DAY 24 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 2024 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." John 17:20-21

UNITY

IN A SEASON MARKED BY DIVISION, PRAY THAT FOLLOWERS OF JESUS AND CHURCHES ACROSS THE CITY WOULD BE RADICALLY UNIFIED!

TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

Knowing that the cross was just around the corner, Jesus spent time with His best friends over a meal where we have John to thank for taking down Jesus's longest recorded prayer in John 17. In what theologians have called His High Priestly Prayer, He takes time to pray for His present and future disciples.

Yes. On His way to the cross, Jesus prayed for you and me.

His prayer was as profound as every other word that He said, and He asked that we'd be one. Jesus's intimate relationship with the Father was the model for our unity that's based on holy love for one another.

"Unity has never meant uniformity." —Martin Luther King Jr.

The church across the city has many different expressions, but our unity comes in the fact that we are all in the same Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And the more we focus on Jesus, the less our differences matter after all.

This is unity with a purpose: that the world would believe that Jesus was sent from God.

As we reach out our hands up and out to love and serve and pray for the city, may He make us one.

TODAY'S PRAYER:

Father, make the church across the city one as you and Your Son Jesus are one so the lost people you've sent us to will fall down with us before the unimaginable beauty of King Jesus and spread His kingdom throughout the earth!

