



EXTRAORDINARY PRAYER
DISCIPLE MAKER

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Jesus' mission was to launch a
Disciple Making Movement.

Our mission is to continue
making Disciples who make Disciples...


Prayer movements precede church planting movements

- Pray and fast every week
- Gather for all-night prayer
- Midday prayer for church ministry teams
- Personal disciplines of early morning prayer (1–3 hrs)
- Daily family devotions

(Megachurch to Multiplication)



Prayer is one of the most universal instincts – most people at some time in their lives pray

A wooden ladder with five rungs is leaning against a plain, light grey wall. The ladder is made of light-colored wood and is positioned on the left side of the frame. The wall has a slightly textured appearance with some minor blemishes.

**Challenge: Take your
ordinary prayer life to
the next level -
extraordinary.**



“The primary purpose of prayer is to bring us into such a life of communion with the Father that, by the power of the Spirit, we are increasingly conformed to the image of the Son.”

**Richard Foster,
Prayer – Finding The Heart’s True Home**

Prayer: Communication with a Loving Father

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

Prayer: Communication with a Loving Father

² Jesus said, “This is how you should pray:

“**Father**, may your name be kept holy.

May your Kingdom come soon.

³ Give us each day the food we need,

⁴ and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And don't let us yield to temptation.”

Luke 11:1–4

**Prayer:
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Obstacles to Prayer: BUSYNESS

A person is sitting at a desk, using a silver laptop. The person is wearing a black top and has their hands on the keyboard. A purple rectangular overlay is positioned in the center of the image, containing white text. The text reads "Obstacles to Prayer:" followed by "TECHNOLOGY" in a larger, bold font. The background is slightly blurred, showing the person's face and the laptop's screen.


Obstacles to Prayer: TECHNOLOGY

“The phone-based life makes it difficult for people to be fully present with others when they are with others, and to sit silently with themselves when they are alone.”

Jonathan Haidt, The Anxious Generation

A photograph of two men standing outdoors and talking. The man on the left is older, with grey hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue t-shirt. The man on the right is younger, wearing sunglasses and a blue t-shirt, with visible tattoos on his left arm. They are standing in front of some greenery and a building in the background. A semi-transparent brown rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing white text.

Obstacles to Prayer: SELF SUFFICIENCY



“...When praying, we come underneath, where we calmly and deliberately surrender control and become incompetent.”

Richard Foster, Prayer

UNANSWERED PRAYER



42 “**Father**, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me...”

Luke 22:42

⁴² **“Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”**

Luke 22:42

THE GOSPEL

Jesus' prayer was not answered, so that God's plan of salvation could be fulfilled.

Through the cross, God brought humanity's greatest good out of history's darkest moment.



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PRAYER**

SIMPLE PRAYER

“Father, here is what is happening in my life right now...”

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PETITION / ASKING PRAYER

“Father, I ask you...”



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INTERCESSION PRAYER

“Father, I bring _____ before
You...”

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RADICAL PRAYER

“Father, I believe in your powerful
name for...”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why is prayer so central to both movements of God and personal spiritual growth?
2. Which obstacle to prayer do you relate to most – busyness, technology, self-sufficiency, or disappointment with unanswered prayer? How has that affected your relationship with God?
3. The sermon challenged us to move from “ordinary” to “extraordinary” prayer by taking one step up the ladder. What is one specific change you feel prompted to make in your prayer life this week, and how can the group encourage you in that?