



Daily Reflections

June 6, 2019

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

Spreading the Gospel of Jesus by witnessing to Him is not an extra added attraction for the true disciple. On the night before He died, He prayed for our ability to do so, faithfully. Please note: A PhD in Theology is not a prerequisite! All that is needed is faith in Him and a heart filled full of love.

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.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, Please make me an instrument of Your love and Peace. Where there is discord or hatred, let me bring Your love. Keep me Holy and faithful, Lord. Amen

