

MESSAGE TRANSCRIPT //

MAY THEY BE ONE | RED LETTER TALKS

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It was a big week for us as a church. We had a Rooted celebration on Tuesday night where 58 people were baptized right here in this room. And I don't want to just look past that, like how cool that that happened. That is what we've prayed for.

A lot of you were around when we started the Awaken initiative. We were praying and asking God to awaken us, and to talk about what it would look like for God to release the church, revive the city, and restore hope to the world. And He is doing it. If you want to get involved, maybe you've missed that section, you just started coming, you can always go to vision.tpcc.org to figure out what it looks like for you to get involved.

I'm excited for today because we're continuing in our series Red Letter Talks. And what are red letters? Well, red letters are in your Bible. They are just on a few of the pages. They are in the gospels, the biographies of Jesus' life, and then there toward the end. You'll notice, most of your Bible is black ink. And then you switch over and there are these red letters. And the red letters tell us that these are the words of Jesus. They are evidence that Jesus came. These were taken down by eye witnesses, people who sat with Jesus, heard Him speak, and are now sharing these words.

What we've been doing in this series is looking at some of the last red letter words that Jesus would ever speak, right before He would go to the cross. So, if you have your Bibles, go ahead and flip or open to John, chapter 17, verse 20. This is where we are going to be starting today. These are the words of Jesus here. He says: "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message." (NLT)

And I just want to stop and pause to think about how wild this is and how important it is for us to look at these red letters and not just skim past them, because these red letters tell us what God is like.

If Jesus is God, what this verse just said is that God prays for you. Don't just blow by that. That tells us so much. There are implications if that is true. Because maybe you've been living your life and you pray sometimes but it feels weird. And you always wonder, "Is God really even on the other side of this? Does God hear my prayers. Does God want to hear my prayers?" This tells us that He does.



Let me explain. We all have three different kinds of friends. We have friends who we know that if we call them they are not going to answer. Right? They are also the same people who somehow don't have a voicemail box that has been set up yet. I didn't know that was an option. But they will text you back in a few days and go, "You good? Everything okay?"

"No, that's why I called you because I was not okay. But thank you for nothing." We have friends who are not going to answer when we call. But then we have people who will. There are people in your life, in your phone, that you know that no matter what is going on, you call them, and they are going to answer the phone. That is a good friend.

But then there is another group of friends. These are the friends who don't just accept your call when it comes in, but they call you. They don't just want something from you, they want something for you. They just want to check on you. They just want to have a relationship with you.

If these words are from Jesus, and if these words are from God, that means:
We have a God who prays for us

So it answers the question, does He hear our prayers? Of course. Does He want to hear our prayers? Of course. If He is willing to pray for us, that settles it. Maybe for you the next logical question is, "Okay, God prays for us. What does God pray for? I know what my prayers look like. I know what I throw up to Him, but what would God pray for?"

May They Be One

That's right here in John, chapter 17, verse 21. He says:

"I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you." (NLT)

This is Jesus' prayer for the church. For me and you, that we would be one. As close as He is with God, He wants that for us. For us to have that for Him and for one another. And maybe when you hear that, that prayer seems really big. It almost seems impossible. Because when you look out into the world, all you see is disunity and separation. And I'm not just talking about the world. I'm talking about the big C church around the world. The headlines make it seem like the church is separating and splintering and shrinking.

Maybe.



What if the church isn't splintering? What if God is pruning right now? What if God is prepped and ready, removing the branches that are no longer bearing fruit. What if an act of God is about to happen and we could be a part of it? Doesn't that change things? What if He is looking to do something and from what I see when I read the Bible is that when things seem impossible, that's usually when God shows up. And if God prays for it then it can come to pass, even as big as it sounds that all the churches in all of the world would be united as one.

The question isn't: Can it happen? It is: Are me and you prepared to play our part in it? Think about this. So much of our lives are spent praying to God asking Him to play His part in fulfilling our prayers. Are you prepared to play a part in His? It got quiet. You see how the turntables have turned.

That is what me and you get to be a part of. He has shared what He wants. For me and you to have this kind of unity, and me and you get to play a part in fulfilling the prayers of Jesus. What an honor.

How, though? How is that going to happen? In a world that is so different, so many of us coming from different backgrounds. We have so many reasons to be separated. What is it that could actually bring us all together? That's what He's going to share here in John, chapter 17. Look at this. He says:

"May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!" John 17:23b-24 (NLT)

Sent vs. Born

It's all wrapped up here. Everything that we need to be united together is right here. And I want to start with this one word that maybe you read it but I want us to circle it if you're taking notes. It's the word sent.

Did you notice that? It says that Jesus was sent. We don't talk like that. Right? There is a difference. We talk about being born and not sent. If you are having a conversation with someone, and you are like, "Hey, what's your birthday?" And they are like, "Well, I was sent to earth on February 16th." You'd be like, "Sorry, I don't even want to do this. What are you talking about, you were sent?"

What Jesus is saying here is that He was sent. Meaning that He existed before He became a man. He existed before the foundation of the earth. He always was. What Jesus is doing here is He is making the claim that He is God.



So the first thing is that Jesus isn't just another teacher telling us, "Hey, this is the way to unity. This is how you can all be one." He is the way. He is the Savior who came to unite us, first with God and then with one another. What is the X Factor? What is this Savior going to bring? What is going to be strong enough to bring us all together? It's right there in His prayer. He says, "I want them to know that You love them as much as You love Me."

I want you to hear this:

We have a God who loves us just as much as He loves Jesus

We have a God who loves us just as much as He loves Jesus. Do you believe that? I don't know. I want to believe that. But I think if we believe that... Really, if you believe that, you'd be happier. You would be more joyful. You would be less fearful. You would have more courage. If you really believe that God loves you exactly like He loves Jesus that would change things.

What if the fact that God loves you like He loves Jesus is the truest thing about you? Of all of the things that are true about you and all the ways you've come to know yourself and others have known you, what if the truest thing about you was the fact that God loves you? You are loved.

Disunity

I would argue that that disunity comes whenever we're known and whatever title we accept other than: You are loved by God. That's when disunity comes. Think about that. The reason we don't have unity with other people is because we don't feel worthy of love or we make the decision to say, "I don't think you are worthy of love."

Think about how different it would be for me and you if the truest thing about us, what we believe most about ourselves is the fact that we are loved by God. That's even hard to say. It's hard to sit with that. And it's not even just love from God. Have you ever sat with someone and then have them share with you that they love you? It's hard to receive it. You almost want to look away or make a joke.

It is hard to believe that we are worthy of love. But we are. It will be the thing... When we realize that we are worthy of love, it will be the thing that unites us. But so often we settle for lower titles. We become known by smaller things. When we begin to ask the question, "Who am I?" We say things like, "Well, I'm an addict." "I'm the one who was abandoned by the people who were supposed to love me." "I'm the one with mental health issues." "I'm the one with a past."

Hear me. Some of those things, maybe even all of those things, may be somewhat true about you. But they are not the truest thing about you. The truest thing about you is that you are loved by God.

Who am I? I'm the one who is loved by God. Who am I? I am the one who is made in the image of God. Who am I? I am the one who God left heaven for and came here to live and die for me. Who am I? I am worthy of love. That is who you are.

When we begin to believe that... We will naturally become united with one another when we begin to see that in other people. What happens when we place anything else there, when something else becomes the most true thing other than God loves you and God loves them, we create reason for division, "I give myself a reason to hate you." Extreme examples of this are racism and sexism. I look at you and I see that you are unworthy of love because what I have done is to say that the truest thing about you isn't the fact that you are loved by God, it's that you are this or that. How can we be united with people who we don't even love? There are people in our church who struggle with these things: racism, sexism, other false beliefs about groups of people. And I'm telling you, God wants to get that out of us.

And when we begin to see that they are not those things, they are children of God, they've been made in His image, they bear His image, and they are worthy of love... Who am I to say that someone isn't worthy of love because God already says that they are? We have this love, which overwhelms us and joins us together. And we also have a shared experience.

You know how shared experiences really join you together with people? They make you close when you have shared experiences.

When you talk to people who were in the military, and they were together on the front lines, there is a closeness that was created there. They had shared experiences. Maybe you were on a team and you practiced and you played. You went to the championship. You won. All of those things. You have shared experiences.

Maybe for you, it's like when I worked at Burger King. Right? You were surrounded by these people and over and over you went through life together.

I talk about Burger King like prison. I still see people out that I used to work with and I'm like, "Hey, how's it going?"

"You were working at Burger King. Right?"

"Yeah—38th Street, I did a little time there. But most of my time was at 10th Street."



There is this experience that we have, an experience that all Christians share and are united in to bring us closer. And that's the reason that, when you place your faith in Jesus, you have a closeness and a unity with any other group of people, whether that's any other affinity or even ethnicity. There is this closeness that you have because you have a shared experience.

I want to show you what that shared experience is. It's in Romans, chapter 6. He says: "Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Since we have been," say it with me, "united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was." Romans 6:3-5 (NLT)

And maybe it's been hard for you to understand why we celebrate baptisms—these people standing in the water dunking each other and coming back up. It's because it's a symbol of what is really happening under the surface.

What's happening is that they are standing in that water that is not just water, it represents a watery grave. And as they are lowered underneath the water they are sharing in a death, the death that Jesus died on the cross, they are sharing in this death that for over 2,000 years other Christians have shared in as well. And then they are raised to new life united with God and with others.

That's why we are celebrating. This new life. And now this new life is so different we're no longer just individuals. We've been brought in, grafted into the family of God. The word we have for that is the church. The church isn't talked about in Scripture as this place that you go to. It's a group of people.

It's a body where Jesus is the head and me and you are the body. And we all play different parts. I'm a finger. You're a toe. You're a hand. You're a leg. And then for the rest of our time here on earth we figure out what it looks like for us to live as one, for your strengths and my strengths to come together and to do this together.

And we step on each other's toes, but we live it out because it is God's will for our life until, one day, when we pass away and we are moved and ushered into all of eternity—I don't even understand what that looks like, but the oneness, the unity, is perfected. We are in the presence and the glory of God, We are there with Him and we feel the full weight of what it means to be united.

A united church is the evidence of God's love



That is what God wants for us. Why does He want this? What is His reasoning? What is His rationale for having us united? It says it right here in John, chapter 17. And I love The Message translation of why Jesus wants us to be united. He says:

“Then they’ll be mature in this oneness, and give the godless world evidence that you’ve sent me and loved them in the same way you’ve loved me.” John 17:20-23 (MSG)
He’s saying, “I want you to be one. I want you to be together. I want you to be united because you are going to be the evidence of My love. Jesus knew He was going to leave us with some pretty wild claims. We are going to have to tell people about what we believe. Just hear it out loud. It sounds like a lot.

“What do you believe? What is Christianity?”

“Well, I believe God became man.”

“Yeah, okay. I’m with you.”

“And then He lived this perfect life.”

“Okay”

“And then He went to a cross and He died and all of these people saw Him dead. And then they took Him down and they threw Him into a tomb.”

“Okay.”

“And then He resurrected. He came back to life. Yeah, we believe that. And then a bunch of people saw Him. And then He ascended into heaven.”

“Okay. I’m going to need some proof. I’m going to need some evidence.”

And God says the evidence to help them understand and believe that that really happened is our unity.

Think about it like this. We have this with our friends. When they say something or you hear something that makes some outlandish claim, you are like, “I’m going to need some evidence. You’ve got to prove to me that that really happened.”

Like, if I told you I have four kids. You might be like, “You look way too young to have four kids, bro. Show me some evidence.” And then I would show you my minivan. And it’s pretty clear. Right? Why would any normal person without four kids be driving around in a minivan? You’d be like, “Point taken. Enough seen here. I believe you.”

A united church is the evidence of God’s love. In a world where we are called to share the gospel, the Good News of who Jesus is and all that He has done, as wild of a claim that that is, that this Man died, resurrected, defeated sin and death all together, and that there is a way that me and you can live that that will compliment that, that when people hear what is so hard to understand and so hard to believe, but then they look over and they see this pocket of people, this church, who love one another and is united and lives together, it’s like, “I don’t understand how to explain that.”



“In a world that is so fearful and anxious, there is a group of people over there that seem so courageous and poised and have peace. I don’t understand it.” And then they begin to see in a whole new way that makes sense.

“This Man really did die and resurrect. It only makes sense. The way that they live, the way that they are united, it only makes sense that Jesus is who He said He is. That’s what God wants us to be. Evidence of His love.

What does a united church look like?

A united church shares their problems, possessions, and prayers

Well, a united church shares their problems, their possessions, and their prayers. If you’re taking notes—hopefully you have been taking notes the whole time, but if not, right now is a good time to start.

What I want us to do is look at each one of these and say, “This is what God is calling us to be, a united church. What is the thing that we can do to play our part in fulfilling this prayer of Jesus?”

The first one there is:

Problems

Me and you, to bring us into the kind of unity that Jesus is talking about here, we have to be willing to share our problems. And do you see how the gospel helps us do that?

Think about all of the relationships that you have and the worry that you have and being able to share the real you, the vulnerable side and the problems that you have.

That’s why most of us have the most boring conversations 10 times a day. “Hey, how are you doing?”

“Good. You?”

“Good, good.”

“Alright. See you later.”

Why don’t we share? It’s because we’re afraid, “If I shared with you my problems, you would withdraw your love. You wouldn’t want me around. You wouldn’t think I’m worth it. And I’m not ready to put myself out there.”

But if I’m not counting on who I am in the sense of what I do, but who I am, that the truest thing about me is that I’m loved by God and Jesus has already dealt with everything that I have, I don’t have to hide anything He’s already dealt with, “I can share with you. I can be open with you. I can share my problems with you.”

And this is what is commanded in Scripture. Look at this is Galatians with how we live. It says:

“Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each other’s burdens, share each other’s problems, “and in this way obey the law of Christ.

“If you think.” I love this part, “If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.” Galatians 6:1-3 (NLT)
Me and you, one of the things that is going to unite us is when I am open enough to share. And that on the other side you are willing to carry that burden, willing to share in that problem with me.

Do you have people to share your problems with?

Do you have people that when something comes up you can reach out to, that you can make a call, that you can knock on somebody’s door and say, “This is what I’m going through. Can you help me?”

I can tell you that the data doesn’t look great for adults who have real friendships, people who they can count on and they can trust with their problems.

And for all of the youth in the room, I’m talking about middle school and high school students, I just want to say that now is the time to start dealing with your problems in a healthy way. Because, right now, you’re starting to have new problems. And those old problems that you thought would be going away by now are becoming bigger problems, and you’re wondering, “What do I do with these problems?”

I love our youth ministry here. It’s group based. It’s surrounding yourself with a leader and other people in a safe place to be able to share your problems. Do you have that?
Possessions

Do you have people you can share your possessions with? Don’t get weird. Christians still believe in private property and all of that stuff, but we also believe that everything we have is a gift. Every good thing first comes through the hands of God. And it’s not ours. We’re stewards of it and we have been blessed to be a blessing.

Do you have people to share your possessions with? This is one of the early marks of the church, which caused the whole watching world to be very curious. They had never seen people like this, who shared things, who gave other people things that they didn’t have to. And they were all different people. It wasn’t like they were family. They would have looked different, spoken different languages.

It was like, "Why are you being so kind? Why are you sharing in this way?" It was because of Jesus. Look at this in Acts, chapter 4. It says:

"All the believers were united in heart and mind." They had been united in Jesus. "And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had."
Acts 4:32 (NLT)

Do you have people to share your possessions with?

You know, part of being a church... That's why we give offerings and tithes. It's because I know what I have I want to give to others. Not just here in the city, but around the world. I want to play my part in helping them get what they do not have.

But then there is also this side personally. What does it look like for me to share possessions with my friends and my family and to be a good neighbor?

I have lived in a lot of different places. Since we've been married we've moved around to a few different neighborhoods. Most of them have been pretty similar. Similar make up of people. Nobody really talks. You kind of pull up to the house. Go in through the garage. You see people, maybe on the weekends and wave. That's about it.

But this one place where we lived was a different kind of community. It was filled with a lot of older people. Alright? A different generation than the one I came up in.

One day we were hanging out at the house and we were just playing and I heard the doorbell ring. To me, the doorbell is an alarm that tells me someone is here who shouldn't be. So, immediately my instincts cut in. I drop down. I'm like making eye contact with my wife. And I am like looking, "Who is ringing a doorbell on a Saturday? It was my neighbor. She's holding this giant pan. And I open the door and I'm like, "Hey, everything okay?" She was like, "Yeah. I have these baked beans." And I'm like, "You're bringing me a pan of baked beans?" And she's like, "Our oven just went down and I was wondering if I could use your oven to heat these up." I was like... I didn't even know that you could do that. I was like, "Sure. Come on in."

I was convicted by that. Of the way that she lived and the way she saw our relationship and how open she was to just coming over and sharing and wanting me to share. For me, if my oven went down, "We're going to Chick fil-A. God has intervened. He will provide."

There was something sweet about this idea of what it looks like to have this relational web where we could share things, we could count on one another, we could depend on one another. Think about how much unity that brings when we share our possessions with one another.

Prayers



And then our prayers. Do you have people you can share your prayers with? I want you to look at this in 1 Timothy. Look at what is commanded. He urges us: "I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them." 1 Timothy 2:1 (NLT)

To intercede on their behalf. This is what Jesus was doing for us in John, chapter 17. He is the Great High Priest. He is taking us to God. He is praying for us, praying on our behalf.

Do you have people to share your prayers with?

Do you have people...? I can't think of a thing that would unite you more than anything else than to know that you have someone in your life who is taking your name before the God of all things. You know that he could be doing anything with his prayer time, that she knows that this is an explosive space where heaven and earth overlap, where he can have an audience with God and he is using that time to talk about you. Do you have people that you can share your prayers with?

Think about that. Maybe you started coming to church and you're kind of on the fringe right now. You come when you can but, "I really don't get it. I really don't feel like that closeness. I don't feel the purpose of it all. I have friends that I am closer with at the YMCA or at work than I am at church."

I would challenge you with the fact that maybe you're doing it wrong. Maybe you're not sharing your problems with one another. Just because you stand in proximity to someone, you sing next to him and you can almost hear his voice, that's not going to bring you into the type of unity that Jesus is talking about here. It's when we get to this space and we realize who He is and we're willing to share all of these things, then we get to experience the life that He has for us.

Maybe you're here today and you're like, "I want that." When you're hearing about this God who loves you unconditionally, that the truest thing about you could be the fact that you are loved. You're like, "I want that. I want to be surrounded by people like that who will love me imperfectly, but who will show up for me. I want that type of community. How do I get it?"

Can I just say that Christianity is different from everything else? Even the way we think about it, "What do I have to do? What do I have to... Just tell me." And we spend so much of our lives trying to do better, trying to do more, thinking that once we do more, then we will be able to experience these things and to fulfill this ache and desire that we have. But the Bible talks about it in a very different way. Did you see the word Jesus used over and over again in John, chapter 17. He said, "I want them to be able to see. I want them



to be able to see who I am. I want them to be able to see My glory, because once they see Me for who I am, that will be the motivation, that will be the thing that brings them to unity, that will be the thing that will bring them to faith.

It's when we see it. When we see what Jesus did with our problems. He made our problems His problems. That's why He came to earth. That's why He lived a perfect life. That's why He went to a cross and died for me and you, to help carry our burdens, to deal with our problems.

When you begin to wonder, "How can I live a life where I'm so openhanded with my possessions that I could share what I have and what I worked for with other people who don't even deserve it?" It only comes when you see that God gave His most prized possession to you and me, His one and only Son. And you see that if God can do that, then I can do this.

And then when you see that the God of this universe prays for you, that He wants unity with you, and what He ultimately wants is for you to be in eternity with Him forever, when you begin to see that, when you see that Jesus went toe to toe with the devil, when He fought hell and won and He handed you the victory, when you see that, that will be the thing that clicks. That will be the thing that brings you to this spot to want more of it. Not trying but just seeing.

And if you've seen that today, you can respond to that today. We would love to be here with you. We're going to have people at all of our campuses who would love to pray with you and talk about what it looks like to live as if the truest thing about you is that you are loved by God.

For others, maybe you're in this spot and you're like, "I've been coming for a little bit. I grew up in church. But if I'm being honest, I've never been a part of a church like that where you actually live life with people, where you share your problems and you share your possessions and you share real prayers, not just twice removed prayers like, "Will you pray for my Aunt Kat."

"Uh, no."

But if you want that. If you want to know what it looks like to really be a part of a united church:

Rooted

Rooted registration is open right now. Here's what it is. It is a ten-week experience where you get connected to a small group of people and you learn and you get to experience, "What does it look like to share my problems, my possessions, and prayers and to play my part in fulfilling Jesus' prayer for all of us." That's open to you.



Then for all of the rest of us, what I want to speak to is that we are approaching one of the biggest days of the year for the church. It is Easter weekend next weekend. And I want you to think about this. Here's what I know. I've been around—this will be my 14th Easter at Traders Point. Every single Easter I have seen Pastor Aaron stand up here and deliver the gospel. He has shared who Jesus is. That He loves us. That He died for us. And now there is resurrected hope for you and me.

I believe that he is going to present that gospel this weekend. What if me and you could be evidence of God's love. What if the first thing that people could see after they hear who God says that they are, is how we treat them? How do we love them? "This would make sense, even more so because of the way these people have treated me." Here's what we can do to get ready and prepared for this upcoming weekend:
Good Friday

Good Friday our team has put together an incredible online only experience that is filled with worship and teaching and communion that is a chance for us to center our hearts to be prepared to go into this weekend, to believe that God is at work, that God is uniting His people.

Easter Serve

And then the other thing I would say is sign up to serve. Registration is open right now: tpcc.org/Easter

I want to paint a picture for you. We know that people come Easter weekend who never come or, maybe once or twice a year. There are going to be people who've never accepted an invitation to come to church but they are going to come next weekend. What if when they come, and they show up to one of our campuses, and they pull up in the parking lot, and they can't even make sense of what is happening because an army, a fleet of people are out there directing traffic and smiling (and you know it's almost April, but it's Indiana so it's going to be snowing or raining) and they are like, "Yeah, that's pretty cool. There are people out here."

And then they walk in. They walk into the lobby and music is going and it feels warm and there are people who are excited to see them and who are glad that they came. And they are like, "No one is ever glad that I come into a place. This is kind of nice." And then there is coffee. And not just coffee, there's free coffee. Who does free coffee? We do.

And then they take their kids into Kids' Ministry and they drop them off and there is a group of people who seem to love their kids just as much as they do. And they are like, "This is crazy."



And they walk into one of our auditoriums and they experience the worship and it's beautiful. And then Pastor Aaron gets up and preaches the gospel and they hear about the God who loves them and wants a relationship with them. He lived a perfect life, defeated sin and the grave, and is extending an invitation to them that they could have this new life.

And then they begin to see this whole experience differently. They walk out and it begins to make sense. What if the first thing that they could see was an army of hundreds of people ready and waiting to serve them? What if we could be the evidence of God's love this Easter weekend? We can play a part in that. Sign up to serve today.

What I want us to do as we close is to pray. I want us to pray for unity. I want us to have faith and to believe that what Jesus is talking about here is possible. And it's going to be hard. It's going to demand some things from us. It's going to cost us some things. But it will be worth it.

So, right where you are just close your eyes, bow your head, and join me in this prayer—a prayer of unity.

Father, thank You so much for today.

God, thank You for these red letters. God, thank You for sending a Savior. God, thank You for making it painfully clear that we are loved. God, help us to not look away. Help us to not be intimidated by that. Help us not to reject that but to believe it. We are loved. And not with just any kind of love. We are loved with the same love that You love Jesus. God, allow that love to define us. Allow that love to decide what we do and don't do. Allow that love to give us the courage to press on. Allow that love to put us out there to be vulnerable and to be united.

Allow that love to help us to be openhanded with what You have for us. Allow that love to be what brings our problems out, we don't hide behind them. We trust You. God, allow that love to bring us to the spot of being openhanded with every possession we have. God, allow that love to bring us to the place of prayer. Let us be dependent on You. Let us trust You.

Father, we believe that You called for it. We believe that You called for unity so that it is possible. But we know it's only possible through Your Spirit and through Your power. So, we ask right now show up, lead us, guide us, show us what we need to do so that we can play our part in fulfilling Your prayer. May we be one, Jesus. Father, it is in Your perfect and holy name we pray. Amen.

