

**ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY**  
**Spring 2016**

**Mondays**

**6:00 - 8:30 pm**

**TH799 Theology Colloquium: Lord's Prayer**

**Instructor:** Dr. Laytham will teach the course each week; there are also nine guest lecturers: Drs. Fosarelli, Hancock, Richter, Burnett, Hunt, Jorgensen, Sutherland, Vicchio, and Rabbi Nina Cardin

**Prerequisites:** minimum GPA of 3.5, completion of 38 credits, and intention to graduate in current academic year, or matriculation in the C.A.S. program.

**Course Description:**

The Theology Colloquium is an interdisciplinary seminar, with classic readings from Scripture, theology, philosophy, and literature, that seeks to integrate and broaden the educational experiences of M.A. in Theology candidates. It is the capstone course in the M.A. in Theology. This year's focus is a text and practice that is scripture, tradition, liturgy, catechesis, theology, morals, and prayer for the church. The course will be enriched by guest lecturers who bring the special gifts of their disciplinary specialty to bear on our common work.

**Course Requirements:**

- Students should expect to read *at most* 1,300 pages of required reading.
- Students should expect to write *about* 24 double-spaced pages. These will be comprised of the following:
  1. Students will analyze one phrase of the Lord's Prayer (using the various theological sub-disciplines: Scripture, history, ecumenics, systematic theology, moral theology, spirituality), and construct or synthesize a compelling interpretation. About 12 pages. 40% of final grade
  2. Using their constructive interpretation of the Lord's Prayer (assignment 1) as a lens for analysis, students will select one significant theological issue in our present cultural context for theological evaluation and engagement, seeking to offer a response that is both critical and constructive. About 12 pages. 40% of final grade
- Students should expect to participate actively in each class session (the course is primarily seminar style discussion of assigned readings). 20% of final grade

**Required Texts:**

Karl Barth, *Prayer (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition)* (Westminster John Knox, 2002) 978-0664224219  
Stanley Hauerwas and Will Willimon, *Lord, Teach Us: The Lord's Prayer & the Christian Life* (Abingdon, 1996) 978-0687006144  
Gerald O'Collins, S.J., *The Lord's Prayer* (Paulist, 2007), 978-0809144884  
Alistair Stewart-Sykes, ed. *Tertullian, Cyprian, and Origen On The Lord's Prayer* (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2004; Popular Patristics Series 29) 978-0881412611  
Warren Smith, *The Lord's Prayer: Confessing the New Covenant* (Cascade, 2015), 978-1625647061  
N.T. Wright, *The Lord and His Prayer* (Eerdmans, 2014). 978-0802871770

Two required texts are out of print, but numerous inexpensive copies are available used on Amazon, etc.

Roberta Bondi, *A Place to Pray: Reflections on the Lord's Prayer* (Abingdon, 1998), 978-0687025749

Nicholas Ayo, C.S.C. *The Lord's Prayer: A Survey Theological and Literary* (Notre Dame Press, 1992; the British edition is also acceptable). 978-0268012915