

A script from



“Three Different Prayers”

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- What** When Moses was outside the Camp in prayer, he went away to meet with God. He called it the “place of meeting.” And he talked with God. It was a two way discussion and it was transparent and honest. Our prayer lives have to reflect that two-way honesty that God had with Moses. Prayer is essential in our discipline and growth. **Themes:** Prayer, Intercession, Discipline, Growth, Christianity, Petition
- Who** Actor 1- Female
Actor 2- Male
Actor 3- Male
- When** Present
- Wear
(Props)** No props needed
- Why** Exodus 33, Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 26:39
- How** Each actor is in a different scene but all are praying before bedtime. One could be kneeling, one sitting, and one pacing. The juxtaposition of these three prayers highlights the banality of our prayer life. You’ll find the audience laughing when Actor 3 prays for his football team to win following Actor 1’s lament over cancer. The perspective change is convicting and gently reminds us to take everything to God in prayer but in a real way.
- Time** Approximately 2-4 minutes

Actor 3: *(Distracted. Praying automatically)* Dear God. Thank you that school went well today. I pray that it goes good tomorrow. Thank you for my family. Thank you for all the good things you put in my life.

Actor 2: *(As if talking to a close friend)* Father God, thank you for being such a loving, powerful God. Lord, my life is really exciting right now. In a lot of ways, I wonder if this is as good as it's going to get.

Actor 1: *(Upset)* Father God. I am so angry with you right now. I know I shouldn't be, but I am. Why are you doing this to me? Where are you? Why aren't you doing anything?

Actor 2: School is awesome right now. I love my teachers, well, most of my teachers. Mr. Granderson is still a pain, but he's okay, I guess. My volleyball team is winning, and my parents haven't been fighting much lately. I wanted to say thank you, God. Thank you for giving me these blessings.

Actor 1: I don't know how often I've been right here, on my knees, begging you to step in. You're the most powerful God in the universe. Why can't you use a little power here? For me? Aren't I worth a small portion of your infinite power?

Actor 3: God, I pray that I'll make the football team, at least third string. I don't want to play JV again. I pray that I pass my calc test, even though I didn't study. I pray that Brett gets the new Call of Duty game so we can play at his house.

Actor 2: But Father, it's time I start deciding what I'm going to do for college. This is a huge decision, God, and I don't want to make it without Your wisdom. I've always had my heart set on KU. A big school. It's a real college town with the real college experience. So much happens there. There are so many opportunities. But Dad says it costs too much. He thinks I should do junior college first and save some money.

Actor 1: *(Begins softly but builds in energy through the end of the line)* Mom isn't getting any better. Dad keeps smiling and telling me that she'll be alright, but he's always been a bad liar. I can see it in his eyes, hear it in his voice. Mom won't be here for Christmas. She won't be here for when I go to prom, or when I go off to college. She won't be there when I get married. How is that fair, God? Why won't you stop this cancer?

Beat.

Actor 3: I pray that the Chiefs win this week, that I don't forget my orthodontist appointment again, and that mom packs those pudding cups I like for lunch. Please, help me to wake up on time for school tomorrow.

Actor 2: God please give me the wisdom and the opportunity to decide what to do. I know ultimately it's not what Dad wants and it's not what I want. It's what you want Father.

Actor 1: God, I don't understand. Won't you please help her? Can't you help my mom?

Actor 2: Help me to discern what you want for me.

Actor 3: And if you can work it that I sit next to Penny Harding in study hall, that would be cool too. Thank you, God. Amen

Actor 2: Amen.

Actor 1: *(Whispered)* Amen.

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