

Daily Homily
Seventh Week of Easter: Thursday
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Normally in Scripture when Jesus prays... he usually goes off by Himself to do so. The Scriptures usually do not give us access to what Jesus actually prayed about or how he prayed. Often times that happens.

However, in John's Gospel at least during the Last Supper discourse that we read today, Jesus prays and we know what he prays about and we have access to how the Son speaks to the Father. We also have access to what is on the Son's heart as He is in that communion of prayer with the Father.

Much of what Jesus prayed for at the Last Supper, we pray for during our Eucharistic Prayer... after the consecration we pray for the Church's unity and for her peace. We also pray that we may be in communion – in unity and peace – with the various parts of the Church: the Pope, the Bishop, the clergy... with those who have died... with the saints even. This all part of the Church's unity and peace.

And the prayer goes on... and what a prayer... we should not lose the value of these words that Jesus prays for us to the Father – that the love that the Father has for the Son may be in us and shared with us as well. And what a love that is. Jesus prays for that love to be in us.

As Jesus prays we are on his mind, we are in his heart... He gives us access to that today... and wants to us to share in the fullness of that love and life He has with the Father. That's a powerful prayer.