

Jesus: The Great High Priest Prays for Us

John 17:1-26

Introduction: John 17 has been referred to as the "Holy of Holies", "The High Priestly Prayer" and even "The Lord's Prayer." Regardless of the title, this is actually is the longest prayer of Jesus recorded in the New Testament.

This passage today is also Jesus' longest prayer as it relates to the scope and span of time that it covers. We're going to see that Jesus prays for Himself, He prays for His disciples—and then His prayer request stretches across twenty centuries as He prays for all who would come to believe in Him throughout the ages—so, Jesus literally prays for you and me—and for every single believer alive today.

Jesus has at least eight prayer requests in *John 17*.

Jesus' First Request (vs. 2)

Jesus' Second Request (vs. 5)

Jesus' Third Request (vs. 11)

Jesus' Fourth Request (vs. 13)

Jesus' Fifth Request (vs. 15)

Jesus' Sixth Request (vs. 17, 19)

Jesus' Seventh Request (vs. 20-21)

Jesus' Eighth Request (vs. 24)