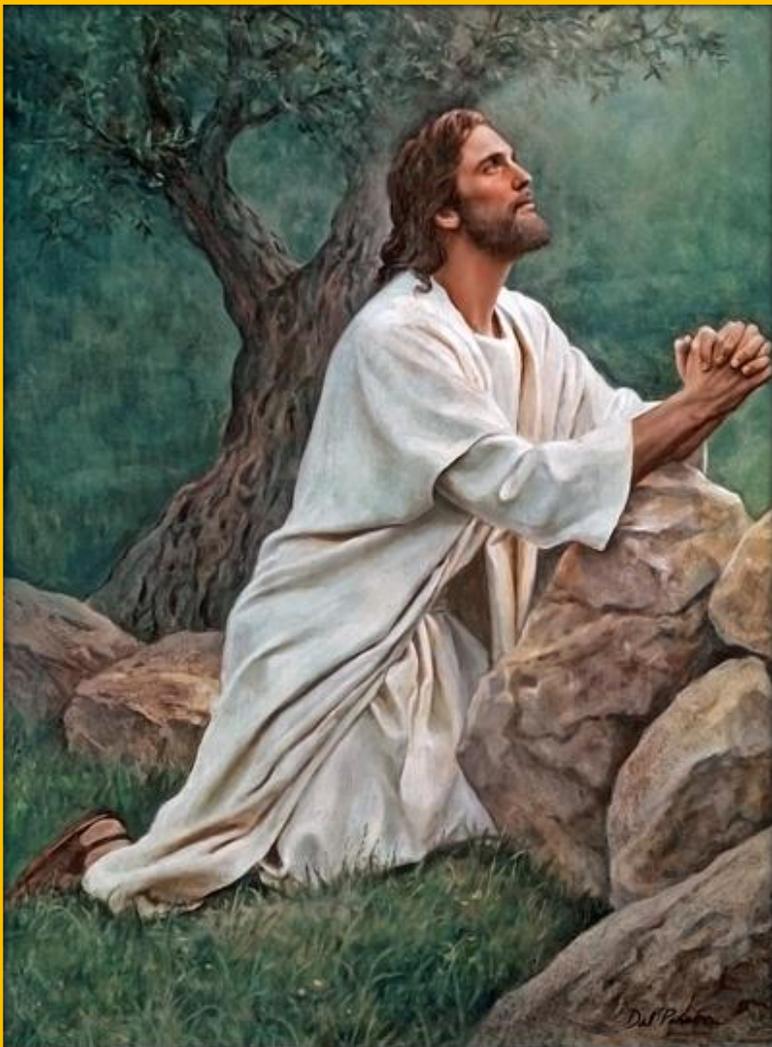
Dear Loving God,

Watch over us, keep us from harm and help us to follow your word and go out into the world to share it with others through our actions.



Amen.

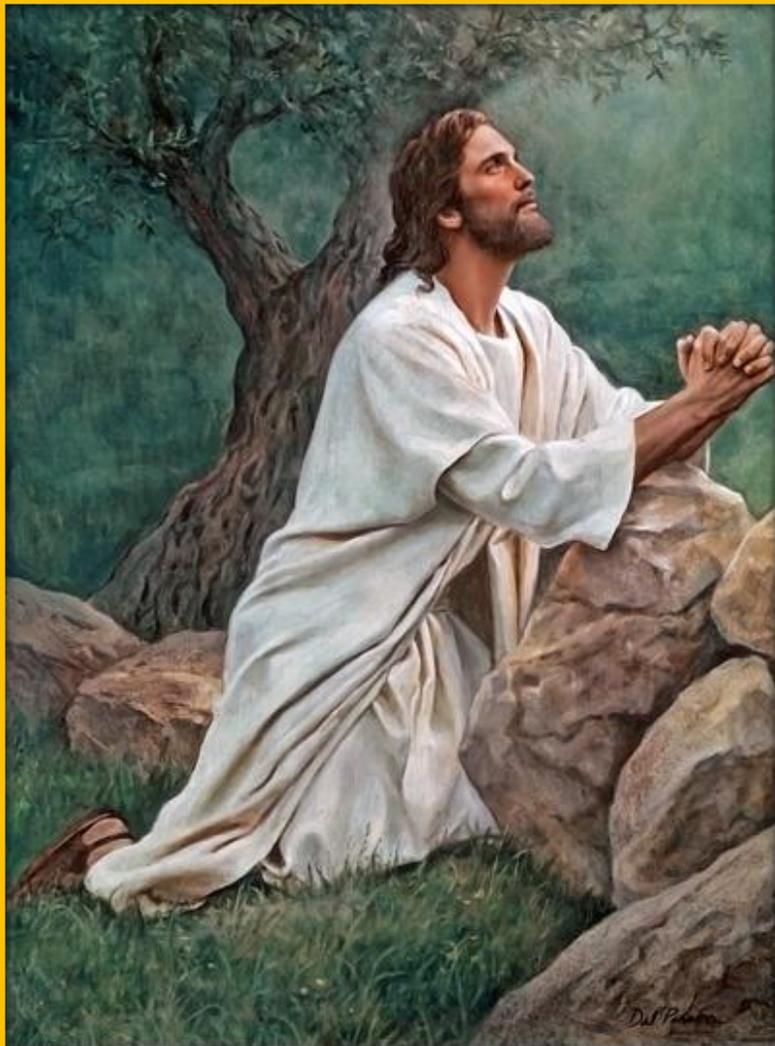
Gospel: John 17:11-19



Prayer at Gethsemane by Del Parson

And now I am coming to you; I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world. Holy Father! Keep them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one just as you and I are one. While I was with them, I kept them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me. I protected them, and not one of them was lost, except the man who was bound to be lost—so that the scripture might come true. And now I am coming to you, and I say these things in the world so that they might have my joy in their hearts in all its fullness.

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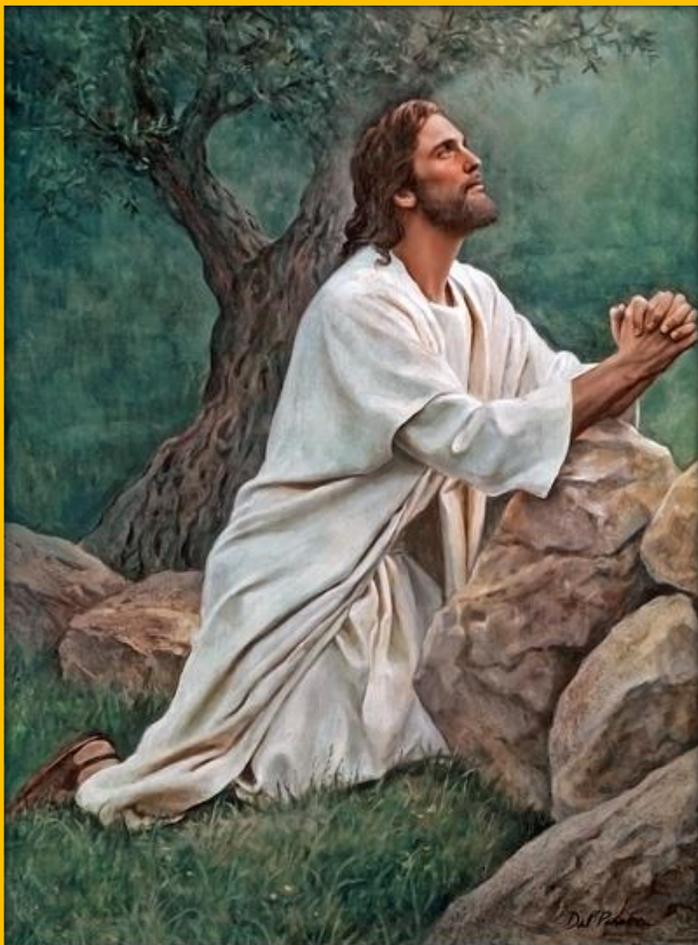


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I gave them your message, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but I do ask you to keep them safe from the Evil One. Just as I do not belong to the world, they do not belong to the world. Dedicate them to yourself by means of the truth; your word is truth. I sent them into the world, just as you sent me into the world. And for their sake I dedicate myself to you, in order that they, too, may be truly dedicated to you.

Gospel reflection

What do you remember from today's reading?



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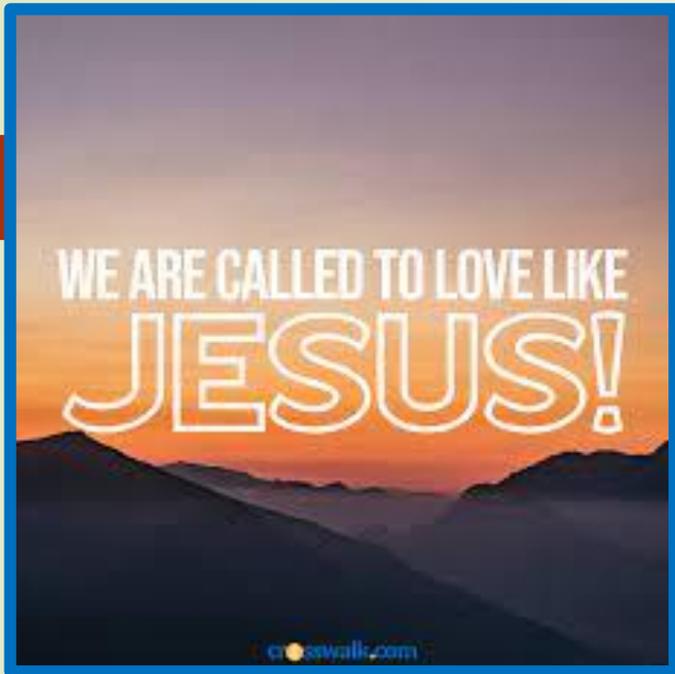
In today's gospel Jesus is talking to God. He is praying.

Do you pray?

What do you pray for or about?

Jesus is asking God to help his friends – the disciples – when he is gone.

Jesus knows that it will be hard for them to be without him. But he has also given his disciples a very special job to do and he wants them to carry on doing this, even after he has gone away. So he wants God to keep them safe.



Gospel reflection

What job do you think Jesus wants his disciples to do?

Jesus wants his disciples to follow his teaching, to love everyone just like Jesus loves us, and to encourage others to do the same.

Do you think Jesus has a special job for us to do as his followers?

What do you think that job might be?

He wants us to share God's love with others – near or far away – and care for the lovely world he has given us.

Gospel reflection

How do you think we can do that?

We can share God's love by helping each other.

This also means taking care of our world so that everyone has the chance of a happy life.

For example, when we humans cut down forests, that is bad for all the people, animals and plants who live there.



Let us Pray



We know that it is not always easy to follow Jesus, and so we pray...

We pray for world leaders: that they may be inspired by Jesus and make the right decisions for the good of all people, even when it is hard.

Lord in your mercy...

All Response : Hear our prayers

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may be a shining light in the darkest times, bringing help and comfort to all those in need.

Lord, in your mercy...

All Response : Hear our prayers

We pray for our friends, family and parish: that we may always follow Jesus, respecting and caring for all people and for our planet.

Lord, in your mercy...

All Response : Hear our prayers



I WANT YOU ALL TO DO ONE THING THIS WEEK TO SHOW THAT YOU ARE DOING A SPECIAL JOB AS JESUS ASKS US, BY CARING FOR THE WORLD AROUND US.





Have a
blessed new
WEEK
ahead.
Stay safe!

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