

## **Transcript\* - The Model Prayer – 4/12/2026**

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Good morning everybody. It's great to see all of you today. It's been a just a fantastic day. And, we are beginning a new series today called House of prayer. And so a couple of months ago, as the new year turned, the elders, were gathering together. And one of the things that we really wanted to do, this upcoming year, was for this church to become a house of prayer, the whole, the whole body.

And so our hope is we are doing this series. And this isn't going to be the end of it all, but this is going to be the beginning of really this becoming a part of what we are known for is to be a, church. That is a house of prayer that we, pray and pray and pray all kinds of prayers.

And so we're going to take a look at over the next four weeks, we're taking a look at different passages of the Bible where there are prayers prayed in Scripture. And to give us, just a little bit of help to understand how we can pray, what kind of prayers we should be praying, and then we're going to see that really unfold.

And one of the ways we're doing that, practically speaking, as we can apply it immediately, which is really important, is we have right outside the, in the lobby there we have, what looks like a house, that's put up against the wall over here. And, we started this in our first service today. We have these three by five cards, and we're just asking everybody there to write out a prayer.

A prayer. And you can be all kinds of prayers. It doesn't have to be just a prayer request for something specific. But you could be a praise or or whatever you want to pray for. Maybe you want to pray for someone specific. Maybe you want to pray for someone, to know Jesus. Maybe you want to pray for someone who's having surgery.

But we want to fill that house with all kinds of prayers. And so after services over today, if you would head out there and take some time and to write a prayer down and then put it up on the wall, that would be spectacular. As part of our, really emphasis on prayer, we we had a consultant come in who's going to be our guest speaker today.

His name is Paul Covert, and Paul has been a pastor, for many years, specifically, yes, a lead pastor, but also a pastor of prayer. He now leads a ministry called Threshold Prayer. And so he really has worked with us a lot about, hey, how do you become a church that really emphasize the idea of praying and just being a church?

That is a house of prayer. So he's going to speak to us today, from God's Word. Let's give Paul covered, hand of applause. If he comes up to this morning. It's funny. Here we go. Good morning

everyone. I want to start with a confession. I, J.K. asked me to preach three months ago or three months or so ago.

And so I have been in the Valley for years, since 1984. But I've never been to Broadway. And so I thought, I'm going to go check this out and see what I'm getting into. So about a month ago, or maybe a little more, I came to Broadway and sat through the 10:00 service and the service as well. And I got to tell you, I was thrilled with what I saw.

This is a happen in place. There's some great stuff going on here. Yeah. And so I'm honored to be here today. I'm humbled. I, I hope that what happens here today brings glory to God. What I want to do today is we're going to take a fresh look at the Lord's Prayer. But before we get there, and when we look at the Lord's Prayer, I hope I can bring out some highlights.

Maybe some things you haven't thought about before. But before we get there, I want to spend some time, talking about how you approach God in prayer. And then when we're done with the Lord's Prayer, I want to just talk about why pray? So that's where we're going to approach the Lord's Prayer and why pray? So let's dive right into the approach.

How many of you here today feel like sometimes your prayers are just bouncing off the ceiling? You feel like you're not getting there? Can I see your hands? Anybody would be honest enough to say that. Yeah, I think we all do. I describe myself not as a prayer expert, but as a prayer enthusiast. And the more I learn about prayer, the less I know about prayer in lots of ways.

So. But I found that the approach is really important. Our approach to God in prayer should be God focused. We have a tendency to approach God with us. Focus or a focus rather than God focus. And what I mean by that is here we have this incredible God who's worthy of glory and majesty and power and runs the universe with his feet propped up.

And I think it's appropriate that we approach him respectfully. And, Lee, so I want to share with you a way that I approach God. I don't do this every time, but when I've got something really deep going on inside of my life, I like to approach God in the way that I'm going to show you right now. Okay?

But I need your help to make this work. Okay. So what I'm going to ask you to do right now is I want to ask you to close your eyes, bow your heads, and I want you to pretend that we're entering into the throne room of God. And I'm taking my thoughts from revelation chapter four and verse five.

So as we begin to approach the throne room, we're not we're not looking to have God give us something. We're not asking him to take something bad away from us. We're approaching him as we walk down a cobblestone road. And that road is long. And at the end of that road you can hear, sounds coming from that door that's open.

You can't make them out yet, but you can hear them as you step through that door. As you get closer and you step through the door, all of a sudden you see God seated on his throne, and he is mighty and powerful and magnificent, more magnificent than you can even imagine. And around him are 24 thrones and 24 elders, and they are brilliantly white, and they have crowns on their heads.

And from the throne comes flashes of lightning and thunder, the kind of thundering thunder that's jarring, the kind of thunder that unnerves you. And the four living creatures are saying these words. You are holy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power for you created all things, and they exist because you created them, because you created what you pleased.

Then you look again. And this is my favorite part of this. You hear the voices. The Scripture says, of thousands and millions of angels buzzing around the throne, and they're singing, or there's a lamb who was slaughtered to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing. And you're stunned by what you've seen.

And then you hear the Scripture says, every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and they're singing as well, and they're singing blessing, blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne, the lamb, forever and ever. And then you see an altar there near the throne of God.

And you walk up to that altar and you're just so overwhelmed, you just lie down on an altar prostrate before God. No words come to your mind at first, and then you say, this, God, I'm yours. Do with me as you please. I surrender to you. You can open your eyes now. I don't know how that. I don't know how you responded to that.

But what happens for me when I surrender to God, when I approach him in such a way that's surrendered and full of humility, humility. And when I'm seeing his glory and his power and his wisdom and his might, I feel like I can approach God more appropriately. I can approach him better. And I hope you can see the importance of approaching God properly.

Now, with that said, I want to. I want you to hold that for just a second, and I want to talk about sometimes I pray what are called flare prayers. Ever play pray those. It's just a quick prayer. God, I'm going to go into this conversation and help me to to be listening today and hearing what you want me and saying what you want me to say in this conversation.

So it's a it's a quick prayer. There's no approach. Just God help me or God. This person is very draining. Help me to be understanding today as I deal with them. And so what I want you to understand is that there are flare prayers that we pray, and it's fine for us to pray those quickly without a new approach.

But I think there are also some deeper prayer, some real things that are from the very depths of inside of us. And in my mind, those require a different kind of approach. So before I dive into the Lord's Prayer, now there's two words that I want to highlight in the Lord's Prayer. The first one is the word hour.

And I don't know if you noticed this, but there are nine plural pronouns in the Lord's Prayer. Our father, thy kingdom come, your will be done. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Now why would there be plural pronouns in the Lord's Prayer? And I think the answer is because the Lord's Prayer was designed to be prayed corporately as a church, as a body, as a Bible study.

Jesus wanted his church to pray in these ways that we'll talk about in just a minute. But one of the reasons I think, corporate prayer is so important is because when we pray corporately, for me, it's like a diamond. If you hold if I had a huge diamond right now and I held it up and spun it around just a little bit, you would see the different facets of that diamond.

There would be different colors that would come out. And in the same way, if we were praying about, say, the homelessness in our city. So I might pray, God, I want to pray that folks today have enough to drink, that you make sure they have enough to drink, and you might pray, God, I don't want to pray that they have enough to eat and someone else might pray.

Sometimes homeless folks have mental health issues. God, would you meet their mental health issues and someone else might pray, God, would you make sure that they have a place to sleep tonight that's safe and that you protect them? You see what's going on here? There? As we pray, they form different facets that that before God bring him glory.

And they're like a diamond. And that doesn't happen when we pray just by ourselves. And that's why it's important that we pray corporately so that everything God wants to hear from us and everything he wants prayed, gets prayed as we pray corporately now some people would say, well, you know, I prayers a really personal thing and I just, I just pray by myself.

I don't I don't I don't ever pray out loud. I don't ever pray with anybody else. I want you to understand that that's not the way prayer is designed, and it's not the way the Lord's Prayer was designed. It was

designed to pray corporately. I think God wants us to pray corporately, and I think he wants us to pray privately.

With that said, I'm ready to dive into the Lord's up into the Lord's Prayer. I'm going to ask you to pray the Lord's Prayer right now. It says, pray then like this, and then go, our father.

And then the last part is, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. I don't know about you, but one of my favorite sounds in all the world is the prayers of God's people. I mean, did you hear those prayers as they were going up to heaven? I mean, they're beautiful, beautiful, beautiful. So let's dive in.

Six priorities in the Lord's Prayer. The first one is praise. Scripture says Jesus taught us to pray, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. In other words, respected, honored, unmatched is your name. Now, I don't want to be sacrilegious here. Please don't. Please don't think I'm doing that. But I'm really thankful that that, we have a chance to praise God.

And I'm thankful not only that, we have a chance to praise God, but there's a difference between praise and thanksgiving. Okay? Thanksgiving is. And we thank God for our families and our car and for our house and our home and our food. That's that's thanking God for what he does. Okay, but praise is lifting up the qualities of God, his power, his majesty, his might.

And again, I don't want to be sacrilegious here, but one of my favorite praises is the fact that God is so wise. Can you imagine what it would be like if we served a God who wasn't very bright? And so as we started to pray, we had to say, now, God, I want you to listen close because this is complicated.

Will not be terrible. And yet I'm so thankful that I never go to God with any situation that he has to go now all the time. I'll run that by me again. He is so incredibly wise. Another of my favorite praises is that his glory doesn't fade. You and I. Maybe. I don't know if you do, but I love sports.

I love sports teams. And there's some glory that comes with winning a championship or a Super Bowl or whatever. But it fades. It doesn't take long and it's gone. And yet God's glory never fades. That incredible, that never fades. Never, ever, ever. And so. I believe that praise opens the door to the throne room of God. I believe that's how we gain access.

And the Scripture says it's very clear in Psalm, the Scripture says, enter his courts with thanksgiving and with praise. And so sometimes one more thing on that subject, sometimes my circumstances and this is a really practical tool. Sometimes my circumstances are so daunting and so heavy that it feels

like God gets smaller because I can't see him because of the the magnitude of my circumstances.

Do you understand what I'm saying? Sometimes our circumstances can be so big, like cloud out how powerful and mighty God is. There's something about praise that restores. God was right size and makes our problems and our circumstances the right size as well. And so, as I said, I believe praise opens the door to the to the throne room of God.

The second one has purpose. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. One of the purposes of prayer is to expand God's kingdom to for his kingdom to to flourish. So let me ask you a question here. How long has it been since you prayed a kingdom kind of prayer, a prayer that would extend or expand God's kingdom?

For some of us, it's been a really long time. And so I want to talk with you just for a minute about the whole idea of praying into the expansion of God's kingdom. Now, there are three kind of general categories of prayer. I'll talk about those. And the third one is Kingdom, but the first one is casual prayer.

Casual prayers are, late for the doctor. God, I'm never going to make it. If every light between here and there isn't green and the parking place in front is open so I can get in. Those are casual prayers. Okay, a second kind of prayer is crisis prayers. Oh, God, I got cancer. I need your healing. And then the third kind of prayer is kingdom prayers.

And Kingdom prayers are praying about causes. We say again to praying about causes. So, for example, praying for a nation. We're at war. What an incredible time to pray for our nation and pray for God's Kingdom to come to this world that we live in. Or what about our soldiers? Soldiers are men and women who are serving in harm's way.

What an incredible time to pray for our servicemen. What about the expansion of Broadway Christian Church? When was the last time you prayed that? Or for the church in general? You know, we live in a time right now where Gen Z ers, generation, younger than us is coming to the gospel like never before. More Bibles have been sold recently than ever before, and it's Gen Z ers who are picking it up.

Are you praying into the expansion of the Kingdom of God in the next generation? What about the homeless issue? Or what about those who can't defend themselves? How serious are you about praying about the expansion of God's kingdom? Now, I know you might be thinking this and I'll be honest with you. I think this from time to time.

I'm not 30 anymore. And so sometimes I think, well, I've done my part and I'll let somebody else do that. You ever think that they ever think, okay, I've done my gig. Let's let somebody else I this. You guys have Vacation Bible school coming? It would be really easy to say I'm going to let somebody else do that, but I want to challenge you there.

One of the things I do in my ministry is I take people on prayer journeys around the world to let you know, Ukraine and, you know, all kinds of places. Somaliland. I've been to Somalia. You don't need to know all the places, but. But that's what I do. And we pray for missionaries and soften the ground that they're working in.

Some of those places are really, really hard, and they need lots of prayer to soften the ground. And so one of the places I went some years ago was to Albania. And I don't know what you know about Albania, but in the 80s and before communism fell, one of the most restrictive countries in the world to get into was Albania, was a communist nation.

And, you know, they did not tolerate Christianity in any form or fashion. And so I went to Albania and I, you know, we prayed over Albania and so on, so forth. And one of the places we went was to a dump, and I met a gal there by the name of Susanna Dabney. Now, to set the scene just a little bit more.

There's a group of people in Eastern Europe called the gypsies. Now, when I say gypsies to you, you think of people who move around a lot. That's not at all what we're talking about. Gypsies in Eastern Europe are the lowest class of people that there is. They are inbred, incestuous, and they ma their children like cigaret burns or break arms or dismember them, disfigure them so that they can go and beg.

And that's how they get their living. And they often live in the dump or near the dump. And so I went to this dump, and I was watching this ministry of Susanna Dabney to the gypsy kids there in Albania. And so when it was all over, when I when I met her, she was holding hands and singing This Little Light of Mine with about 25 gypsy children.

And it just touched me at the very core of who I was. And she was 80 at the time. And so I said to her, Susanna, how in the world did you get to Albania? And she said, well, my husband is a pastor, his name is Jack, and a missionary speaker came through our church one day and he had this book called Operation World.

And I don't expect you to know what Operation World is, but obviously the book, it has every country in the world on that book, in that book. And so it lists what they grow and it lists their how much income they make and what their products are and their faith and all those kinds of things. And he

said, I'll give one of these books to anybody who's willing to pray Kingdom prayers for a country.

And so Susanna Dabney raised her hand and she started she took the book and she started in the A's, of course, and she landed on Albania. And so she started praying for Albania. And when communism fell. Well, I'll come back to that in a minute. So she started praying for Albania. And along the way, as she continued to pray, she felt like God said to her, I want you to go to the store and I want you to buy prison cloth, you know, the black and white stripes, and I want you to make, your dining room curtains, take down the ones you have, and I want you to put up prison cloth, you

know, prison stripes as your dining room curtains. And so Susanna Dabney put her hands on her hips, and she said, no way. God, I'm not going to do that. It won't match. And God just wouldn't let it go. It just kept pushing on her. And so finally, one day, she put her hands on her hips again and she said, okay, God, I'll go.

But nobody has prison cloth. I'll never be able to find it. And the very first store she went into had all the prison cloth that she needed. So she came home and she put prison cloth on her for curtains in her dining room.

And so when people is a pastor's wife, you're always entertaining people. And so when people would come in, the first question they would ask is, what's up with the prison cloth in the dining room? And she would begin to tell them about praying for Albania when communism fell in the early 90s, Susanna Dabney and her husband Jack were the very first missionaries into Albania, and they worked with the Gypsy people.

And so I say to you again, it's not okay to say I've done my part. It's somebody else's turn. God wants us, according to the Lord's Prayer, to continually be praying, expand your kingdom, continually serving until the day that he calls us home. So I've covered two. I've got more to go. The first one was praise, the second one's purpose.

The third one is provision. Provision. Give us this day our daily bread. Now this idea is Jesus is not saying give us plenty so that we don't have to worry about tomorrow. That's not what he says. Give us an overflow. So life is comfortable. That's not what he says. What he says, what he's talking about here is dependance, give us just what we need for today and keep us dependent.

Keep our hands clasped in yours. That's the idea of this prayer. Now, when I first went in the ministry years ago, I had a student church, a little town in Oklahoma, and the church was here. And you went out the back door of the church, and you walked ten feet, and the parsonage was right there. And so you just go out the back, the back door where the church and go to the parsonage.

And I was young at that time and single and sometimes the Ken, the pastor and his wife, Carol, would invite me for dinner after church on Sunday. And I can remember one Sunday going over there for dinner. They had four boys and they were poor. I mean, this is a little bitty church, and we were holding hands and he was praying, thanking God for the meal.

God, thank you for this food. Thank you for my family. Thank you for the great things that happened at church today. And then he said this. He said, God, I don't have enough money to get and I'll have the money for gas to get to the hospital. I need to see so-and-so in the hospital. Would you provide some money so that I can go to the hospital and see so-and-so in the hospital?

I'm going to tell you this, and I'm ashamed to tell you this. It's damning on my part. But I remember thinking early in my ministry, God, I don't ever want to be that poor. And the truth is neither to you, right? We don't want to be dependent upon God. That's really the opposite of what this prayer is all about.

The very best place in life to be is with your hand glass, cross glass. You know what I'm trying to say? Your hand clasping God's hand and walking through life together daily, being dependent upon him. That's where he wants us. And that's what this prayer is all about. The next one is pardon. Forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors.

I grew up in a family, and this is not great either, but I grew up in a family that we were the kind of folks kind of Midwest small town. If somebody wronged us or somebody said something or whatever, we just marked them off the list. You know, anybody like that? You ever done that? And so now when you're in church or over here, you make sure that you walk on this side of church.

And if they're in this middle section, you're over here. What happens when you mark people off is the first thing you know. Your world gets smaller and smaller and smaller because you've got offenses all over the church and all around town. Jesus is calling it out here and he's saying, no, no, no, that's not how the church is to live.

And maybe one of the scariest verses in all the Bible to me is right after the Lord's Prayer, we finished in verse 13, but verse 14 says this. Notice how serious God is about this. He says, for if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your father will not forgive your sins, because Jesus is really serious about keeping a slate clean.

That's why he said, if you're ready to offer your gift at the altar there, remember your brother has something against you. Go immediately. Don't go now and take care of those issues so it doesn't

fester so it doesn't get worse. The sermon on the Mount is really serious about forgiveness. Number five is protection. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Oh, you know, one of the things I do in my ministry is I do prayer conferences. Maybe someday I'll get a chance to do one with you. And one of the topics I always teach on is the subject of spiritual warfare. I was teaching in Louisville, Kentucky. It's been a few years ago now, and as I was getting close, I was like 2 to 4 minutes from being done.

As I was getting close to being done, I heard a lady in the back and she started crying. It was just soft, softly, but I could hear her and as I continued to go, it got louder and before long she was wailing and her. She started using a man's voice instead of her voice, and she had facial contortions.

And so I finished up. I went and grabbed her, along with four other pastors or three other pastors and one of the pastor's wives, and we went to the pastor's office, and I got to be really real with you. I was terrified. I mean, this was frightening. It was abnormal. It was scary. And so we just began to pray.

And so we're praying and all of us are praying and we're saying, Lord Jesus, we know that you're more powerful than anything that's evil. And so in the name of Jesus, we ask you, Lord, to set this woman free, break any bondage, break any connection that there is between her and the evil one. Set her free, Lord. And we we prayed that for about 15 minutes, and all of a sudden her shoulders slumped like this and she began to say, I'm free.

I'm free, I'm free. Now here's my point. Don't miss this, because this is really an important thought. Satan loves to make a big stink, loves to make a whole lot of noise. He loves to growl and and cause commotion. But the truth is, he's a defeated foe. You don't have to be afraid of the enemy. You have a God who's more than enough, has more than enough power to handle whatever the evil one would send your way.

I think of the verse in first Peter chapter five verse eight, which says this be self-controlled and alert. Be watchful. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. I picture him as a toothless lion in some ways, makes a lot of noise, but he has no power against God, so praise, purpose, provision, pardon, protection.

And the last one is praise. Again Jesus says, as he's teaching us to pray, yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. Why did Jesus have praise in there twice? Why didn't he use something else? He could have? I think he it's because he realizes how important it is that we learn to praise God and to do it well.

Well, here's what I've done so far. I've talked about approach to God and how it's important sometimes to approach him in a very respectful and honorable kind of way. I've talked about six priorities that I see in the Lord's Prayer, and I'm going to finish up just very quickly with why I pray. So why should you pray anyway?

I know people who have prayed about something and it didn't work out the way they wanted it to. And so they say, for example, prayer doesn't work. It works for John or it works for Paul, but it doesn't work for me. And they just drive off the onramp or the off ramp of the freeway of prayer and never go back.

And so I want to challenge that today. Why should we pray? Well, we pray because that's how we get access to God. We pray because we're commanded to pray what Jesus said. And when you pray, not if you pray, but when you pray. We pray because Jesus modeled prayer. We pray because it brings peace to any situation. So many times I go to God with and I'm upset about something, and when I make connection with God, I find peace.

It's where we get our marching orders. Prayer brings glory to God. Prayer Recalibrates my thinking, I'll go to God with something and I'm thinking this. And as I pray and as I listen to him, my mind is totally shifted and it recalibrates my thinking. Prayer is how we get protection. That's how we advance the kingdom. It's how we get inside.

And my favorite one of all, I preach a message. A lot of times when I go across the country, I preach this message called Why pray? And one of the points in there is this one, I believe that prayer opens the door to the supernatural. Let me say that one more time. I believe that prayer opens the door to the supernatural.

So years ago, I moved to Arizona, started a church in my living room. I was a senior pastor there of Pine Valley Christian Church for 17 years. We started in my living room and then we moved into a shopping center and I was really excited. We had double figures. We had ten people that first Sunday. It was a long and narrow, just 1000ft<sup>2</sup> in a shopping center.

My office was in the front, the nursery was in the back and we had 41 chairs in the middle, sets of three on one side and sets of four on the other. And guys, we were so poor and it was really ugly. As a matter of fact, I remember one time I was working on my sermon. It was late at night and this couple walked by and they were holding hands and she leaned over to him and she said, that's a church.

And he leaned back over to her and said, that's the ugliest church I ever saw in my whole life. As a matter of fact, my son at that time was like one and a half, and we were driving on the freeway one

day and an 18 Wheeler went past us and my son looked at, there goes a church, because all he knew was a small, narrow building that was a church.

Our our first Christmas, we were a year old and we had a family there name were the lairds and they lived on the west side of town, but they moved to this side of town to Mesa, and he lost his job, and they were living in a really bad neighborhood here in Mesa. And so as a church, we decided we were going to, try to help that family, the lairds, at Christmas time.

And so one of the ladies came to me and she was going to grab a couple other ladies, and she said, I'm going to go over there and I'm going to find out what sizes the kids are so we can get clothes for them and find out what they want for Christmas. And that way we can do a good job and we care for them.

So when they came back to the church, they pulled me aside and said, Paul, they're living in such a bad neighborhood. We're afraid if we give something to that family that the other kids and the others will beat them up and take it away from them. So there's 20 families in this apartment complex, and we want to try to help them all.

Now, remember, our church is only 100 people. And so at that point, I put my hands on my hips and I said, there's no way we're doing that because we're just 100 people. There's no way we can help 20 families. I'm not going to the first thing we try as a church, we're not going to fail that we're not doing this.

And things haven't changed a whole lot. But they didn't pay much attention to me. They just went right ahead, just kept going. I kept saying no, and they just kept going. One guy said, I've got a box truck and I can take stuff over there. And people started bringing gifts for the kids and clothes and all that kind of stuff.

And I was astounded at what we had. But we didn't have enough food for 20 families. And I remember I was in my office, it was a couple days before Christmas. And I'm sure you don't talk to God like this, but I do sometimes. I'm not proud of this either. But I said to God, I told you this was a bad idea, and here we are.

We don't have enough food for these people. I told you this wasn't going to work. Seriously, you're going to think I'm lying. But as I was praying, the phone rang. I picked it up and this gal said, are you Pastor Culver? And I said, yeah. She said, my name is Maggie. I'm the president of fry.

I'm the president's secretary of fries food stores. And we have, two pickup truck loads worth of dented cans and food that we can't sell. And so we're looking for a church. There's helping out some people

at Christmastime. You guys, by chance, are not helping anybody, are you? At Christmas time, I dropped the phone. I was like, do you see you guys?

Prayer opens the door to the supernatural. I just have one more thing to say. A lot of times we have a tendency when it comes to prayer. I came here today just to try to inspire you to pray and try to get you to think about prayer in some new ways. And that gets it. A love for like I do.

I mean prayers.

It's incredible. I wrote a I wrote a book. I didn't come here to sell books, but I wrote a book called 52 Creative Ways to Pray. The way it works is every week I teach a creative way to pray, and then you practice it that way. Here's the problem a lot of us pray the same way every every day.

I mean, you've been praying the same way for 25 years, and I wonder sometimes if God doesn't go, is that all you got in there? Any variety anywhere out there? It's I wrote this book called 52 Creative Ways to Pray. It's a resource. I think it would help you. I brought 50 of them over here thinking I might sell 20.

I sold all 50. But here's the deal. If you will give us your name and pre-pay for them, then Monday or Tuesday, I'll come back over here with whatever books you buy, and we'll make sure you get a copy of this book. Again, it's just a resource, but a lot of people have found just some creative ways to pray, and it's really help their prayer life and that's my goal.

Let me pray for you, father. We love you, God. We recognize where nobody but your everybody. We recognize that you deserve all glory, all honor, and all praise God. Our prayers are you. Teach us to pray, to teach us to pray better. The God that Broadway Christian Church would become an amazing house of prayer. But we ask these things in Jesus name, Amen.

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