



Teach US to Pray

Session 1: Prayer Is Our Baptismal Calling

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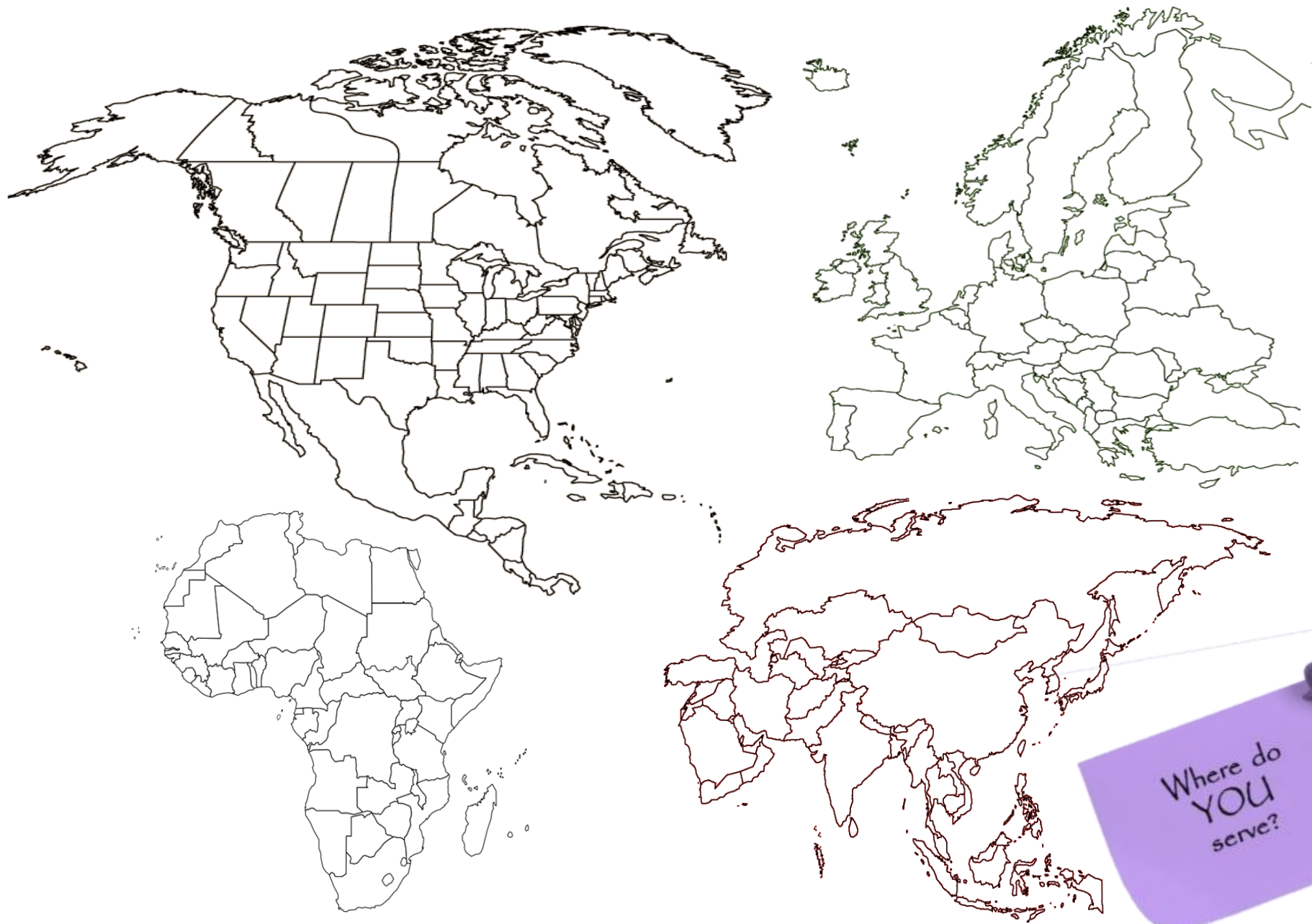
A little bit
about us...



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Alleluia! Christ is risen!
**The Lord is risen,
indeed. Alleluia!**



Matthew 28:6-7, at the empty tomb (NRSV)

The angel speaks to the women:

“He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said: Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’
This is my message for you.”

John 20:19b-22, Jesus appears to the disciples in the locked room (NRSV)

Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he had said this, he showed them his hands and side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit ...”

DEVOTING OURSELVES TO THE PRAYERS

A BAPTISMAL THEOLOGY
FOR THE CHURCH'S
INTERCESSORY WORK

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- Prayers of the People (UMBOW 495, UMH 877/879 with musical settings in UMH 483-485, 487, 490, TFWS 2201, and W&S 3133)

Luke 11:1, Responding to the practice of Jesus (NRSV)

(Jesus) was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

Luke 11:2-4, the Lord's Prayer, according to Luke (NRSV)

(Jesus) said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.



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- Drunk? No... This is what Joel prophesied, and God has brought into being through the execution and resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah.

Acts 2: The First Christian Pentecost

- What shall we do?
 - Repent *and be baptized...*



Acts 2:41-42, 44-45

Pentecost opening.... “***So those who welcomed (Peter’s) message were baptized***, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ***They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers*** ... All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need ...”

From Justin Martyr, *First Apology*

- “(65) We, however, ***after thus washing*** the one who has been convinced and signified his assent, lead him to those who are called brethren, where they are assembled. ***They then earnestly offer common prayers*** for themselves and the one who has been illuminated and all others everywhere ... On finishing the prayers we greet each other with a kiss. Then bread and a cup of water and mixed wine are brought to the president of the brethren ...
- (66) This food we call Eucharist, of which no one is allowed to partake except one who believes that the things we teach are true, and has received the washing for forgiveness of sins and for rebirth ...”
(Cyril C. Richardson, editor, *Early Christian Fathers*, pp. 285-86)
(See also *Documents of Xn Worship*, p. 148)

From *The Apostolic Tradition*

“(23) ***And signing [him] on the forehead***, let him offer [him] a kiss and let him say, ‘The Lord [be] with you.’ And let him who has been signed say, ‘And with your spirit.’

(24) Let him do thus to each one.

(25) And ***afterward let them then pray together with all the people, not praying with the faithful until they have carried out all these things.***

(26) And when they have prayed, let them offer the peace with the mouth.

(27) And then let the oblation be presented by the deacons to the bishop ...”

(*The Apostolic Tradition, A Commentary* By Paul F. Bradshaw, Maxwell E. Johnson, L. Edward Phillips. Edited by Harold W. Attridge, Hermeneia Series. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002, 119-120) (See also *Documents of Xn Worship*, p. 156)

Baptism and Intercession: How do we understand the link?

The baptismal ordo witnesses not so much to a right to pray, but to the ***vocation*** to pray, ***the responsibility*** to join Christ in priestly intercession for the world.

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Living Water?



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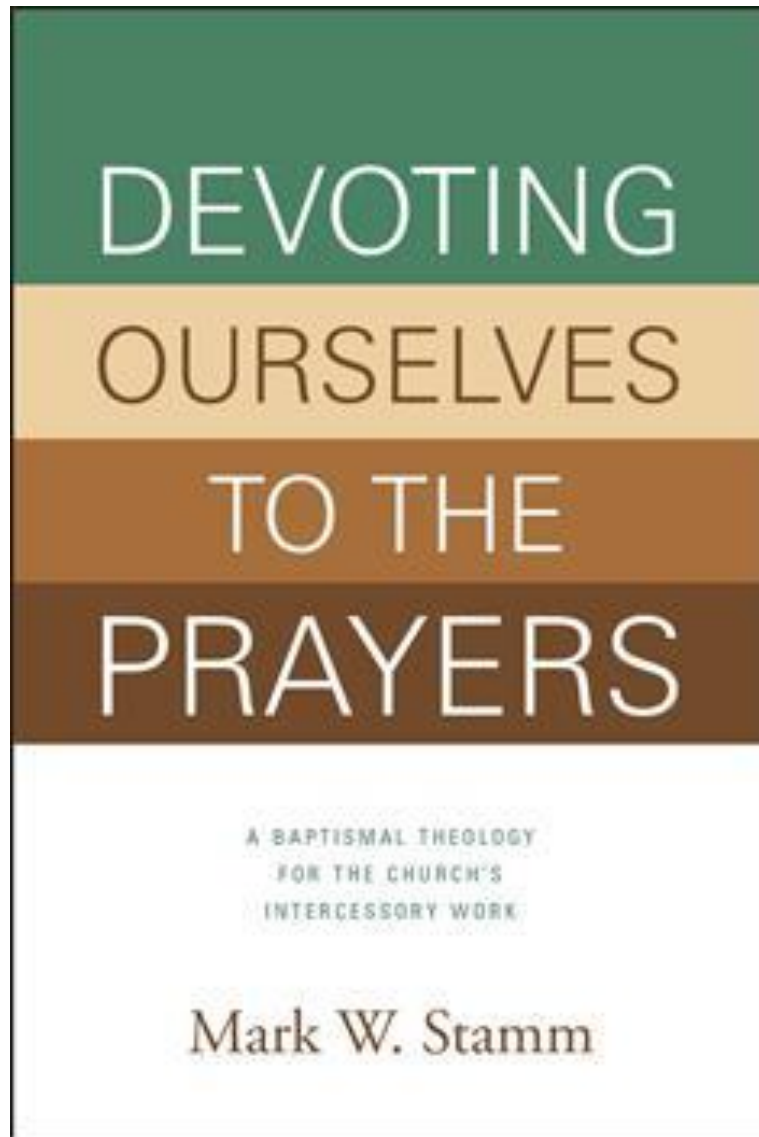
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A person is silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky, jumping from a dark rock into the ocean. A large, stylized, light gray flame graphic is superimposed over the center of the image. A bird is flying in the sky above the text.

GO IN PEACE

