

Empower Syllabus for Prayer/Intercession

February 18, 2023, 1pm-4pm

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Required Reading: Duewel, Wesley. Mighty Prevailing Prayer

(Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2013).

Paper Formatting: For all writing assignments: double-space, one-inch margins, Times-New Roman 12 font.

There is one pre-class assignment for this class and one post-class assignment. The Pre-class assignment is due on February 17, 2023 and the Post-class assignment is due on March 3, 2023.

Pre-class assignment : Due on February 17, 2023

'The Model Prayer" Report

1. Listen or read Chapter 4, "The Model Prayer" from Andrew Murray's classic, With Christ in the School of Prayer. https://archive.org/details/with_christ_in_prayer_0902_librivox (It is listed as...Fourth Lesson, "After this manner pray". It is 12 minutes and 46 seconds.)
2. Pray through the Lord's prayer for at least fifteen minutes a day for seven days. Below you will find the prayer with comments from Andrew Murray on the Lord's Prayer.
3. Journal what you learn through praying the Lord's Prayer. Note the different aspects of the Lord's Prayer that seem to jump out to you as you pray the prayer daily. Note any changes that happen in your own prayer life as you pray the Lord's Prayer daily.
4. Write a 1-page reflection paper on what you have learned from Andrew Murray and from your repeated praying of the Lord's Prayer.

Post-Class Assignment: Due on March 3, 2023

Reading Report

1. Read Mighty Prevailing Prayer by Wesley L Duewel.
2. Intercede for three hours about a specific subject. Choose either a personal matter, a ministry emphasis, or a specific need for another person. You can pray 1 hour a week, 15 minutes a day, or pray 3 hours straight in one session; how you divide the time up is your preference. Just record time spent in intercession and one insight that you received during the time of prayer.
3. Use three of the listed chapters from Mighty Prevailing Prayer as direction for your times of intercession.
Choose three of these chapters
Chapter 14, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 30, 35, 40
4. Write a 4-page paper integrating what you learned from the book Mighty Prevailing Prayer and your times of intercession.

These are notes to help you with your pre-class assignment using the Lord's prayer and the chapter by Andrew Murray from With Christ in the School of Prayer.

The MODEL PRAYER

"Every teacher knows the power of example. He not only tells the child what to do and how to do it but also shows him that it really can be done. In condescension to our weakness, our heavenly teacher has given us the very words to use as we draw near to our Father." Andrew Murray

9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OUR FATHER

"The words are the key to the whole prayer; in fact to all prayer. It takes time to study them. It will take eternity to fully understand them. The knowledge of God's Father-love is the first and simplest- but also the last and highest -lesson in the school of prayer. It is in the personal relationship to the living God and conscious fellowship with Him that prayer begins. It is in the knowledge of God's fatherliness revealed by the Holy Spirit that the power of prayer will root and grow.....Here we are indeed within the veil, in the secret place of power, where prayer always prevails." Andrew Murray

HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME

"While we ordinarily first bring our own needs to God in prayer, and then think of what belongs to God and His interests, the Master reverses the order. First, YOUR name, YOUR kingdom, YOUR will; then, give us, forgive us, lead us, and deliver us. The lesson is more important than we think. In true worship the Father must be first, must be all. The sooner I learn to forget myself in the desire that He might be glorified, the richer will be the blessing. No one ever loses by what he sacrifices for the Father." Andrew Murray

YOUR KINGDOM COME

"The Father is a King and has a kingdom. The son and heir of a king has no higher ambition than the glory of his father's kingdom. In time of war or danger this becomes his passion; he can think of nothing else. The children of the Father are here in the enemy's territory, where the kingdom, which is in heaven, is not yet fully manifested. What is more natural than that, when they learn to hallow the Father's name, they should long and cry with deep enthusiasm; ***'Thy Kingdom come.'*** The coming of the kingdom is the one great event on which the revelation of the Father's glory, the blessedness of His children, and the salvation of the world depends. On our prayers too the coming of the kingdom waits. Shall we not join in the deep longing cry of the redeemed: ***'Thy Kingdom come.'***" Andrew Murray

THY WILL BE DONE

"In heaven God's will is done, and the Master teaches the child to ask that the will may be done on earth just as just as in heaven: in the spirit of adoring submission and ready obedience. Because the will of God is the glory of heaven, the doing of it is the blessedness of heaven. As the will is done, the kingdom of heaven comes into the heart. And whatever faith has accepted the Father's love, obedience accepts the Father's will." Andrew Murray

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

"When first the child has yielded himself to the Father out of concern for His Name, His Kingdom, and His Will, he has full liberty to ask for his daily bread. A master cares for the food of his servant, a general of his soldiers, a father of his child....Consecration to God and His will gives wonderful liberty in prayer for temporal things: because the whole earthly life is given to the Father's loving care." Andrew Murray

FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS

"As bread is the first need of the body, so forgiveness is for the soul. The provision for the one is as sure as for the other." Andrew Murray

"Only what is truly confessed is truly forgiven. Let us in faith accept the forgiveness that is promised as a spiritual reality and an actual transaction between God and us. It is the entrance into all the privileges of His children. Such forgiveness as a living experience is impossible without a forgiving spirit toward others; because just as being forgiven expresses the heavenward relationship of God's child, so forgiving expresses the earthward relationship of God's child." Andrew Murray

AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE

"In these three petitions--our daily bread, the forgiveness of our sins, and our being kept from all sin and the power of the Evil One--all our personal needs are included. The prayer for bread and pardon must be accompanied by the total surrender to live in holy obedience to the Father's will and by believing prayer to be kept in everything from the power of the Evil One by the power of the indwelling Spirit." Andrew Murray