



Daily Reflections

May 15, 2018

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

Are you aware that Jesus is praying for You? Most people have no clue because they are either unaware of today's Gospel text or just find this truth too hard to believe. But it is true, He said He would pray for us. We have His work to do while we are in this life. That's our true purpose. When you find this work difficult or frustrating remember: Jesus is praying for you. He will give you all the strength you need. Just ask Him for it.

Food for your Journey

When Ralph Houk was manager of the New York Yankees, baseball schedules were even more exacting than they are now, with double-headers almost every week.

Occasionally a player would get sick of the grind and approach Houk, asking for permission to sit out a game.

"I know how you feel," the manager would say genially. "Sure, take the day off. But do me a favor. You're in the starting lineup. Just play one inning. Then skip the rest of the game."

The player would honor Houk's request — and almost invariably get caught up in the spirit of the game and play it out to the end.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Lord Jesus, You gave everything for me on Calvary. Help me, Lord, to show my gratitude by remaining faithful to You and the work You have assigned to me. Amen