

Prayer by the Numbers
Allen Webster, Instructor
Spring Quarter 2025

COURSE INFORMATION: MSOP M.O.S.T. Course #655

Dates: Thursdays from February 6 through May 8, 2025 (excluding MSOP lectureship Thursday, April 3)

Location: These classes may be taken at the Memphis School of Preaching or on-line (live or archived) at www.msopmost.org [many other classes are already archived there].

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TEXTBOOK: *The Holy Bible* (Instructor uses KJV.)

REQUIREMENTS:

All students:

1. Using the Table of Contents to Herbert Lockyear's *All the Prayers of the Bible* read all of the prayers of the Bible during this class. You can find the list here:
<chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://newlifeministry.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/1698/37/Prayers-in-the-Bible.pdf>
2. Create a daily prayer journal chronicling your prayers this quarter.
 - Pray through the model prayer at least once a day, substituting "We are thankful that thy kingdom has come" for "Thy kingdom come."
 - Make a running list of prayer items—a different list for each day of the week—using the model prayer as a template.
 - Update each day before your prayer time
 - Pray through your list twice a day.
 - Mark off items that God answers.
 - If not already your practice, begin an informal prayer practice—a running conversation with God each day

Certificate/Advanced Students

Certificate students write a five-page paper (subject below)

Advanced diploma write two five-page papers (subjects below)

Grading

There are 100 possible points divided in this way (this grading system is flexible):

Reading (20)

Prayer journal (20)

Certificate paper (40 points)/Advanced diploma papers (20 points each)

Comprehensive Final Exam (20)

Grading scale: 95-100=A, 85-94=B, 70-84=C, 60-69=D, 0-59=F

SCHEDULE:**Assignment Due Dates**

March 6 First paper (diploma seekers) due

April 10 Second paper (diploma seekers) and only paper (certificate seekers) due

May 8 Final Exam

Class Topics for Prayer by the Numbers

Note: We will cover the material in this order. If we do not have time to finish all that is scheduled for one day, then we will finish it the following class. It is hard to predict how much time each topic will take.

February 6:

Introduction: When You Pray ... (Matthew 6:6). The exponential power of thoughtful prayer planning

One Most Important Thing to Pray (What)

Two Indispensables of Prayer (How). How to Get an Answer to Prayer (Luke 18:1-12)

February 13:

Three Pleas of Prayer (How)

Three Parables on Prayer: The Embarrassed Host (Luke 11:5-13); the Unjust Judge (Luke 18:1-8), and the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14)

February 20: ZOOM

Four Parts of Prayer (What)

Four People God Does Not Answer

February 27:

Five Fingers of Prayer (Who)

Five Postures of Prayer (How)

Five Answers God Gives to His Children's Prayers (Why) (Luke 9:32)

March 6:

Six Misconceptions of Prayer (How). How Not to Pray (Luke 18:8-13)

Six Bible Closets (Where)

March 13: Cliff Goodwin**March 20: ZOOM**

Seven Suggestions for an Effective Prayer Life (How). Adding variety in prayer by planning your prayers

Seven More Suggestions for Daily Prayer (What). Following Christ's template for weekly prayer

March 27:

Eight Barriers to Answered Prayer (How). Why Is my Prayer Not Getting Through?

April 3/10: Lectureship/Research Week**April 17: ZOOM**

Nine Times Jesus Prayed (When) (Luke 11:1-4)

April 24: ZOOM

Ten Benefits of Prayer (Why)

May 1: ZOOM

Eighteen Things to Pray for (What)

May 8:

Final Exam