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Preface

This booklet is designed to establish a foundational understanding of prayer as the supreme gift of grace that flows from the Gospel, namely communion with God. In short: Jesus went to the garden and prayed, and then he “came forward”¹ to the cross so we could pray in His name and know that we are heard.

The first portion of the booklet will be primarily directed to adults for their growth in the faith, for it is my conviction that it is most important that adults be changed as they, in turn, seek to love and lead children in prayer. This booklet will first establish that the ground for communion with God comes from the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and then call the Christian adult to humility and offer a word of hope. The booklet will then provide practical guidance to those who lead children in prayer—primarily in the classroom, but also in the living room.

The second portion of the booklet should be seen as a springboard for creative and visionary thought. It is not intended to be exhaustive, but to stimulate thinking in a practical direction.

¹John 18:4—*Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward...*