



Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Hi, welcome to Teach Us to Pray, a podcast of Denver Institute. I'm Jeff Hoffmeyer. If there's one discipline that can change our relationship with God and by extension change our world, it's prayer. But, prayer is also difficult and mysterious and strange. God does not leave us alone, though, in this. He gives us the Bible, all of which is meant to be a guide or a script for our conversations with God. Prayer is God's answer to that essential request made in the Gospel of Luke by an unnamed disciple, "Lord, teach us to pray."

And, welcome to Episode 21 of Teach Us to Pray. This is a special episode, for it's the first time I'm interviewing someone on this podcast. I could not be more thrilled about this conversation we're about to have. If you are a regular listener of Teach Us to Pray, know that this is going to be a much different kind of episode. Don't worry, though, I'll soon get back to our regular pattern of brief episodes focused on Scripture and guided prayer.

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So, I want to welcome my guest, Peter Greer, CEO of Hope International. Peter, so glad you could join us for this interview.

Peter Greer:

Thank you so much, Jeff.

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

And just to start off, Peter, we're really excited to talk about your new book, Lead With Prayer, but tell us about Hope International.

Peter Greer:

Yeah. So, we are an organization that invests in the dreams of families as we proclaim and live the Gospel. We do it through microfinance institutions and church-based savings groups, but really trying to figure out how do we invest in the God-given capacity that we believe is in every single individual?



So, we work in 24 countries, places of high poverty. We like to say, high untapped potential. So, we get to invest in entrepreneurs and again, just have this great gift of doing it with amazing church partners all around the world. So, serve 24 countries. We've invested in, now, 2.7 million entrepreneurs helping them start or expand small businesses.

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Well, love that and love Hope International. Certainly at Denver Institute, we're big fans of your work and the work of your organization. This interview is mostly about your book *Lead with Prayer*, but I would encourage listeners to check out the work of Hope International. Truly an incredible and very unique organization.

So, Peter, you've recently co-authored a book called *Lead with Prayer*. Tell me just starting off about your co-authors, and also, tell us about that title, *Lead with Prayer*.

Peter Greer:

Yeah. Well, writing is definitely an area of interest. I always write as an enthusiast, not an expert in the topics. This one, my co-author, Ryan Skoog, along with Cameron Doolittle. Ryan reached out and said, "Peter, I would love to write a book exploring the prayer practices of global leaders, and I'd love to do it together."

My immediate response was, "Ryan, that sounds like an amazing project, but no way. I am out on that." The reason is because not long before I had a day that was set aside as a day of prayer for Hope International. We're gathering with our team.

I would say, it was a day where I first perhaps recognized, "I have a prayer problem." My mind, I just couldn't slow it down. I couldn't. We were going through a number of challenges. We've been very involved in Ukraine and Haiti and some parts of the world that have had an exceptionally difficult season, recently. I couldn't get my mind, I couldn't get my heart, I couldn't get my soul to slow down. So I said, "Ryan, I love the idea. I can't wait to read it, but that is your book."

Next morning, I did something crazy, though. I started praying about it. The sense that I had, and this is uncommon for me, but the sense was just very clear, "Don't miss out on the journey." I am so enormously grateful for this journey and this sense of not coming as an expert, but coming as someone who knows just



how much I want to learn how to grow in prayer. I want to learn more about this incredible mystery. I love your podcast, Teach us to Pray.

That is the question that the disciples asked and that is the question that we asked as we were beginning this project together. How can we learn from global leaders about what it looks like to pray?

I can tell you just personally, it has transformed my prayer life. It has transformed some of the practices that we have at Hope International. It has been an amazing journey to be on. So, yeah. I just love the work that you do, Jeff, in this conversation and really exploring what does it look like for us today to come and say, "Lord, we have a teachable spirit. Help us. Teach us to pray."

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Yeah. Well, thanks for that, Peter. I love that, that you're admitting you're not coming to this topic as a subject matter expert, but rather kind of the opposite, just like someone who's struggled with it. That's certainly me, too, and that's the impetus from my own podcast on Teach us to Pray.

Actually, most Christians have just struggled with prayer. Actually if you ask them, they're going to say like, "Yeah. I stink at that. It's hard. It's difficult." So, anyway. I love that place of humility. But also, not just learning from Scripture, which is what Teach us to Pray is all about, but also learning from leaders who have been in that struggle, or that fight, for the whole of their lives.

One of my teachers in prayer taught me that prayer is caught not taught. One of the ways we catch it is we rub shoulders with those who have been in that fight for the whole of their lives. I think that's certainly what your book does by exposing readers to some of these leaders. So, as a Christian-

Peter Greer:

[inaudible 00:06:34] real quick on that, which I found so comforting and perhaps disheartening was the studies that have been done on prayer, even those studies that have been done on pastors. Only 16% of pastors say that they are very satisfied with their prayer life. 72% say that consistency in prayer is one of their greatest challenges. So, that is true for pastors. Right?



Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Right.

Peter Greer:

Then, it also is true for global leaders. There was a study that was done by a leading foundation, and they were trying to find leaders who prioritized prayer. So, they reached out to what they saw as leading organizations. The person who commissioned this study said it was the most disturbing report he had ever seen. As they reached out for these leaders, who have these vibrant cultures of prayer, he said, "The results just were not there, so."

If you find yourself at a place you say, "Yeah. I would love to learn and grow," you are not alone. That is the majority of leaders, today. That is the majority of pastors.

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Yeah.

Peter Greer:

And yet, I would also say, it is possible. It is absolutely possible to grow in that. So, whatever the current stage, it is possible. I love how we are seeing that answered and finding an incredible set of leaders that really have figured out what it looks like to create these cultures of prayer in a dynamic workplace.

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Yeah. And, that's both confirming and convicting, like both ways. So, that's really helpful. One thing I've learned about prayer, the root word for our English word prayer comes from a Latin word, which means precarious. So, we're often driven to prayer when we're in some kind of precarious situation. I also hear that in part of what you're saying as you're introducing your book to us, that you've been in that kind of precarious situation as a leader. You felt like, "I'm not really equipped for this. I'm not really good at prayer." Then, you found these leaders who can be your teachers.



Peter Greer:

Yeah. So well said. And, I guess I didn't answer your other question, though, which was on the title, as well.

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Great.

Peter Greer:

There are so many books on leadership and Christian leadership. I think if we're not careful, those books can become almost like the self-help. You can figure out the tools and techniques to do it on your own. And just as you said, Jeff, desperation is upstream from vibrancy and prayer. So in some ways, we're trying to take this leadership genre. There also were a lot of books on prayer, and how do we overlap them to really figure out what would it look like for leaders to first learn how to model, how to grow in their own prayer lives. Also, then to multiply what that looks like in the places of work or family or church, or wherever it is that they find themselves having a space in place of influence.

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Yeah. So, that leads me to my next question. What you just said has definitely been true in my life, both as a pastor and now as a part of a leadership team of a non-profit, Denver Institute for Faith and Work. I know I can go about my tasks, which are tasks that God's called me to, either with prayer or without.

And often, others on the outside don't notice. I mean, when I was a pastor regularly preaching sermons, I could write really pretty good sermons without praying for even a minute. I think ultimately, though, we're going to find that style of leadership wanting. I think that's probably a lot about what your book is about.

So, let me just press in with you about that. As you've kind of come to this place of really wanting prayer to be the absolute foundation and fabric of your own leadership, is that having spent years trying other foundations and finding those foundations wanting?



Peter Greer:

Yeah. One of the quotes that we found was from the late Tim Keller. He was speaking to a group of leaders and he said, "Prayerlessness is detrimental for a Christian, but it is death for a Christian leader." I guess part of the prompt of this was you kind of look around and there are a lot of incredibly gifted leaders. There are a lot of incredibly talented individuals that can give the amazing sermon. And yet, you look and not all of those stories end well.

It was interesting, there was one set of research that found of those leaders that didn't finish well, every single one of them had long ago lost any sense of a personal or intimate prayer life.

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Wow.

Peter Greer:

So, it is upstream from a life of faithfulness. And again, that's one of the great dangers. It was true in ancient Israel. You may say to yourself, "Look at the strength of my hands, what I have done."

I think it's just as true today when we have talented leaders that can perform, but maybe who don't abide in Christ. So, just that journey and recognizing that of, "How do we be leaders that have, at the very essence of who we are, this relationship with the one who made us, the one who knows us perfectly. What does it look like to have a vibrant prayer life as the fuel for everything else that we do?"

And again, so interesting. This is what you do with your podcast, but it is fascinating to not just look at Scripture, but to look at the life of Jesus. Jesus, fully God, fully human, and he constantly was prioritizing prayer. And maybe, in some ways the question is, "Do we think we are busier than Jesus, or do we think we are wiser than Jesus?" If Jesus modeled us, maybe we would benefit from it, as well.

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

He's clearly modeling prayer. He's pulling his disciples into prayer. He's doing that, teaching them to pray, not just with the Lord's Prayer, which is the specific answer to that request in the Gospel of Luke, "Lord, teach us to pray."



But really, the whole of his life, his ministry, those years with his disciples, all of that is an answer to that request. So, let me just lean in a little bit more with you, Peter. I don't know if you've already said enough about this, but how has prayer been hard for you? You've admitted it's been hard, it's been a struggle, you don't feel like an expert. Just share a few more details about that. And then, you were already starting to answer this question, but how has Scripture, the whole of the Bible, been an answer to that whole set of frustrations around prayer?

Peter Greer:

Yeah. I mean, I don't know how much detail you want me to go into it, my challenges in this book. I mean, the biggest piece is every morning, every morning, what is the first thing we do? One of the habits that we found, it was from Justin Wilmore Early, who first shared about us. But then, we heard it again and again, the habit of, "Before we reach for our phone or device, we get down on our knees and start the day saying, 'Lord, let my soul find its happiness in you. Without you, I can do a lot of activity, but none of it is going to make an impact.'" So, I think on a very practical way is, how are we starting our day when there are so many distractions?

And then, the second piece, we have talked about it, this illusion of our own self-sufficiency. If we think that we can lead on our own, in our own strength, and we really act as if, "We've got this, God. Appreciate you. I'll reach out when I'm in a tough spot, but in the day to day I got this." That illusion of our own self-sufficiency. When we believe that, we do not believe in the power of prayer. So, yeah. I think those are some of the challenges.

And then, again, the fun part of this was to look. There is this incredible history with prayer throughout, from the early church to today. We have so much to learn from the global church. So, part of the fun of this was reaching out to some amazing leaders that would say, "My ability to serve in a war zone is because I find my delight in the Lord." Yeah. Anyway, just really-

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Yeah.

Peter Greer:

... that was kind of the fun of learning with and from an amazing host of people outside of a North American context, that had so much to teach us about creating vibrant cultures of prayer.



Jeff Hoffmeyer:

I want to ask about a couple of those leaders. When listeners get your book, they can learn about all of these leaders that are featured in your book. Also, just to affirm a couple of things that you're saying. You're already giving our listeners some very practical tools for prayer.

We're tactile people. We're souls and hearts and minds very connected to a body. So, even what we do with our bodies when we wake up like, "What's the first object we reach for?" And, if it's not our phone, but even better, a print Bible, I think is a really good thing to reach for. But also, you're saying like, "Do something physical with your body. Get down on your knees and pray and pray." Your body's connected to your heart. That position of surrender, without saying any words to God, you're already relinquishing control just by what your body is doing.

Peter Greer:

Yeah. So well said. This was a fun chapter. We were looking at the prayer postures throughout Scripture. There's a lot in there, Jeff.

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Yeah.

Peter Greer:

There is a lot. And then, we started hearing these different things around the world. But, even the simplest thing. So many had these two different positions. They would start with their hands open, presenting everything. Then, lay it down. Even the posture, it does make an impact in the way that we pray. So, yeah. That was a fun one to look at.

And Scripture again, there's just so much, Old Testament and New, to think about. Yeah. What is this gift of prayer? What does it look like? Every single chapter, at the end of it, has these suggestions. Try it. Practical ways of taking the concept and putting it into practice.

My favorite interview was actually not an interview, but it was using these prayer practices alongside Ryan Skoog, Cameron Doolittle, and Jill Heisy. For us, together as this small team, who's working on this book, to be



putting these practices, that to me was just really fun. So everything that's in the book, at the end of every chapter, things that we would do and really did. The aggregate was it did shape our prayer lives. Every single one of us would say, "We are different as a result of this experience together, putting these ideas that we've learned from the global church into practice."

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Well, what a gift to have those practical tools in your book. So, yeah. Let's just talk for a bit about some of these leaders and your choice, who you want to highlight. We'd love to hear about a couple of them.

Peter Greer:

Yeah. To me, one of the most powerful ones was Joni Eareckson Tada. She had a diving accident when she was a teenager. She has lived with chronic pain from then until now. I feel like any time I try to describe that interview, or her life, it feels like I am just missing the mark by so much.

You cannot talk to her and not believe that her vibrant prayer life is the direct result of her suffering and that she actually believes it is better to have that depth of relationship with Jesus than to have the ability to use her legs and her arms. I was just really, really moved.

She also talked about this idea of prayer. When people come and ask her for prayer about some sort of issue, she does pray for that. But she says, "I never pray for that issue more than 20% of the total prayer time." She said, "The other 80%, I'm praying that God would use the suffering, that God would be close at the comfort, and not just the immediate response in the way that we want the response to be."

That shapes your prayer. That shapes the way that you think of this, if it's not just for the immediate answer in the way and in the timeline that we want it. But God, what might you be doing in the pain? What might I be experiencing in this? That alone, changed the way that we think about what we actually are doing with our prayer life.

That was a consistent theme. So many of them talked about that it is not about just our litany of, "Here's what we want you to do." It was much more about the sense of abiding in Christ and much more of the sense of, again, this, "My soul satisfaction being found in a relationship with Jesus." That's very different than, "Here's my



prayer list. Here's what I want." So, even the very purpose and how we spend our time in prayer, that changed. So Joni Eareckson Tada, I was so, so moved by that time.

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Well, yeah. That just sounds incredibly inspiring. Just to use a theological word, Prayer, then, is a part of our own participation in what we would call God's redeeming work. So, when God takes something hard, difficult, something painful, some measure of suffering and then does something good out of it, which of course doesn't mean that God caused the bad thing or the difficulty or the pain, but it's that idea from Genesis, from Joseph, like, "You intended it for harm, but God purposed it for good."

So, that's the theology nugget. But prayer, then, is the practice of joining God in that redemptive work, listening in on God's redemptive work, participating in that. So, my theology professor in seminary always used to say, "Prayer is the purest form of theology;" meaning whatever we might write down that our theology is, or say in podcasts, or write down in books, when it all gets down to it, prayer, or our theology, what we believe, comes out in how we pray. That's why a leader like Joni Eareckson Tada so inspiring and encouraging to us. We can, then, take our own suffering and places of pain and see how God's at work.

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Jeff Hoffmeyer:

So then, yeah. Share about another leader in the book.

Peter Greer:

Yeah. Another one that comes to mind is Christine Baingana. She runs a microfinance institution in Rwanda. She came in to her role at a time when everything was falling apart. On top of that, then COVID hit and just shut down so much. It was a time of real need. You can't be in that type of work in that type of context. You're seeing



the families that you serve who were just working their way out of poverty, then, get pulled back in. So, there were operational challenges that were environmental challenges. What I love about that is, she was trying to lead well through this time.

Then, it was a group of her colleagues. They were not part of the leadership team. They were on the org chart, a couple layers down. She said, "That's when the prayer warriors came and they said, 'Christine, we've been trying this. We don't know what to do. Let's pray.'" They started prioritizing prayer. And it's interesting, too.

The North American Church was a study that was done. Fasting is not something that we do a whole lot of in this context, but we heard that again and again from these global leaders. So, they had time set apart for prayer and fasting. She said that is where the breakthroughs came from, the ideas, the way in which it really was a turning point. So, they have turned that into, not just in that moment of desperation, but now they have turned that into a monthly habit, where they as a team are continuing to do that branch by branch so that every week there is someone who is having that dedicated time of prayer and fasting. And again, it came out of a crisis. It came out of that moment when you don't know what to do, you don't know exactly what's going on. You do know who to go to.

And, it echoed Psalm 23 that I find is so interesting. This well-known Psalm of David where it says, "The Lord is my shepherd." For most of the opening, it is talking about the third person. It is talking about the Lord in a third person sense. You know what happens? It shifts from third person to first person. Do you know when that shift happens? It happens "When I walk through the valley of the shadow of the death." That is when it goes from the Lord to you. It goes from third person to first person. And my experience is, for a lot of us, that's when it goes about this idea of talking about God. We're talking about prayer to actually having a different level of engagement, a different level of desperation that leads us from the Lord to you are with me.

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Yeah. I love that. And for listeners who haven't listened to any of my Teach Us to Pray episodes, I actually start the podcast by focusing on Psalm 23 and verse four of that psalm, when David makes that precise switch. I think it's one of the most profound pronoun switches that has happened in all of world literature. And exactly to your point, it's when David starts recalling that valley of the shadow of death that he makes that switch from talking about the Good Shepherd and talking to the Good Shepherd. So can't wait, Peter, for readers to learn about all these other amazing leaders that are featured in your book.



I just want to talk a little bit, though, about leadership styles and also styles of prayer. Part of what I've tried to encourage others with and also myself, with prayer, is stay in the fight. This is something that it's worth being frustrated at for really the whole of my life. It is foreign and strange and difficult, especially in the age of distraction in which we live, just to make prayer, this central discipline.

But it's also encouraging me to realize that not only are there different forms of leaders, there are different forms of prayer leaders. So when I was pastoring a church, I remember I was talking with one of my elders. He basically admitted like, "Yeah. I don't pray," which of course for me as the pastor of this church, that was really disconcerting to hear from this elder who was on the board. I think for him, maybe he just hadn't seen it modeled in a way that fit who he was as a person.

So, let me just ask you this. When someone thinks like, "I'm not good at that," meaning prayer, what encouragement would you have for that type of person?

Peter Greer:

Yeah. I think, Jeff, that's one of the great parts of this. There is way too much in terms of the end of the chapter or the prayer tools. There's way too much for one person to put all of it into practice, us included. But, there are certain things that stick. So, I would just have a whole lot of grace and freedom for individuals to go on that journey and explore the different ways of praying and explore the different postures and explore the different ways. For some, having the liturgy is really, really helpful to pray these words that have been prayed by so many. For some that feels formulaic, that does not actually lead to a place. So, I would just say lots of grace. This is not a competition of who the best prayer person is. This is a journey to get closer to Christ.

So, I would just say experiment, try. Some people are really going to resonate with Brother Lawrence and his whole practicing the presence. How do I bring God into the moments? Some are going to really resonate.

We have a section on these one sentence prayers. You know how many prayers in the Bible are actually one sentence? Not the big theology. They're very short on that. Maybe, that's going to resonate more. Maybe, that will give you language that will be helpful on that. So, I would just say, "Oh, lots of grace, lots and lots of grace, and try it. Experiment. See what actually helps. And again, for all of us that we're working on this book together, we would say there are very, very clear, very concrete new practices that we did not do before, that have really enhanced our engagement and enjoyment of this incredible mystery of prayer.



Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Yeah. And that's so freeing, to try and to keep trying, to really develop this experimental posture. That's what I hear you saying, in terms of prayer. I also imagine different seasons of life are going to require different habits of prayer. Maybe before, fasting didn't work, at all or just like, "I don't want to do that." But, suddenly you're in a new season. Maybe, it's that season when fasting really takes root in your life.

One of the things I'm always talking about on Teach Us to Pray is that root prayer is a conversation. People who are really good at conversation... I think about my grandfather who could talk to anyone. He was one of these people who when you were in the room with him, you thought you were the most important person in the world.

Conversation, it's a practice and it's an art. We can, actually, get better at it. We can build skills, we can try different techniques, and prayer is the same way. It's a conversation, but it's something that we can get better at or experiment with or use different techniques in different situations.

Peter Greer:

Yeah, yeah. So well said. I think, to me, the just personal experience going on this was, I would've been someone that would have maybe described it as, "I know I should pray." But, there were moments throughout this when it was, "I can't wait to pray." This movement from the duty to the delight of it, and that is not every time. There are those moments of real delight as you understand a little bit more this incredible gift of just as you said, Jeff, having the conversation with the God who made the universe and the God who cares about all the things that we are dealing with.

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Okay. So, Peter, you've committed to prayer as a leader. You're leading this amazing organization called Hope International, which I love. The organization is doing amazing things in the world. You have staff members all over the world, including various dangerous places, not least of which is Ukraine. As I've imagined you, there's a lot on your shoulders. Those are a lot of burdens to carry as you lead. So, as you've made this commitment as a leader and as you've done your own experimentation and just committed to prayer as the foundation for your leadership, what changes have you seen either in yourself or also in your organization as a whole?



Peter Greer:

Yeah. I was with a friend last week. He said that his colleagues, in a moment of candor, they said, "We can tell whether you've prayed about this or not," in the posture and the agitation and all that. I'm probably a little similar. I don't know that I've ever asked my colleagues in that. My guess is they, too, would be able to notice a difference in that. If there was any piece of this, the biggest change, and it relates to the formation of my own, is really more seizing this gift, that prayer is not just a solo activity.

It's interesting, Jeff, even with, "Lord, teach me to pray." No. This is the one time when it is the collective. It is-

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Yes. Teach us.

Peter Greer:

... "Teach us."

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Yeah.

Peter Greer:

It was something that the disciples wanted to do together. That stands apart from most of the Sermon on the Mount. That is when you, individual, when you-

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Right.

Peter Greer:

... individual. This is the collective. In a similar way, if you Google prayer and look at images, they're all going to be individual images. Most people think of this as going in and closing the door. And yet, historically, that is not actually, Scripturally, the only way to pray. There is also these moments of coming together. I think for me, one



of the great areas of growth and enjoyment has been much more intentionality around this global team that we have and the habits, patterns, rhythms that we have globally to take time away from the work and to collectively come in prayer together. Not just as the sprinkling of a quick prayer before you get into the real business, but the actual business being, "Let's pray together in that."

So, yeah. That journey from individual to collective and figuring out, "How do we do that with Hope International?"

I find that when there are things that are beyond our ability. We had a terrible situation with one of our church partners in a difficult part of the world, and increasingly, I just want our immediate reflexive response to be, "Let's get on our knees and let's cry out." We cannot figure this out on our own. We do not know what to do. That has been an incredible process, collectively, to experience this gift of prayer. And, that does change us. It changes us as an organization. It changes us as individuals, and it connects us not only more to the Lord, more sensitivity to what God might be up to in those moments, but it also connects us to each other of having this experience of communal or corporate prayer.

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Yeah. A couple of words that you keep using. One is habit, another is intention. So setting intentions around prayer. I remember when I was in college, I learned from a speaker, don't remember anything else he said, but he said, "Prayer is the work and ministry is the reward." And, that stuck with me because as we were saying at the outset, I know I can engage in this thing that we called ministry, which of course that's not just pastors and missionaries doing that, that's any Christian. I can go about it without prayer. But if I decide, "No. Prayer is actually the work, and then everything else flows out of that," then that's a lot different than the perfunctory prayer at the beginning of the meeting or the one at the end. The one at the end always seems like the point of that is for people to remember what they hadn't said previously in the meeting. Right? That's why you always say amen, and someone always says, "Oh, one more thing."

But actually, putting structure and intention for your team like, "This is what we're committing to, and these are the habits that we're going to do together" because it is very much an us thing.



Peter Greer:

That's right. And, if you want to go one step even further than that, I remember one of our conversations with John Tyson, who leads a church in New York. He said, "Show me where prayer is as a line item on your budget. Show me where it is because things get in your budget that matter to you. And if this is really something that matters, what are you doing?"

It was interesting, too, to look at an organization like IJM. They can tell you based on time sheets and allocation, how many millions of dollars that they spend on prayer every year. That was also convicting like, "If we value it, are we putting time and people behind it as part of this work that we do?"

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Well, Peter, such a rich conversation. I want to ask one final question, which is to just allow you a chance to give our listeners a final blessing or benediction or encouragement, whatever word you would use for that. But before we do, I just want to be clear, this book is available. It's out there. You can get it wherever you get books, Amazon or wherever, but there's also a specific resource where listeners can go to get maybe some extra tools.

Peter Greer:

Yeah. No. You're exactly right. So, again. The goal is not just a book to be read, but a journey to go on towards greater engagement and intimacy in prayer. So, leadwithprayer.com. Just put a bunch of resources there for free for people to put this into practice. And maybe just a final word. I feel like most of what we talked about and the examples that I gave were from more of a vocational ministry perspective, but they are not only there. We were so grateful for some of the interviews that we had, that our Fortune 500 leaders have created this incredible culture of prayer in the midst. And, yeah. It looks a little bit different and time and space and invitation versus maybe something for the whole organization. There were some important differences, but there also was that level of intentionality, and we were so inspired.

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

So grateful for your book and that of your colleagues and the tools and habits that you're offering.

So, yeah. Peter, let me just offer you this final moment. Give us a benediction or a blessing or an encouragement.



Peter Greer:

Lord, Teach Us to Pray. Amen. That's the word.

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

Thanks, man. Thanks so much, Peter. Yeah. So grateful for you for the work you're doing at Hope International and for this book, Lead with Prayer.

Peter Greer:

Thank you so much, Jeff. Great to have the conversation.

Jeff Hoffmeyer:

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Until next time, keep leading. Keep leading with prayer, keep praying and keep asking, Lord Teach Us to Pray.