



Sanctify by the Truth

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.”

John 17:15-19 (NIV)

Prayer Focus: Jesus prayed earnestly for His disciples and all who would follow Him in the faith throughout all generations. He did not ask that believers be rescued from the challenges and struggles of the world. He asked His Father to “sanctify” them or set them apart according to the truth. As He prayed for protection from Satan, Jesus also prayed that these newly sanctified believers would immerse themselves in a world that desperately needed the influence of righteous witnesses to truth. The more believers are set apart in holiness and purity, the more the darkness of the world is confronted and saturated with light. Jesus knew that persecution would increase, evil would abound, and truth would be compromised. But through His prayer He prepared believers to stand resolute through the opposition and evil days to come. Jesus our Sanctifier has not abandoned us to the darkness—He has set us apart with Him to bring light and truth!

Day 1: Praise Jesus that He is the source of all truth.

Day 2: Confess the times you hoped to be delivered from evil rather than have to stand as an over comer in Christ.

Day 3: Repent of any fear of being in the world.

Day 4: Ask the Lord to continue to sanctify you and set you apart as a believer who walks in truth.

Day 5: Pray that the leadership in your church will relentlessly pursue holiness in a perverse world.

Day 6: Pray that the Word of God will be revered and honored as the standard of truth in your church.

Day 7: Pray that the darkness of your community will be saturated with believers who are sanctified in truth.

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