Last Words of Christ "Behold your son..."

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"Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home." - John 19:25

"For even His own brothers did not believe in Him." - John 7:5

⁴⁸ "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" ⁴⁹ Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers.⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." - Matthew 12:48-50

 1. The cross allows us to be in a ______ with the Father and be ______ into His family.

¹⁴ "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children." - Romans 8:14-16

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Father, I will ______ you.

If Jesus needed to pray to the Father, how much more do you?

The cross allows us to be in a relationship with ______ and each other as ______.

²⁰ "I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. ²² I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as We are one— ²³ I in them and You in Me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me." - John 17:20-23

"Both the one who makes people holy [Jesus] and those who are made holy [us] are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters." - **Hebrews 2:11**

3. God has created you for ______.

- Come to _____
- Join a _____
- Start _____