

Prayer from a Process Perspective
Online Lifelong Learning at Claremont School of Theology
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Course Description: Prayer engages our spiritual/worshiping selves as well as reflecting our understanding of God, human beings, and how they relate in the world. This course explores the meaning, practice, and language of prayer from the perspective of process-relational theology, with practical applications for worship, pastoral care, and personal enrichment.

Texts

1. Cobb, John B., Jr. "Prayer, Intercessory." <http://processandfaith.org/writings/ask-dr-cobb/2007-11/prayer-intercessory>. Free download.
2. McDaniel, Jay. *What Is Process Thought? Seven Answers to Seven Questions*. Claremont, CA: P&F Press. Appendix: Process Theology. Free download.
3. Suchocki, Marjorie Hewitt. *In God's Presence*. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1996. Copies available in the Process & Faith office or amazon.com.
4. Suchocki, Marjorie Hewitt. [*What Is Process Theology? A Conversation with Marjorie*](#). Claremont, CA: P&F Press, 2003. Free download.

Assignments

1. Read material assigned for each week.
2. By Thursday, respond to discussion questions posted online.
3. By Monday of the following week, post reflections and feedback on at least two class participants' posts.
4. Write: (1) a pastoral prayer, and (2) a prayer of invocation. Each prayer should reflect a process-relational perspective. Due February 24.
5. Write a 3-page reflection paper on *In God's Presence*. Due March 2.

Schedule

Week 1 (February 6): Introduction to Process Theology and a Theology of Prayer
Read Suchocki booklet, [*What Is Process Theology?*](#)

Week 2 (February 13): Cosmology: A Process Understanding of the World
Read McDaniel (pp.94-119) and [Cobb](#).

Week 3 (February 20): Theology: A Process Doctrine of God
Read Suchocki, *In God's Presence*, pp. 1-66.

Week 4 (February 27): Anthropology: A Process Understanding of the Human
Read Suchocki, *In God's Presence*, pp. 67-127.