

## **Instructor**

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## **Required Texts**

Chris Anderson, Joe Tyrpak, and Carl Trueman. *Gospel Meditations for Prayer*. Church Works Media, 2013. ISBN 9780985087258

D. A. Carson, *Praying with Paul: A Call to Spiritual Reformation* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2015. ISBN 9780801097102

## **Course Description**

Combines a study of prayer spanning both testaments with expositions of numerous biblical prayers, formulating a well-grounded theology of prayer. Students are instructed concerning the kinds of prayer presented in Scripture and are taught how to pray.

## **Learning Objectives**

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. Locate the key biblical texts on prayer in both the Old and New Testaments.
2. Explain the biblical priorities in prayer.
3. Partially explain whether prayer is able to influence God's sovereign will.
4. Give a biblical defense of imprecatory prayers.
5. Recognize the need to develop a consistent pattern of prayer in your personal walk with God.

## Course Activities

### Reading

The two textbooks are to be read **before** the start of the first class on Monday, March 14. Do your best to space out the devotional reading in Chris Anderson's booklet to only one or two a day so that you don't have to read 16 the day before class!

### Essay

On Saturday afternoon, the class week will wrap up with an essay. More details will be shared during the week. Don't worry—it's not as bad as it sounds!

### Sermon

Prepare a 4-5 page sermon on Matthew 6:5-15. Be thorough in your explanation of the text, but also include pertinent, direct applications to your listeners. Also include a brief introduction and conclusion.

Please email your sermon to Pastor Michael by Friday, April 15.

### Prayer Projects

**Thanksgiving Prayer:** Spend 45 minutes of uninterrupted time praying—only giving thanks, praising, and adoring the Lord—no requests allowed.

**Doctrinal Prayer:** Spend 45 minutes of uninterrupted time praying through one text of Scripture such as Philippians 2:1-11, Colossians 1:12-20, Colossians 3:7-14, or 1 Peter 1:3-9. Pray the passage back to God, taking time to elaborate on the text and to personalize it for your life's situation.

When you email your sermon to Pastor Michael, please let him know if you have completed both prayer projects.

## Course Policies

Students are expected to demonstrate honesty in the completion of their assignments. Plagiarism and other forms of cheating are not acceptable.

### Grading

Late work will be penalized 2% for every day it is late.

#### Point Values

Reading—50 points

- Anderson—10 points
- Carson—40 points

Essay—10 points

Prayer Projects: 40 points

Sermon—100 points

**Total: 200 points**

#### Scale

A 90-100 %

B 80-89 %

C 70-79 %

D 60-69 %

F 0-59 %