

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

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- A prayer for future believers. John 17:20-26

## Some Thoughts to Consider:

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3. Christian unity \_\_\_\_\_ to the world. John 17:20-23

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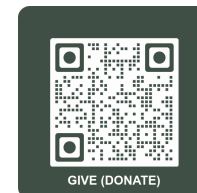
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Do you believe unity is essential today? Why? What other scriptures support your view?

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