

Week 14 - October 12-18, 2026

Word of God: *Jesus Prays for His Disciples*

Gathering Song [*Your Word is True*](#) by Yemi Levite

Daily Prayer *Jesus, Jesus you are with me as I step into this day.
Let me hear you gently calling, "Precious child, walk this way."
Jesus, Jesus when I hear you, calling me to follow you,
In that hour, give me grace to love my neighbor like you do. Amen.*

Scripture: John 17:17 Context: 6-19 Jesus Prays for His Disciples

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Devotional Thoughts

Jesus prays for his disciples. I don't know if I have given a lot of thought to the idea of Jesus praying for me. More often, I think about me praying to Jesus, asking Jesus for guidance and direction. Yet, I love flipping my understanding of Jesus and prayer upside down. I find comfort knowing that Jesus loves and cares for us and is praying for our lives to be filled with strength and confidence as we serve in community with others.

It can be overwhelming to know that we are called to live out Christ's mission in the world. Often, I am filled with doubt and distracted by the world instead of being grounded in faith. Yet, John tells us that Jesus prays for us, emphasizing our protection, unity and empowerment to continue the work as disciples.

Jesus asks for us to be sanctified in truth. Jesus desires that his disciples experience joy and fulfillment through their relationship with him and through their mission. This joy is rooted in their connection to God and the truth of his word and this applies to each of us as well.

This Week's Challenge? What does it mean to be sanctified by truth? It means to make something holy, to set it apart for a sacred purpose and to purify it from sin and guilt. Being sanctified means God rendering us free from corruption. And in a world filled with greed, arrogance and selfishness, it can be difficult to know what the truth is.

This week, remember that you are sanctified and made holy through the truth that is found in the word of God. Remember to remain humble and filled with compassion as you live out your baptismal promises.

Affirmation of Christian Vocation: Make the sign of the cross on your forehead (or if you are doing this devotion with others, make the sign on the forehead of another) while saying...

All that we do belongs to God—our work and our rest.

We follow Jesus with thankful hearts and open hands, serving our neighbor in love.

Morning and evening, at work and at play, our life is in Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN