

A Note from The Dean:

Greetings, my fellow academics!

This final session of NFCU in many ways is the most important. Why? Because it centers around one of our Core Values that is the crux of our journey with Jesus: Relational. What we mean by "Relational" is that being a Christian is all about relationship; relationship with God, others and all creation. One of the primary means of developing and



Nathan M. Roskam

growing our relationship with God is through the spiritual discipline of prayer. Each class this session comes at this important discipline from a different angle. Whether it is looking at the Old Testament, the words of Jesus, the key figures of our Christian tradition or the experience of actually coming together as a class to pray, each class will empower and challenge you to grow in your practice of personal prayer.

What we hope you come to understand is that you don't have to have a degree or be a pastor or be really great with words to be a young person who prays. It's all about fueling your passion for Jesus by communicating with Him on a regular basis. There will be no formulas, no "you have to's", just honest and sincere conversations from people who desire to grow themselves as people of prayer. And remember, it's what you make it...

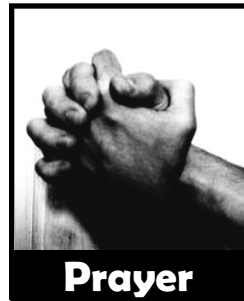
Like last session, we will be kicking off each Sunday morning by meeting in our Home Rooms starting at **9:30am**, then going to the class of your choice.

Many blessings on you as you expand your spiritual intelligence and aptitude for prayer this session,

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Focus of this Session



Course Catalogue

Enclosed is an in-depth look at the classes offered from NFCU. These classes are designed to inform, challenge and grow the student in there relationship with God.

Our Mission: With a holistic approach, NFCU desires to empower each student to see their world with a Biblical view and perspective. We seek the truth found in God's Word and use the Bible as the primary text for each class.

Courses at a Glance

Courses	Professors
No Prayer, No Freedom; Know Prayer, Know Freedom: Prayer as an Avenue to Experience Abundant Life	Austin Jardine with Guest Professor Nathan M. Roskam for the last 4 weeks
Idiot's Guide to Prayer: Embracing what we were created for	Valerie Wigg & Kristina Wineman
Stories of Old: A Look at prayer in the Old Testament	Becca Spivey
Joint the Movement: Prayer as a catalyst for revival	Jordan Liljegren

This Session's Courses

No Prayer, No Freedom; Know Prayer, Know Freedom

Prayer as an avenue to experience abundant life

Professor: Austin Jardine, with Guest Prof. Nathan M. Roskam in last 4 weeks.

Room Y14/15

Christians often live in the land of bondage. We are either bound to unconfessed sin or we're bound to the chains of "doing" the right things to earn God's love and our salvation. This kind of living leads to a broken relationship and a lack of communication and intimacy with a holy and loving God. God pursues, but we cannot even see that because we have allowed for so much distance to come between us. This class will dive deep into the beautiful message of the book of Galatians, showing you first hand the freedom that comes from living out of the abundance of grace and love lavished on us by God. Come ready to be loved on and to respond to the message of hope you will receive from Scripture. Warning: freedom will be available to you, but it will cost you your life... Just ask Jesus!

Idiot's Guide to Prayer

Embracing what we were created for

Professor: Valerie Wigg and Kristina Wineman

Room Y27

Let's be honest, when it comes to prayer, at times we all feel like idiots. We come to church and hear elegant pastor prayers. We go to special church events and are wowed by the prayers of the saints. Then someone calls on us to pray for dinner and we freeze like a deer staring at the headlights of a car. Why? It's unfamiliar. The problem isn't that we're just unfamiliar. The problem is we're unfamiliar with something that as Christians we are supposed to be really good at. Or so we think. In this class, your professors are going to help you peel off the guilt of not being a good "prayer" and embrace the reality that a loving God simply wants to communicate with you. You will learn the real heart of prayer and reconnect with the desire deep within you to just be in authentic and intimate relationship with God.

Stories of Old

A look at prayer in the Old Testament

Professor: Becca Spivey

Room Y9

Prayer is a rich language of the Church that spans thousands of years of Church history, going all the way back to the people of Israel. As you thumb through the Old Testament, if you pay attention, you are confronted with some of the richest prayers ever prayed, including prayers of lament, to ascent, to praise, to downright frustration with why God isn't doing what is expected. This class will take a deep and practical look at some of these prayers, giving you an understanding of the history and an appreciation of what it means to be a people of prayer. The best part, memorize a few of these puppies and you'll be the envy of every prayer meeting you attend! (ps-that's not why we pray, but it's one way of not being the "idiot", right?)

Join the Movement

Prayer as a catalyst for revival

Professors: Jordan Liljegren

Room Y20

Throughout history, the major movements of God have been birthed out of passionate movements of prayer by a people united in worship and awe of a holy God. Prayer is a specific means of connecting to and with the heart of God, creating pathways for humanity to follow in pursuit of intimate fellowship and communion with God. This class is starting out of a burning passion by Jordan to see a generation united by a desire to see God move in real and tangible ways. Participation in this class will be just that, participation. You will be engaged in praying for each other, for your school, community, family, nation the world and whatever God brings to your heart. Jordan will share her from her experiences and lead those who join her into a closer walk with God. Jordan's heart is to see a movement of prayer in this community that leads people to be in prayer with God 24/7. Join the movement!