

the table [one]

This week, **TRY** to pray with another person/people (perhaps a friend, your spouse, or small group) three times.

IMAGINE The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit laying hands on you and praying with you.

PRAY for someone who's hurting as well as someone who has hurt *you*.

Day 1 united in love

READ John 17:20-23, 25-26.

CONSIDER what it means for Jesus to say, *You are in me and I am in you*. What if we added some clarifying words to that statement?

Your thoughts are in me and my thoughts are in you.

Try inserting these words:

desires, wishes, hopes, dreams, will, purpose, love.

Jesus then prays, **"That they may be one as we are one."**

God desires unity in our thoughts, desires, purpose, and love.

How are you unified with God's purpose right now?

How are you disconnected?

PRAY that your heart would be in line with God's will and love for you.

Day 2

READ John 17:24.

IMAGINE what the glory of Jesus might look like. Scripture gives us clues.

READ Matthew 17:1-5 and Revelation 1:13-16. Jesus wants you to be with Him and see His glory. The glory He received from God is because God loves Him. God loves you, too.

What if you could see people as God sees them? **IMAGINE** others shining with His glory. What if you went through your day and were able to see everyone else's potential glory shining? How would that change your view of a homeless person? The busy mom who cut you off in traffic? Your boss? Someone with whom you're in conflict? Would you give more grace for those who wrong you?

THANK God for the grace He gives you each day.

ASK Him for more grace to give to others.

Day 3

READ John 17:25-26.



Jesus has revealed (and continues to reveal) God to you. When prayer and God's presence are at the center of our lives, His love is revealed and we are unified in heart and community.

But this begs the question: *Are you unified in community?*

ASK the Holy Spirit to reveal those who need your forgiveness or those from whom you need to ask forgiveness. **WRITE** down your thoughts.

IMAGINE sitting at the table with him/her and the Trinity. Just as Jesus is the mediator between you and God, allow Him to mediate the hurt you have with others. Only in allowing His healing can we be truly unified.

Day 4 I urge you

READ Ephesians 4:1-3.

Jesus calls you to be patient and bear with one another. Reconciliation in this broken world is a messy and often painful process.

READ Matthew 18:15-20. Is there someone in your life with whom you need to reconcile? Do you need to have a conversation? How do you have that conversation with a humble and gentle spirit? **NOTICE** the passage doesn't state that all attempts at reconciliation will go well. But if you make every effort, you'll be at peace knowing you've done what you can.

READ Matthew 11:27-30. Jesus teaches us how to be gentle and humble in heart so we may have peace. **THANK** Him for the peace He gives.

Day 5

READ Ephesians 4:4-5.

NOTICE the repetition of the word **ONE**.

What's the significance of this word?

THINK about the importance of each way in which we're to be one - **united**.

LOOK back in the devo at previous days for a reminder of ways to apply unity to our lives. Unity is much easier in theory than in real practice, but each time we practice it we're brought together in unity.

THANK Jesus for giving us a path to walk together.