



MASTERCLASS

PRAYER

COURSE SYLLABUS

2021

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Learn from Scripture's best instructors as you grow in confidence and consistency in your prayer life with others this January. Allow Jesus to teach you how to pray God's will. Learn from David how to give thanks even when it feels like you're surrounded by your problems. Cling to an unshakeable God as you lament with Jeremiah. Join Hannah in her prayer of desperation and watch God do the impossible!

COURSE ELEMENTS

- Learn from Scripture's best instructors (Jesus, David, Jeremiah, and Hannah) at our virtual Wednesday night 7fifteen services.
- Join our "after-class" Zoom prayer call immediately after 7Fifteen to practice in prayer what's been preached.
- Participate in a weekly, 45-minute, prayer video lab group with 3-5 people to form deep friendships and community.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- To grow in devotion to God through confidence and consistency in prayer.
- To deepen authentic relationships with believers at Grace Covenant.
- To witness answers to prayer for yourself, your family, church and nation.

MEET YOUR INSTRUCTORS

JESUS

Hours before his betrayal and arrest, Jesus prays the final prayer of his earthly ministry. Knowing the brutal agony that awaits him, he lifts his voice to his Father, interceding for both his disciples and... YOU! Learn what Jesus desired for you and his followers above all else and how you can pray God's perfect will.

DAVID

Overlooked as a teen, hunted by the king he faithfully served, and betrayed by his own son, King David was no stranger to difficulty. In the midst of the intense pressures he faced, some of which he brought upon himself, the worshipping warrior poured out his heart to God in prayer. Learn from David how to give thanks to God when it feels like an army of problems surrounds you.

JEREMIAH

With a compassionate heart and faithful determination, Jeremiah repeatedly sounded the alarm to Judah that God's people were in danger of His judgment. The people ignored his prophetic pleas to repent and chose instead to cling to their idols. Then in 586 BC, Jeremiah's doomsday prediction comes to pass. Jerusalem is ransacked and the temple is destroyed by the Babylonian Empire. Instead of gloating over the stunning accuracy of his prophecy, "the weeping prophet" cries out to God in deep anguish. When everything around us is shaking, Jeremiah will teach you how to cling to an unshakeable God in prayer.

HANNAH

Year after year of disappointment had taken its toll. Mercilessly taunted by her rival, Hannah's burden of barrenness became more than she could bear. Throwing aside all forms of "prayer correctness," Hannah weeps bitterly, pouring out her soul before the LORD. Her desperation offends the sensibilities of an esteemed religious leader but moves the heart of God. Hannah will teach you how to pray when you're on the verge of losing all hope.

COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEK 1: (JAN 6-12)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

7:15pm Pastor Sean

Lecture: Jesus teaches
“Praying God’s Will” (John 17).

8:15pm

Class Participation: Zoom Prayer Call

[Prayer Lab 1](#)

Meet fellow lab mates
Discuss goals for Every Nation Fast.
Pray John 17 Prayer Points.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JANUARY 11-15

Every Nation Prayer, Fasting, and
Consecration

WEEK 2: (JAN 13-19)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

7:15pm Pastor AJ

Lecture: David teaches
“Prayers of Thanksgiving”
(Psalm 138).

8:15pm

Class Participation: Zoom Prayer Call

[Prayer Lab 2](#)

Discuss how Every Nation Fast is
going or how it went.
Pray Psalm 138 prayer points.

WEEK 3: (JAN 20-26)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

7:15pm Pastor Stephen

Lecture: Jeremiah teaches
“Prayers of Lament” (Lamentations 3)

8:15pm

Class Participation: Zoom Prayer Call

[Prayer Lab 3](#)

Discuss what you feel God is calling
you to lament.
Pray Lamentations 3 prayer points.

WEEK 4: (JAN 27-FEB 2)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27TH

7:15pm Miata

Lecture: Hannah teaches
“Prayers of Desperation”
(1 Samuel 1:10-16)

8:15pm

Class Participation: Zoom Prayer Call

[Prayer Lab 4](#)

Discuss how you hope to incorporate
what you’ve experienced in January
into your personal prayer life and
your group’s plan beyond this month.
Pray 1 Samuel 1:10-16 prayer points.

REQUIRED RESOURCES

- The Bible
- 2021 Every Nation Prayer, Fasting, and Consecration Guide: Awesome God (everynationfast.org)

PRAYER LAB GUIDELINES

1. Prayer labs will last approximately 45 minutes. The first 15 minutes are for discussion and the last 30 minutes are for prayer. After the call, participants can stay on for additional 15 minutes to ask the leader any questions. A prayer lab leader might shorten or extend the time based on the group's feedback.

2. Prayer is a conversation with God. There's no need to attempt to impress others or be fearful that your prayer lab mates are evaluating your prayers. This is a safe environment for you to practice, learn, and make mistakes together.

3. Praying out loud in front of others can be intimidating. If praying out loud is a challenge for you, make it a point to pray at least once in your group each call to stretch yourself, even if it's just one sentence. You can only grow in confidence through stepping out in faith.

4. The group leader will share a Bible verse or verses at the beginning of the prayer lab that will serve as a target for the group to aim at. Group members should pray prayers that are aimed at "the target" so there can be unity and effectiveness in prayer.

5. Keep your prayers concise (30 seconds to a minute maximum). This allows everyone in your group to participate and helps your fellow prayer lab mates to stay engaged and agree with your prayer. You can always pray multiple times if time permits.

6. Mute your phone or computer microphone to eliminate background noise distractions.

7. Identify one person to record what's been prayed and any ways God has answered your group's prayers.



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