



Syllabus

Course: Effectual Prayer in Perilous Times

Credit Hours: 2

Instructor: David W. Cloud

Class Description: Nothing is more important in the Christian life and ministry than effectual prayer. It has rightly been said, “No prayer, no power; little prayer, little power; much prayer, much power.” Prayer is mentioned at least 550 times in the Bible, 174 times in the New Testament, 35 times in Acts, and 48 times in Paul’s epistles. Paul taught something about prayer in practically every one of his epistles. In this course, the student will gain a deeper knowledge of the importance and practicality of prayer. He will also study many of the passages that mention prayer throughout both the New and Old Testament.

Videos for this course can be found on the Media List at <https://www.wayoflife.org/media/>

Texts Required for class:

The King James Bible

Effectual Prayer in Perilous Times by David W. Cloud, 309 pages, October 2022 Edition.

Outcomes—At the end of the course, all students will be able to:

1. Understand the importance of prayer.
2. Realize how much God talks about prayer in the Bible.
3. Spend more time praying over specific requests.
4. See God answer prayers in His perfect timing and way.
5. Gain a deeper knowledge of how prayer has impacted other people’s lives.

Evaluation—the class grade will be broken up in the following manner:

Test (1) – 40%

Quizzes (7) – 40%

Projects (4) – 20%

90–100%	A	70–79%	C
80–89%	B	0–69%	D (Failing)

Validation:

Outcome 1. Students read *Effectual Prayer in Perilous Times* completely and answer all review questions.

Outcome 2. Students take diligent notes during class over the importance of prayer and how to pray.

Outcome 3. Students memorize foundational verses regarding prayer.

Outcome 4. Students take a test over the material covered in class and read outside of class; students will also complete several projects regarding prayer.

Outcome 5. Students keep a prayer diary each day and write down their answers to prayer.

There are two options for taking this class. They are the following:

- **Slower Pace-15 Week Option**

This option takes a total of 15 weeks and has regular assignments two times every week: Tuesday and Thursday.

- **Advanced-One Month Option**

This option takes a total of 4 weeks and has regular assignments six times every week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. On occasion, the student must complete two days' worth of material from the slower paced option in order to complete the course in one month.

-----Slower Pace-15 Week Option-----

Course Outline:

Week Topics

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Keys to Effectual Prayer
- 3 Keys to Effectual Prayer/ The Practicality of Prayer
- 4 **Test 1**/ Prayer in the New Testament
- 5 Prayer in the New Testament
- 6 Prayer in the New Testament
- 7 Prayer in the New Testament
- 8 Prayer in the New Testament
- 9 Prayer in the New Testament
- 10 Prayer in the New Testament
- 11 Prayer in the New Testament/ Prayer in the Old Testament
- 12 Prayer in the Old Testament
- 13 Prayer in the Old Testament
- 14 Prayer in the Old Testament
- 15 Prayer in the Old Testament/ Prayer and the Incense Altar

Weeks	Assignments	
	Tuesday	Thursday
1	Pages 1-11 Video 1	Pages 11-18 Video 2 Intercessory Prayer Card #1 Quiz 1—Ephesians 6:18
2	Pages 19-30 Video 3 List of Ways to Prayer More Prayer Diary Card	Pages 30-42 Video 4
3	Pages 42-54 Video 5 Prayer Diary Card	Pages 55-68 Conclusion Video Quiz 2—Philippians 4:6
4	Test 1: (Covers pages 1-68) Prayer Diary Card	Pages 69-82
5	Pages 82-94 Prayer Diary Card	Pages 94-105 Quiz 3—Colossians 4:2
6	Pages 105-116 Prayer Diary Card	Pages 116-127
7	Pages 127-138 Prayer Diary Card	Pages 138-149 Quiz 4—1 Thessalonians 5:17
8	Pages 149-160 Prayer Diary Card	Pages 160-170
9	Page 170-186 Prayer Diary Card	Page 186-194 Quiz 5—1 Timothy 2:1
10	Pages 195-208 Prayer Diary Card	Pages 208-220
11	Pages 220-236 Prayer Diary Card	Pages 237-244 Quiz 6—James 5:16
12	Pages 244-255 Prayer Diary Card	Pages 255-264
13	Pages 264-273 Prayer Diary Card	Pages 273-284 Quiz 7—1 Peter 4:7
14	Pages 284-291 Prayer Diary Card	Pages 291-298
15	Pages 298-304 Prayer Diary Card	Pages 305-309 Intercessory Prayer Card #2 Answers to Prayer Project

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- 2 Prayer in the New Testament
- 3 Prayer in the New Testament/ Prayer in the Old Testament
- 4 Prayer in the Old Testament/ Prayer and the Incense Altar

Weeks**Assignments**

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Pages 1-18 Video 1	Pages 19-30 Video 2 Quiz 1— Eph. 6:18 Intercessory Prayer Card #1	Pages 30-42 Video 3 List of Ways to Prayer More	Pages 42-54 Video 4 Quiz 2— Phil. 4:6	Pages 55-68 Video 5 and Conclusion Video	Test 1 <i>(Covers</i> <i>pages 1-68)</i> Pages 69-82
2	Pages 82-105 Prayer Diary Card	Pages 105-116 Quiz 3— Col. 4:2	Pages 116-127	Pages 127-138 Quiz 4— 1 Thes. 5:17	Pages 138-149	Pages 149-160
3	Pages 160-186 Prayer Diary Card	Page 186-194 Quiz 5— 1 Tim. 2:1	Page 195-208	Pages 208-220 Quiz 6— James 5:16	Pages 220-236	Pages 237-244
4	Pages 244-264 Prayer Diary Card	Pages 264-273 Quiz 7— 1 Peter 4:7	Pages 273-284	Pages 284-291	Pages 291-298	Pages 298-309 Intercessory Prayer Card #2 and Answers to Prayer Project

Details of Course Assignments:

- **Reading Assignments**

Students are given reading assignments for most days and must complete the assignments along with answering the corresponding questions before each lesson begins.

- **Videos**

The student will be required to watch all five videos and the conclusion video for this course. On the days the videos are assigned, the student must make sure he has all of his assignments turned in and any quizzes already taken.

- **Quizzes (7)**

Quizzes will be given on seven Thursdays (*for the slower-paced option*) throughout the semester. These quizzes will **only** be verse quizzes.

- **Prayer Projects (4)**

There are four different Prayer Projects for this class. They are the following:

- **Estimate how much time you spend daily in intercessory prayer.** Turn this time in to your instructor on a 3x5 card at the beginning of the semester. During the semester, this time should increase. A second card will be turned in to your instructor on the last day and the times should be greater.
 - **Make a list of ways that you can add more prayer to your daily life and ministry.** This will be due the second week of class (*for the slower-paced option*). During the semester, the student should put into practice this list and continue to look for ways to pray more often.
 - **List the answers you have received to prayer in the last year.** This list will be due on the last day of the semester. This can be as general or specific as desired (for the sake of confidentiality). This is also something that should be added to even after the course has been taken. It will be a wonderful reminder that God DOES answer prayers according to *His* timing.
 - **Keep a daily prayer diary, listing your main prayers, and noting the answers.** This should be kept during the entire semester (and for the rest of one's life). The student will need to submit a 3x5 card at the beginning of each week stating how many days he has kept his prayer diary the previous week and listing any answers to prayer he would like to share.
- **Test (1 total)**

There will be one test taken during this semester. Including certain review questions and additional important information in the reading, the test will include a section of short answer questions. The test is used to measure how much the student has retained over the course.

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