

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

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Lent Devotion/Day 13/Monday, March 1, 2021

[Jesus prayed], "I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one." John 17:15

Meditation: In his prayer to his heavenly Father on the Thursday of Holy Week, Jesus prays for his disciples in every age. He doesn't ask that we would be spared the inevitable trials and troubles of life in this world. Rather, he prays that we would be protected from the forces of evil which can easily deceive us or overwhelm us.

Jesus' desire is that we would be in the world but not of the world. He calls us to be genuinely involved in the struggles of this world, serving as instruments of God's healing and help and hope among wounded and broken people. But we must guard against getting so entangled in the net of the world's wounds and needs that they might consume us or disable us.

Prayer: *Lord, grant us your grace and guidance so that we may faithfully serve wounded and broken people. Amen.*

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