

## May 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 Jesus prays for his followers

This Gospel reading tells us that before Jesus went to be with God, he prayed on behalf of his disciples and for all the people of the world including each one of us. He said, “Holy Father, keep them through your name..., that they may be one, even as we are” (17:11). Jesus asked God to protect us and to help us learn to get along together so we feel united like one family – God’s family.

As Jesus prayed he said, “I pray for them. I don’t pray for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours” (17:9).

This prayer reveals that each one of us is a precious child of God. In a way, Jesus was acting as our interpreter, taking our requests to God and asking for his blessing on behalf of you and I.

Here are some ideas to help you reflect together about this week’s Gospel reading.

- Make an obstacle course and direct each other around it whilst blindfolded. You will have to trust the person giving the directions.
- Make a poster of all the people who care for you
- Draw round your hands, cut the shapes out and make bunting. Perhaps you could hang this in a window as a sign of unity?

### Prayer

Dear God,  
Thank you for all of your blessings  
Thank you for the words of the Bible  
Thank you for being worthy of our trust  
And help us as we put our faith in you  
Help us to tell others about you, too!  
We love you, God!  
Thank you for Jesus  
In His name, Amen!