



Daily Reflections

June 4, 2019

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.

Our Scripture Reflection

Did Jesus desire that there would be a Church, His Church? Yes. He gathered disciples to Himself to learn His teachings so that they would then go out after His death and resurrection to spread those teachings. Is there still a mission for His Church today? Yes, as long as we see the effects of sin in the world, as long as there are people who hunger and thirst for His way, His disciples will have a mission. The Church, however, must always be faithful to the Lord Jesus. If It is not, then is nothing more than a social service organization.

Food for your Journey

Religion creates community, community creates altruism and altruism turns us away from self and towards the common good ... There is something about the tenor of relationships within a religious community that makes it the best tutorial in citizenship and good neighborliness.

--Jonathan Sacks.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, The world hungers and thirst for Your love. So many people try to go their own way apart from You and the end up depressed and in despair. As I live the Gospel of Jesus, may those who witness my actions see a sign of hope. Amen