

## the table [in Jesus' name]

Is prayer real in your life?  
Do you have real community?

### Jesus and prayer

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: John 17:1a

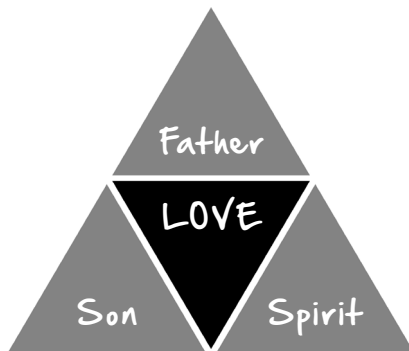
Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives,  
and his disciples followed him. Luke 22:39

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.  
<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16

### the unique nature of Christian prayer

#### Δ It's a relationship

Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. John 17:3



#### Δ It's sitting at the table with the Trinity

#### Δ It's praying in Jesus' name

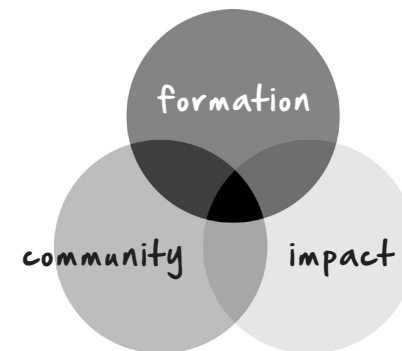
And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. <sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.  
John 14:13-14 (See also John 15:16; 16:23-24)

- pray to the Father
- by the power of the Holy Spirit
- in Jesus' name

#### Δ It's the foundation of all Christian community

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 17:20-21

### at the table together: the Church



- **FORMATION:** Our relationship with GOD
- **COMMUNITY:** Our relationships with EACH OTHER
- **IMPACT:** Our relationship to the WORLD

I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.  
Matthew 16:18b ESV

### next steps

Use JW Devo - Prayer Guide  
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