

## Prayer

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### **Look**

Prayer is sometimes a person experience and sometimes a group experiences. Some people find prayer to be an essential part of their daily routine, while others rarely pray or even struggle to pray.

1. How do you pray?
2. What is your experience of prayer? Good, bad, indifferent? Why?

### **Book John 17:6-19**

In this passage, Jesus prays for his disciples. But, he isn't praying aloud just to set an example for us, he is genuinely praying in earnest for his friends.

1. What does Jesus ask for his disciples in his prayer?
2. Why does it matter that Jesus prays for his disciples?
3. Why does it matter that the disciples hear Jesus pray for them?

### **Took**

In her sermon today, Lisa reminded us that when we pray, the Holy Spirit pulls us in and connects us to God and to everyone else who is praying. We don't have to know what we are doing or have a plan for our prayer, but we can just let the Spirit lead us.

1. Does thinking about prayer connecting you to all others that pray make you think differently about prayer?
2. How might you shake up your prayer life and do something different in this next week?