



Praying to Change Your Life: Prayer 101
Class Syllabus – Fall 2023
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Introduction

Welcome to Praying to Change Your Life: Prayer 101! Your decision to take this course will bring long lasting results to your life. This exciting, interactive class is designed to maximize the effectiveness of your prayer life.

The purpose of this course is to teach believers how to pray prayers that will produce God’s will for their lives. For centuries, the focus of the activity of prayer has been primarily on the needs and wants of the individual rather than the desires and plans of God. Prayer 101 will teach students how to pray God-centered prayers. The prayer method is taken from the Lord’s Prayer presented in Matthew 6 and Luke 11.

In both passages, the disciples asked Jesus how to pray. Jesus responds by saying “pray in this manner.” He specifically told them not to pray using the conventional model of the religious leaders of His day, but to use the model that He presented. Jesus did not give options, but He presented one prayer for all believers. I call it the “The Model Prayer.” It can also be referred to as “The Kingdom Prayer.” There are no limits to its use. The Model Prayer can be applied to any prayer topic: from economics to healing. This unique pattern for prayer is easy to learn and simple to use. Incorporating the Model Prayer into your daily living will yield a closer relationship with God, increase spiritual growth and maturity, and produce abundant results to your prayers.

You are about to embark on a life-changing journey, so get ready to be encouraged, equipped, and empowered to pray prayers that will produce God’s results for your life. “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results” (James 5:16 NLT).

Course Material

The course materials required are:

- The Bible – digital or hard copy (New King James Version and New Living Translation will be used as Bible resources in this class).
- Praying to Change Your Life by Suzette T. Caldwell (ISBN 10: 0-7684-2751-7)
- Kingdom Words to Change Your Life by Suzette T. Caldwell (ISBN 978-0-9828041-2-4)

Students will receive a student lesson at the beginning of each class (in classroom instruction) or the day before the online class (online class instruction). *The lesson should not be reproduced without The Prayer Institute’s expressed written permission.*

Course Requirements

Course Objectives

- To define *prayer*.
- To teach believers how to pray strategic scripture-based prayers using the Lord's Prayer as the model to produce God's will for their lives.
- To help believers communicate with confidence and accuracy.
- To present a new and different perspective about prayer.
- To increase spiritual growth and maturity.

Student Participation

The course, *Praying to Change Your Life: Prayer 101*, is designed to be an exciting and challenging experience in prayer. Students are expected to participate in class discussions, prayer writing exercises, and verbal prayer exercises. There is no such thing as a "dumb" question so please feel free to ask questions. It goes without saying that every student's questions and comments will be respected. Please note that the class instructor is highly regarded and respected. Reading assignments should be completed before the next class. Occasionally, an assessment will be given to ensure the student is understanding the course material.

Homework Assignments

The homework is designed for you to practice what you are learning in the classroom. Please allow 30-60 minutes to complete your assignments. All questions and homework assignments should be submitted to gscott@prayerinstitute.com (online class) or turned in during class (classroom instruction) the following week. There are no grades assigned to the homework so do not get nervous. Do your best and you will do well in the class. God and I are on your side. Have fun!

Group Captains

Group discussions and exercises will be conducted in breakout groups. Your assigned group will be your "class team" for the entire semester. Each group will have a captain who will ensure that students have signed the attendance roster and turn in class assignments. The captain will also help to facilitate group discussions. *For in-classroom instruction*, captains will collect all homework and the attendance roster and place in the table folder and put in the center of the table.

Attendance

To receive maximum benefit, it is important to attend every class. We are aware that circumstances may arise that are unavoidable. In such cases, please contact Georgetta Scott at gscott@prayerinstitute.com or call her at 713-726-2528. ***Please sign the attendance roll at the beginning of each class.*** A certificate of completion will be given to students who have completed six (6) or more classes.

Course Schedule – 6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. CST

What is Prayer?	Thursday October 5, 2023
Intimate Praise and Worship	Thursday October 12, 2023
Praying God’s Will, Part 1	Thursday October 19, 2023
Praying God’s Will, Part 2	Thursday October 26, 2023
Praying for Your Request	Thursday November 2, 2023
Praying for Forgiveness	Thursday November 2 and November 9, 2023
Praying for Protection	Thursday November 9, 2023
Kingdom Praise	Thursday November 16, 2023
Kingdom Prayer for Kingdom Results	Thursday November 16, 2023



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