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Jesus Praying?

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May 9, 2013

**You Are An Answer To Jesus' Prayer**

*I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 17:20-21*

### ***Jesus Prays For You***

I am going to start Sunday's sermon with a quiz. Here is the quiz question: What is Jesus doing right now?  
Answer: Praying. Today being Ascension Day we specifically remember that when He ascended to the right hand of the Father to pray. He is praying right now that the merciful, loving will of God be fulfilled everywhere, all the time, and for every person. With that in mind it is a good idea to join in with what He is praying.

### ***You Are An Answer To His Prayers***

Notice in the verse above that He is praying that you and I be "in" the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In other words, that we have a rich communion with God. He will give us the ability to do that. The result will be that people who do not believe Jesus is who He says He is will come to believe through the way our communion with God is demonstrated. Our communion with God creates "something about us" that will begin to dissolve the cynicism we sometimes find in people around us. What is Jesus asking you to do to maintain an ongoing relationship with Him?

## **Coming Attractions**

*May 12, 2013 Worship at 10:00am*

*Sundays at St. Francis at 10:00am April 7-May 12*

## **WHO IS THIS?**

Taking A Close Look At Jesus  
Sermons for Easter Season at St. Francis.

April 7	John 20:21-31	Jesus is the Whole Point
April 14	John 21:1-19	Jesus Opens Up Our Lives
April 21	John 10: 22-30	Jesus Speaks Deep Within Your Spirit and Your Soul
April 28	John 13:31-35	We Can Do What He Did
May 5	John 5:1-9	Jesus Breaks the Law to Heal the Sick

May 12 John 17:20-26 You Are An Answer To Jesus' Prayer

*Is there someone you know you would like to have take a closer look at Jesus? Invite them to come with you.*

*Please keep Jenna Nelson in your prayers this week as she ministers with a team of nurses and doctors in Haiti. See the photo above showing the people of St. Francis gathering around her for prayer.*

*Ministry of Hope is a ministry Richard Walker is a part of. He shared with us this past Sunday about one of the pastors in Pakistan connected with this ministry, Asif, who was killed in an attack on the church building. Please keep Asif's wife, young son, and church family in your prayers. you can learn more about Ministry of Hope at [ministryofhope.info](http://ministryofhope.info).*

*June 7 & 8, 2013 St. Francis to Participate in the Goochland Relay for Life*

Goochland Elementary School Track  
3150 River Road West  
Goochland, VA 23063

Each year Goochland County sponsors a Relay for Life event to help fight cancer. For the very first time, St. Francis will participate in this event to be held on the Goochland Elementary School track on June 7-8. Besides giving everyone an opportunity to fight cancer and help save more lives with donations, it gives St. Francis an opportunity to serve the community.

St. Francis' goal is \$1000. We have now gone over \$1200! Thank you for your generosity!!!

For every \$100 raised by May 13, the team receives a tee-shirt. Luminary candles are also available for \$10 to remember those afflicted by cancer.

Registration forms are in the vestibule of the church, or you may register online at [www.relayforlife.org/goochlandva](http://www.relayforlife.org/goochlandva).

*A special time of prayer has traditionally been between Ascension Day(today) and Pentecost Sunday. Roman Catholics refer to this as a novena. I invite you to pray each day between now and Pentecost for:*

May 10: The church in our area to have the grace to be one in the Spirit of God

May 11: Every business near our homes (by name as you remember) to be blessed with great success and increased ability to serve its clientele

May 12: The Federal, State and County courts to diligently pursue justice

May 13: Congress, the Legislature, County Supervisors, and all local legislative bodies to wisely pass laws for the peace and prosperity of our nation, commonwealth and communities

May 14: Our president, governor, all county and local executive officials and all agencies including our military, law enforcement and public safety, post office, transportation, and others have great wisdom in carrying out their responsibilities.

May 15: Our neighborhoods and communities would be places of mutual affirmation and personal and family

growth where lifelong friendships are made.

May 16: Our schools would educate students to fulfill the dreams and callings God has placed on each one, our teachers would be supported in ways they can teach very well for the benefit of each student, and the administration of each district would make wise and fruitful decisions.

May 17: Our local fellowships would worship deeply, seek each other's success, and serve others in the community in the name of Jesus.

May 18: The Spirit of God would fill our worship tomorrow with great power and love, sending us into the world to join in with what God is already doing and to extend God's grace wherever we go.

*Visit our website [www.stfrancisva.org](http://www.stfrancisva.org)*

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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