

A script from



“Preprayer-ation”

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- What** A group of people gather for a workshop on how to pray, but the teacher of the class learns a thing or two from his students. **Themes:** Prayer, Praise, Worship, The Lord's Prayer, Focus, Meditation
- Who** Mr. Hobbs
Martha
Joy
Kevin
Hunter- teen
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** Five chairs
Each student has a piece of paper with their own prayer written on it
Mr. Hobbs could be standing at a podium and have a clipboard
- Why** Matthew 6:9-13; Philippians 4:6-7; Romans 8:26
- How** Keep the pacing up and don't take too much time in between lines. Each character should portray a different personality, so really work on finding your characters voice.
- Time** Approximately 4-6 minutes

Entering stage left, clip board in hand, Mr. Hobbs addresses the class who are mumbling among themselves, comparing notes...except for Hunter, the teen, who is slumped in his chair, listening to his iPod®.

Mr. Hobbs: Good morning class. Welcome to "Pre-Prayer-ation", an intensive prep course meant to prepare you for the rigors of an active prayer life, and help you avoid some of the common pitfalls and obstacles that can trip up even the most seasoned petitioner. My name is Mr. Hobbs and I had the pleasure of writing the curriculum for this class. You may have heard of my book, a dieter's prayer guide, entitled "Count Your Blessings not Your Calories." But enough about me, it's your turn to introduce yourselves and tell me briefly why you're in this class.

Kevin: Umm, my name is Kevin and this class was a birthday gift from my mother-in-law, who felt my Sunday dinner prayer, giving thanks for the return of football, lacked depth and sincerity. *(Looking at his fellow students)* I don't know where she got that...I'm sincerely thankful for football.

Hunter: *(Raising a fist in solidarity)* I'm with you man.

Martha: Well, I'll go next. My name is Martha and my kids held an "intervention" so to speak. Apparently my usage of "old English" is too dated to even be considered retro and my "amen" is delivered too softly leaving those at the end of the table in a seemingly indefinite head bowing posture which causes them to miss out on the warm rolls.

Mr. Hobbs: It's not all that uncommon, Martha. We'll cover the importance of the diaphragm in prayer delivery in week two. Who's next?

Hunter: *(Head bobbing with his music)* Mom made me come. It was the Prayer Prep class or clean the garage...no brainer. *(Mr. Hobbs walks behind Hunter and pulls out the ear buds)* Hey!

Mr. Hobbs: And what does your mom hope you'll get out of this class?

Hunter: *(Shrugs)* Don't know. She's kinda freaking that I'm going to college in a couple of years. Says her knees are sore from praying for her kids. I told her she should sit on the side of bed...her knees aren't getting any younger. *(Kevin snorts.)*

Mr. Hobbs: Ah, kneeling beside the bed is covered in the "Prayer Geography" lesson. How about you Hunter? Do you have a special prayer spot?

Hunter: Nope. *(He starts to put his ear buds back in)* I pray anywhere. My prayer spot is where I'm standing. *(His head is bobbing again; the other's stare at the teen and then in unison look at Mr. Hobbs.)*

Mr. Hobbs: *(Tsking)* Well, he is young. It's a good thing his mother sent him before habits become too ingrained. *(Gesturing to Joy)* And last but not least.

Joy: My name is Joy and I came to the class because I desire to be closer to God.

Mr. Hobbs: Certainly! Very admirable. How's your silent prayer?

Joy: Excuse me?

Mr. Hobbs: Do you find yourself moving your lips or forcing your eyelids closed causing unnatural and distracting twitches?

Joy stares, brow furrowed.

Martha: Mr. Hobbs, we were looking over the syllabus for the prep class-

Mr. Hobbs: *(Interrupting)* Pre-PRAYER-ation.

Joy: *(Growing impatient)* Yes, very clever title, but the course description says this class will give us a deeper understanding of prayer...

Martha: *(Reading off the syllabus)* Which will improve heavenly communication resulting in a guaranteed 25% increase of spiritual benefits.

Kevin: Yeah, I wanted to ask you...how is spiritual benefit measured exactly?

Mr. Hobbs: Surveys.

Kevin: Really? Do you track medical outcomes—say follow-up on Grandma's bunion surgery?

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ENDING:

Mr. Hobbs: Excuse me?

Joy: You make it all sound so complicated. I don't think prayer should be complicated. I don't think God would make it hard to talk to Him.

Hunter: He didn't. Remember, he gave us an example just like in school where a problem is solved so that you know how to do the homework- "Our Father, who art in heaven..."

Martha: No Jousting! (**Hunter** smiles.)

Hunter: Right, no jousting...Father in heaven...

Mr. Hobbs: Well, we will eventually cover the "Lord's Prayer" but skipping ahead might confus-

Kevin: Hallowed be thy name...or more simply put, your name is Holy-

Joy: Your name is wonderful-

Martha: Your name is Awesome-

Lights begin to fade.

Mr. Hobbs: You know there's no refund for the class-

Hunter: Your name is totally legit-

Martha: Totally legit?

Lights out.

Kevin: It's okay. I speak teen.

Lights out. The end.