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Daily Reflections

Journeying through Easter



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HELD IN PRAYER

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Today's Gospel

*Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,
"Father, the hour has come.
Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you,
just as you gave him authority over all people,
so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him.
Now this is eternal life,
that they should know you, the only true God,
and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.
I glorified you on earth
by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do.
Now glorify me, Father, with you,
with the glory that I had with you before the world began.*

*"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world.
They belonged to you, and you gave them to me,*

*and they have kept your word.
Now they know that everything you gave me is from you,
because the words you gave to me I have given to them,
and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you,
and they have believed that you sent me.
I pray for them.
I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me,
because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours
and everything of yours is mine,
and I have been glorified in them.
And now I will no longer be in the world,
but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."*

JOHN 17:1-11a

Reflection

Jesus lifts his eyes to heaven and prays. He turns to the Father and prays for those he loves. What's striking is the intimacy of Jesus' words. "They belonged to you, and you gave them to me.... I pray for them." Jesus knows each of them, just as he knows each of us. He's not asking the Father to remove his disciples from the world or shield them from all struggle. Instead, he's entrusting them to the Father's love and care as they stay in the world and continue the mission.

There's a quiet strength in how Jesus defines eternal life: as relationship, "that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." Eternal life begins now, as we grow in intimacy with God and live out that relationship with love. He reminds us that his glory is in fulfilling his purpose: revealing the heart of God to the world. And now, that purpose continues in us. We remain in the world, carrying Christ's words, love, and mission.

In whatever we face today, may we take comfort in knowing this: Jesus has prayed for us, entrusted us to the Father, and given us the gift of knowing him, which is the beginning of eternal life.



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For Pondering

Ask yourself:

- How do I experience eternal life through my relationship with God?
 - Where in my life is Jesus inviting me to carry his love and mission into the world today?
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For Prayer

Desire to embrace the whole world with the fire of God's great dream.

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