



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

**John 17: 20-26**

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:

"I pray not only for these,  
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."

## **Our Scripture Reflection**

The unity of the believers is modeled on the unity of the Father and the Son -- unity that is fundamentally a united purpose, expressing itself in a common mission and message. Jesus said that the oneness of the believers flows from giving to the believers the glory that the Father has given to him, so that unity comes down from the Father and the Son to the believers. The action, therefore, of the believers is not the primary source of unity, but the relation of the believers to the Father and the Son and the relationship of the believers to each other. Visible unity has to be visible enough to challenge the world to believe in Jesus, offering the same type of challenge that Jesus first offered to the disciples: a challenge to recognize God in Jesus.

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### **Food for your Journey**

Arthur F. Burns, the chairman of the United States Federal Reserve System and ambassador to West Germany, was a man of considerable gravity. Medium in height, distinguished, with wavy silver hair and his signature pipe, he was economic counselor to a number of presidents from Dwight D. Eisenhower to Ronald Reagan. When he spoke, his opinions carried weight and Washington listened.

Arthur Burns was also Jewish, so when he began attending an informational White House group for prayer and fellowship in the 1970s, he was accorded special respect. In fact, no one knew quite how to involve him in the group and, week after week when different people took turns to end the meeting in prayer, Burns was passed by -- out of a mixture of respect and reticence.

One week, however, the group was led by a newcomer who did not know of Burns' status. [One source says this person was former Idaho governor Cecil Andrus.] As the meeting ended, the newcomer turned to Arthur Burns and asked him to close the time with a prayer. Some of the old-timers glanced at each other in surprise and wondered what would happen. But without missing a beat, Burns reached out, held hands with others in the circle, and prayed this prayer: "Lord, I pray that you would bring Jews to know Jesus Christ. I pray that you would bring Muslims to know Jesus Christ. Finally, Lord, I pray that you would bring Christians to know Jesus Christ. Amen."

--Cited by Os Guinness in his book, The Call.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Make me a witness to Your presence in my life so that I may bring people to You and Your way. Amen.