

# DRAWNEAR

## #1 The Great Privilege of Prayer

### 1. PRAYER IS A COSTLY PRIVILEGE

**Hebrews 10:19 (ESV)** *Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> **let us draw near** with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

WE CAN APPROACH GOD IN PRAYER ONLY ON THE BASIS OF  
CHRIST'S FINISHED PRIESTLY WORK FOR US

### 2. PRAYER IS A HEART-FUELING PRIVILEGE

**Luke 18:1 (ESV)** *And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart...*

### 3. PRAYER IS A HISTORY-ALTERING PRIVILEGE

**Psalms 106:23 (ESV)** *Therefore he said he would destroy them—had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.*

- “Prayer surely does influence God. It does not influence His purpose. It does influence His action.” *S.D. Gordon*
- “History belongs to the intercessors.” *Walter Wink*

P.U.S.H. prayer... *Pray Until Something Happens*

### 4. PRAYER IS TOO OFTEN A NEGLECTED PRIVILEGE