



Welcome to the Transform! Prayer Course

The Gospel of John records Jesus saying, **"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."** (John 10:10 NASB) Jesus modeled that life.

It is a life of bringing things about by prayer.

Jesus heard the Father in prayer, and then did and even said only what the Father told Him. In fact, Jesus said, **"The Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."** (John 12:49-50 NIV)

We recognize that Jesus is our life, and that the abundant life starts in relationship with Him. **Communicating with God**—speaking and listening to Him in prayer, is what feeds and sustains that life!

Our vision, purpose and values

Our Vision is clear:

To see disciples of Jesus Christ on mission with Him,
transforming the world through prayer.

Our Purpose, or mission, is derived from that Vision:

To dramatically deepen and accelerate the prayer life of the participants
to both inspire and motivate them towards
world transformation through prayer.

Our set of Values

The components of this course are deliberately filtered to align with:

- 1) **A prayerful attitude of partnership in the Gospel** (Philippians 1:3-5)
- 2) **A high view of Scripture & Biblical excellence** (Isaiah 40:8, Matthew 24:35)
- 3) **Humility and integrity** (Philippians 2:1-7)
- 4) **Worship** (1 Chronicles 29:10-13)
- 5) **Stewardship** (Psalm 24:1, Philippians 4:12)
- 6) **Mentorship** (2 Timothy 2:2)

The Transform! Prayer Course has been created with this vision, purpose and set of values in mind.

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to dramatically deepen and accelerate the prayer life of the participants to both inspire and motivate them towards world transformation through prayer.

Everyone knows discipleship and prayer go hand in hand. But discipleship and prayer are not courses you take for a few weeks and then finish.

They are lifelong journeys. That's what this course is about.

**The Lord's Prayer itself is a highway into all of Jesus' teaching—
a way to "think God's thoughts after Him."**

It is a guided journey of transformation that you take with others to sharpen and encourage one another in prayer. That transformation impacts the world around us as God's kingdom expands in and through us by the Spirit's power within us.

When we rely upon organization, we get what organization can do;
When we rely upon education, we get what education can do;
When we rely upon eloquence, we get what eloquence can do, and so on. Nor
am I disposed to undervalue any of these things in their proper place, but ...
When we rely upon prayer, we get what God can do.

-A. C. Dixon

(Evangelism, A Biblical Approach, M. Cocoris, Moody, 1984, p. 108)

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Some of you may be in a season when your prayer life is dry and difficult. Take heart. If you've ever had a garden, you know that sometimes there's lots of just the right mix of sun and rain and warm temperatures to produce a great harvest of whatever you've planted. But there are other seasons when it might be very hot or very cold, and the garden does not produce much.

So it is with the garden of our soul. Some of you will find this course to be like an irrigation system in a dry season of life. You will be refreshed and rejuvenated and glad for the experience. Others will find this course to be more like a farmer's plow. It will dig up all sorts of rocks—big and small—and perhaps be a bit of a struggle. But be encouraged, and persevere. Through the Spirit, you will produce fruit in season!



HOW THIS COURSE WORKS

The Transform! Prayer Course (TPC) is based on the learning principles embodied in courses like Kairos (simplymobilizing.outreach.ca). So, rather than just give you a book, TPC gives you an interactive experience within a larger or small group, with supplemental videos and readings, including this Reader in hard copy or weekly e-Readings.

Now, the Transform! Prayer Course has become much more versatile, doable, affordable and accessible!

Transform! Prayer Course is now offered in two formats (and three languages!):

- 1) **Mentored** online course over 11+ weeks with a team of trained facilitators.
 - Offered periodically. Watch alliancepray.ca for the next course offering.
- 2) **TPC Small Group Edition (SGE)** came out of numerous successful, mentored courses, which have proven to be effective and transformative.
 - Both formats contain several components:
 - The Reader (print copy or weekly digital readings)
 - Small Group Leader's Guide or Facilitator's Manual
 - Supplementary Videos and Checklists
 - Review and Discussion in large and/or small groups
 - Testimonial Videos
 - Application and Reflection Exercises
 - **The third edition of the TPC Reader** includes some fresh writing in Weeks 1-2. The Reader contains **10 weeks of 5** (or 6) **daily devotionals** with reflection exercises to work through. Each week's reading is sent digitally to the small group leader and to each person who has registered online.
 - **The Small Group Leader's Guide** includes guidelines for meetings (in-person or online tips) and sample discussion questions for each week.
 - **Practicum Aids:** A series of impactful testimony videos of how God directed them into their prayer assignments. These and accompanying reflection questions are available (sent to the Small Group Leader), allowing for up to 9 weeks of follow-up. The emphasis is on application!
 - **Application:** We strongly recommend that you include several weeks after completing the Reader for personal and group application of the material. God has given you this season for a reason and application that He has in mind. (What will be your personal prayer assignment?)

You're ready for Week One. May God transform you and the world through prayer!

