



GUEST SPEAKER | PAUL FAUST

November 29 & 30, 2025

Luke 11:1 (NIV)

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray...”

Jesus’ warning about prayer:

Our prayers are worthless if we forget _____.

Matthew 6:5-8 (ESV)

“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”

3 BASIC DESCRIPTIONS OF PRAYER:

1. Eastern religions – releasing specific types of energy out into the universe.

_____ impulse – thinking that spiritual activities get us “points” with God and keep us on his good side.

2. Islam – an act of submission.

_____ impulse – as long as I do what God says, he'll leave me alone and I can live my life.

3. Christianity – conversation with a God who knows and cares.

_____ impulse – connecting with the God who knows me.

Jesus' Example of Prayer:

Matthew 6:9-13 (ESV)

Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

PRAYER WORKS WHEN I:

1 _____ with connection.

Matthew 6:9b (ESV)

Our Father in heaven...

2 _____ God's perfection.

Matthew 6:9c (ESV)

...hallowed be your name.

3 _____ God's direction.

Matthew 6:10 (ESV)

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

4 _____ my real need.

Matthew 6:11 (ESV)

Give us this day our daily bread...

Proverbs 30:7-9 (CEV)

There are two things, Lord, I want you to do for me before I die: Make me absolutely honest and don't let me be too poor or too rich. Give me just what I need. If I have too much to eat, I might forget about you; if I don't have enough, I might steal and disgrace your name.

5 _____ like I've been forgiven.

Matthew 6:12 (ESV)

...and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Colossians 3:13b (NIV)

Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

I John 1:9 (NIV)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

6 _____ God's protection.

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1. **Eastern religions – releasing specific types of energy out into the universe.**

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Legalistic impulse – as long as I do what God says, he’ll leave me alone and I can live my life.

3. **Christianity – conversation with a God who knows and cares.**

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PRAYER WORKS WHEN I:

1 Start with connection.

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2 Discover God's perfection.

Matthew 6:9c (ESV)

...hallowed be your name.

3 Trust God's direction.

Matthew 6:10 (ESV)

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4 Admit my real need.

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