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Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying:

“Holy Father, keep them in your name
that you have given me,

so that they may be one just as we are one.

When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me,
and I guarded them, and none of them was lost
except the son of destruction,
in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you.

I speak this in the world
so that they may share my joy completely.

I gave them your word, and the world hated them,
because they do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.

I do not ask that you take them out of the world
but that you keep them from the Evil One.

They do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the truth.

Your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world,
so I sent them into the world.

And I consecrate myself for them,

so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

(Jn 17:11-19)