



Pray First Series - Episode I
"Priority of Prayer"

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Psalm 51

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An exercise of faith

An admission of our dependance on God

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