# Prayer

# (BT80312)

10 Units 3 Study Credits

## DESCRIPTION

An overview of the biblical teaching and importance of prayer in relation to pastoral ministry and personal spiritual development.

**OBJECTIVES**

• To broaden our knowledge of the biblical understanding of prayer

• To encourage exploration of different church prayer traditions

• To familiarise students with the constituent elements of Christian prayer

• To recognise the importance of prayer in the life and ministry of Jesus

## TEXT BOOKS

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| **Required** | * Dennis L Ockham, “Prayer” in Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology, ed. Walter A Elwell, (Paternoster Press, 1996, pp 621-626) * Derek Prime, “Bible Answers”, (Christian Focus, 2001, pp 223-227) * Read through the prayer section in any standard church hymnbook |
| **Recommended** | • Ole Hallesby, “Prayer” (London, 1961)  • John Owen, “A Discourse of the Work of the Holy Spirit in Prayer” (works, vol 4 pp 235-350) |

## SCHEDULE

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| **Date** | **Subject** |  |
| 1 October | Dimensions and Duty of Prayer |  |
| 8 October | Catechism Definitions of Prayer |  |
| *15 October* | ***no class*** |  |
| 22 October | Sin and Confession in Prayer |  |
| 29 October | Difficulties and Disciplines of Prayer |  |
| *5 November* | ***no class*** |  |
| 12 November | Major Elements in Prayer |  |
| 19 November | Hindrances and Unanswered Prayer |  |
| 26 November | The Prayer Life of Jesus |  |
| 3 December | Public and Private Prayer |  |
| 10 December | The Prayer Meeting and Spiritual Warfare |  |

**See over page for details of assignment**

**ASSIGNMENT**

Write from a personal perspective on at least two aspects of the course on prayer that impacted on you. Concentrate on those aspects which have broadened your biblical and theological understanding of the practice of prayer in Christian worship, church life and personal devotion.

Word Count: 1200 words