



## **Gospel**

**John 17:1-11**

**Father, it is time for you to glorify me**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do.

Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'



**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

# Prayer One

## The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is  
In the name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*Reflection: The glory of God isn't just a feeling, an event or an Old Testament experience—it's a spiritual tsunami of everything contained in the character of God. The word glory is literally translated "heavy weight," meaning the heaviest, biggest, grandest thing about someone.*

**The Glory of God is sometimes referred to as the presence of God, but more than just a presence, it's power. The kind of power that resurrects, delivers, overcomes and transforms. It is greater and stronger than any other power in existence. And it belongs to us.**

**Yet, maybe you feel like the glory of God is untouchable, unreachable. Maybe you think of the manifestation of the glory of God as something reserved for special church services or an extraordinary circumstance. All the while, though, you long to see the power of God manifest in your life, at St Wilfrid's and your wider communities.**

**But did you know that the glory of God is available to you 24/7? It's built-in. That's how God designed it—it's how He designed *you*. Because you were born of God (John 1:13), that glory is inside you right now! All things that the Father has—including His glory—belong to you. This means His glory isn't too far out of reach. It's right within your grasp!**

**If we aren't expecting to see the glory of God, we probably won't. Just like anything in the kingdom of God, it takes faith to see a manifestation. The glory of God is a visible power.**

**There are countless testimonies of individuals and groups of believers having seen visible evidence of God's glory. It is tangible and it is powerful! So, start expecting to *see* the glory of the Lord and you will!**



# **Final Prayer:**

**Loving Father,**

**Bless us with an open mind, able to see Your  
Glory all around us. Help us to tap into Your  
Glory and be reflections of it in this world for  
others to see.**

**In the name of the Father and of the Son...**



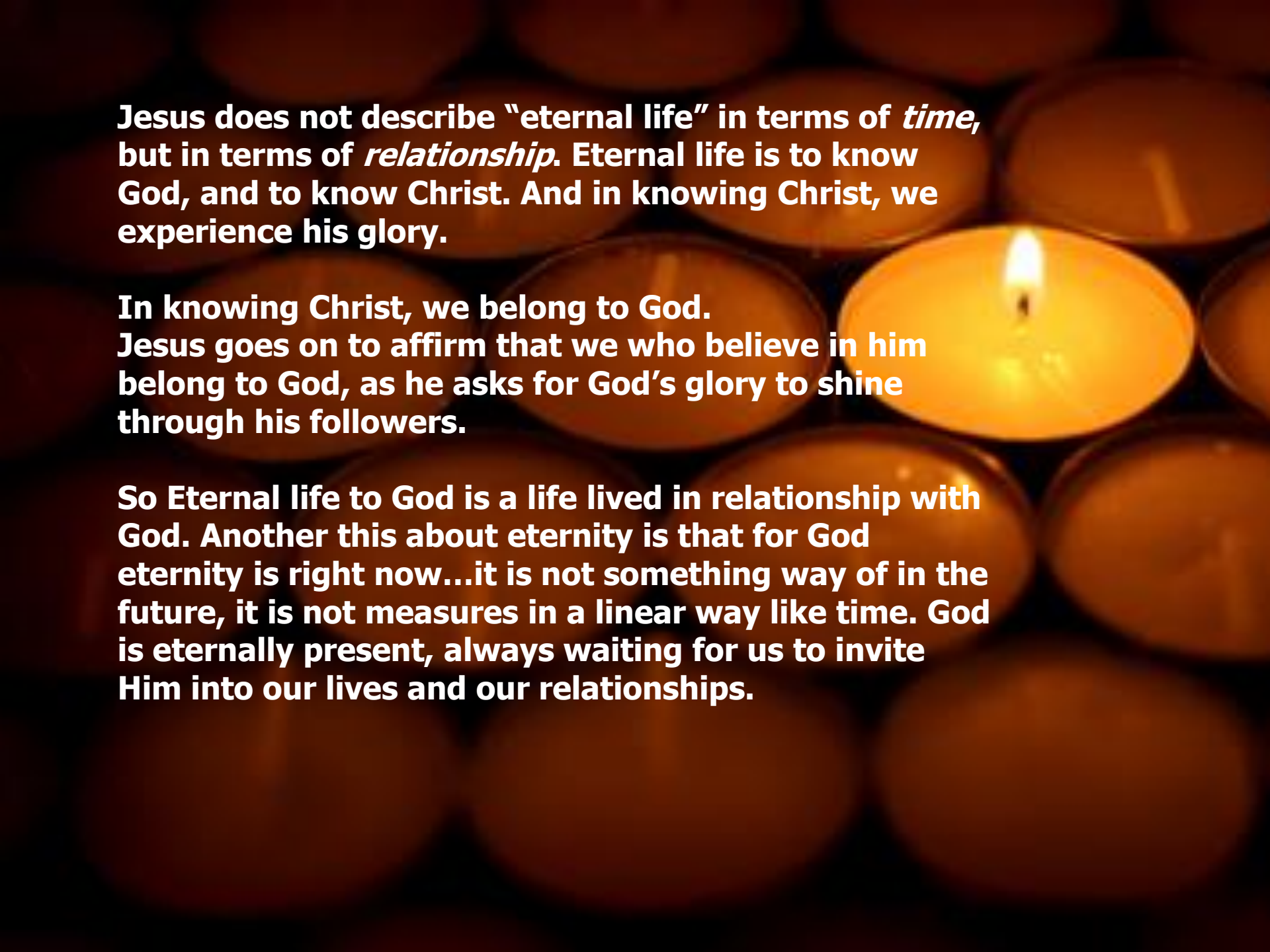
# Prayer Two

## The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is  
In the name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

***Reflection: Let focus on one section of this weeks***

***Gospel:*** "And eternal life is this:to know you, the only true God,and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with youbefore ever the world was."



**Jesus does not describe “eternal life” in terms of *time*, but in terms of *relationship*. Eternal life is to know God, and to know Christ. And in knowing Christ, we experience his glory.**

**In knowing Christ, we belong to God. Jesus goes on to affirm that we who believe in him belong to God, as he asks for God’s glory to shine through his followers.**

**So Eternal life to God is a life lived in relationship with God. Another thing about eternity is that for God eternity is right now...it is not something way of in the future, it is not measured in a linear way like time. God is eternally present, always waiting for us to invite Him into our lives and our relationships.**



**Final Prayer:**

**LOVING FATHER...**

**Grant us the understanding to grasp  
the idea that You are always there  
for us, always waiting for us to turn  
to You and that you always love us  
just as we are.**

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND  
OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY  
SPIRIT. AMEN.**



# Prayer Three

## The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is  
In the name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

***Reflection: There are unfortunately always  
going to be times in life that are challenging  
and upsetting***



**There are unfortunately always going to be times in life that are sad and tragic.**

**That's why God sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (next Sunday)**

**To give us joy when things are going well and to give us strength when things aren't.**

**Perhaps today, we can think about how God supports us and about how we can help those around us who are suffering through difficult times.**



# **Final Prayer**

**Loving Father,**

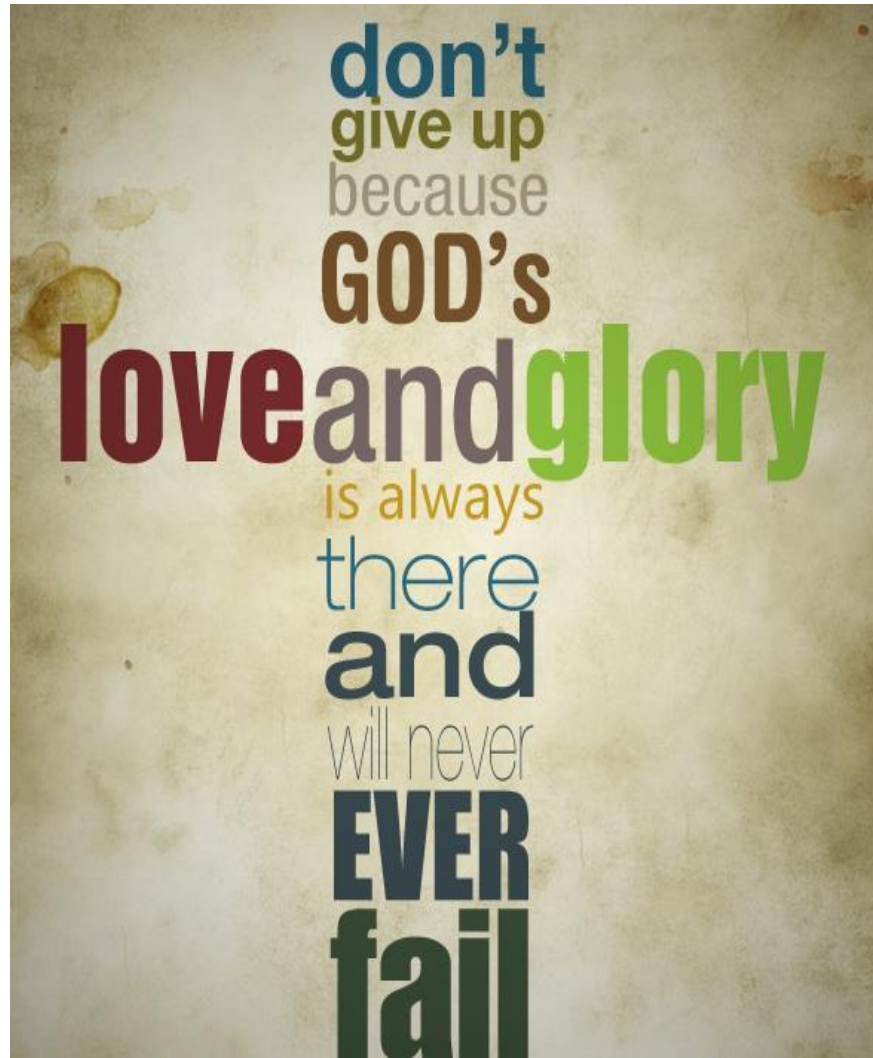
**help us to remember that the power of your spirit working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

**Stay close to those who are suffering and grieving. Keep them always in your love.**

**In the name of the Father and of the Son...**



# Final Thought...



*After the break: Trinity*