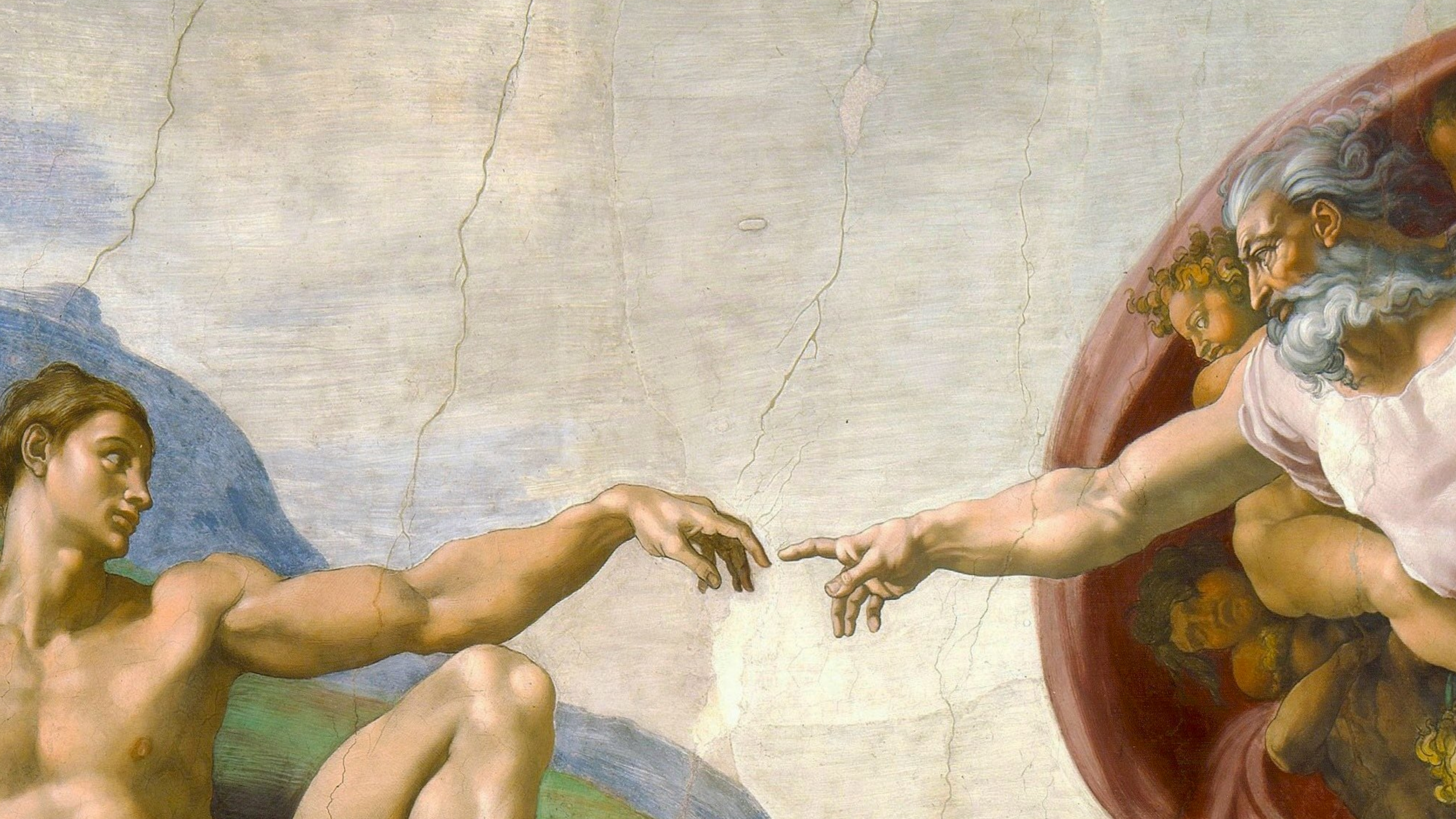


A man and a young girl are walking away from the camera in a field of tall grass at sunset. The man is on the left, wearing a checkered shirt and dark pants, holding the girl's hand. The girl is on the right, wearing a dark dress. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The background shows a line of trees in the distance.

THE *with-*GOD LIFE

Prayer in Community

Prayer as Relationship



Prayer as Relationship

Prayer as Request



Matthew 7:7-8

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Prayer as Relationship

Prayer as Request

Prayer as Renovation

darkened
heart



divided
heart



renovated
heart



Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Prayer as Relationship

Prayer as Request

Prayer as Renovation

Prayer in Community

nefesh
soul



nefesh

soul



ruach

spirit

Job 12:10

In his hand is the **life** (*nefesh*,
soul) of every creature and the
breath (*ruach*, spirit) of all
mankind.

Job
7:11

Therefore I will not keep silent; I will speak out in the anguish of my spirit (*ruach*), I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

Prov
15:4

The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit (*ruach*).

Matt
5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit (*pneuma*), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



John 16:7

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:10-16

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught

1 Corinthians 2:10-16

words. The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Ephesians 1:17-19

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and

Ephesians 3:14-19

established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Dane Ortlund

The battle to pray is not mainly a battle against prayerlessness but a battle against discouragement, cynicism, and unbelief. If this is true of our individual lives—and it is, including mine—how much more of the life of our local churches.

... A church with rich history, flawless music, powerful preaching, amazing childcare, a paid-off mortgage, and stellar attendance but sleepily operating out of the resources of the flesh instead of prayer is headed toward tragic inconsequentiality.