



Daily Reflections

May 30, 2017

Scripture

John 17: 1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,
"Father, the hour has come.

Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you,
just as you gave him authority over all people,
so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him.

Now this is eternal life,
that they should know you, the only true God,
and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.

I glorified you on earth
by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do.

Now glorify me, Father, with you,
with the glory that I had with you before the world began.

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world.
They belonged to you, and you gave them to me,
and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you gave me is from you,
because the words you gave to me I have given to them,
and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you,
and they have believed that you sent me.

I pray for them.

I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me,
because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours
and everything of yours is mine,
and I have been glorified in them.

And now I will no longer be in the world,
but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

Our Scripture Reflection

Today's Gospel text contains Jesus' "High Priestly Prayer" which He uttered at the Last Supper. In it He prayed that His disciples would carry out the work that He would assign to them, to be His witnesses in the world. Think about it.....Jesus is praying for you this very day so that you may have all that you need to continue His work. With His prayerful support, we can never fail.

Food for your Journey

What we call The Lord's Prayer is more properly called The Disciples' Prayer. Have you ever noticed that the perpendicular pronoun is missing from The Disciples' Prayer? I was reminded of this by a mailing from the Omaha Home for Boys (4343 N. 52nd St., Omaha, Neb. 68104).

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say "I."

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say "My."

Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer and not pray for one another,

And when you ask for daily bread, you must include your brother.

For others are included ... in each and every plea,

From the beginning to the end of it, it does not once say "Me."

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Thank You for loving me and praying for me. May I always live according to Your will for me. Amen.