


Prayer and Praying Day One

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Navigation:

Today you are invited to simply 'be'...


You do not have to take part in anything

You do not have to say anything


If you need to take time away from the screen that is fine...sit where you like!


Each section will be around 30 mins... followed by a 10 minute break

There will be a 1 min timer to start every new section




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You can also take part today - via Zoom chat



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Prayer and Praying

Schedule: Day One


- Prayer and the nature of reality
- Biblical words of prayer
- Praying in the private place
- Prayer as listening

Schedule: Day Two

- Praying in the public space
- A new vocabulary in prayer
- Praying for/with others
- 3 prayers of Scripture:




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Part One: Prayer and the nature of reality


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SHAPED BY OUR UNDERSTANDING OF:

God:

- Both good and intervening
- Both determining and responsive
- Both 'Other' and accessible
- Both transcendent and immanent




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SHAPED BY OUR UNDERSTANDING OF:

Ourselves

- Imago Dei
- As agents of God's rule
- Commission
- Fill the earth
- Relationship and Responsibility
- Prayer as trust




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SHAPED BY OUR UNDERSTANDING OF:

Prayer :

- Why pray?
- What happens when I pray?
- What changes when I pray?
- How does prayer impact God?



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SHAPED BY OUR UNDERSTANDING OF:

God

Ourselves

Prayer



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Part Two: Biblical words of prayer

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Prayer and Praying - verbs

- euchomai - to pray to God
- James 5:16 - Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.
- Acts 26:29 - Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?” Paul replied, “Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.”

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Prayer and Praying - verbs

- proseuchomai - always used of prayer to God - communing (Matt 6)
- Romans 8:26 - In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.
- Eph 6:18 - And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.
- 1 Thess 5:17 - Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

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Prayer and Praying - verbs

- erotao - to ask (asking)
- John 14:16 “If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever — the Spirit of truth.
- John 16: 23 - 26 In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf

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Prayer and Praying - verbs

- John 16:23-26 TPT
- [23] For here is eternal truth: When that time comes you won’t need to ask me for anything, but instead you will go directly to the Father and ask him for anything you desire and he will give it to you, because of your relationship with me. [24] Until now you’ve not been bold enough to ask the Father for a single thing in my name, but now you can ask, and keep on asking him! And you can be sure that you’ll receive what you ask for, and your joy will have no limits! [25] “I have spoken to you using figurative language, but the time is coming when I will no longer teach you with veiled speech, but I will teach you about the Father with your eyes unveiled. [26] And I will not need to ask the Father on your behalf, for you’ll ask him directly because of your new relationship with me.

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Prayer and Praying - verbs

- deomai - to desire/beseech
- Luke 5:12 While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.
- Matt 9:38 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”
- Note 10:1

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Prayer and Praying - verbs

- parakaleo - to call to one’s aid
- Acts 16:9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.

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Prayer and Praying - nouns

- euche - a prayer / petition (James 5:15)
- proseuche - communion with/worship/supplicate (Luke 6:12)
- deesis - a wanting / need (Luke 1:13)
- enteuxis - intercession / an interview / lit. a falling in with (1 Tim 4:5)
- agreeing with God / holding people in the Presence

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Prayer and Praying

- Asking
- Communing
- Beseeching
- Requesting
- Interceding
- Petitioning



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Part Three: Praying in the private place

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To God:

For God:

Psalm 24:



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Prayer and Praying - Private

Psalm 24

1 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; **2** for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

3 Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. **5** They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Saviour. **6** Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.

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Prayer and Praying - Private

In secret - Matthew 6: 5-8

- “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be **seen** by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their **reward** in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who **sees** what is done in secret, will **reward** you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

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Prayer and Praying - Private

In secret

- Developing a language of the heart
 - yours is individual and personal
 - yours is known to the Father
- Reverence and reception
- Intimacy - 2 Cor 12:4 / Ps 25:14

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Prayer and Praying

- Developing an awareness of God in prayer
- A place or a practice
- A way of being
- The goal is...not to have one!

“Rather than being purpose-driven, I prefer to be presence-centred. All our efforts in God's Kingdom must originate from the place of rest, the place of His presence.” — Heidi Baker,

Reckless Devotion: 365 Days into the Heart of Radical Love

“Be a presence carrier rather than a burden bearer.”

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Part Four: Prayer as listening

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Prayer and Praying - listening

- A two-way dialogue
- Attending / waiting
- Developing stillness
- Tuning in - different pathways
- Asking different questions
- Not making assumptions
- Discerning his voice - John 10

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Prayer and Praying - listening



Latin

Spem in alium nunquam habui
Praeter in te, Deus Israel
Qui irascaris et propitius eris
et omnia peccata hominum
in tribulatione dimittis

Domine Deus
Creator caeli et terrae
respice humilitatem nostram

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English

I have never put my hope in any other
but in Thee, God of Israel
who canst show both wrath and
graciousness, and who absolves all the
sins of man in suffering

Lord God,
Creator of Heaven and Earth
Regard our humility

