

## Prayer Before An iPhone

*There are no prizes for guessing that Tim wrote this or that the iPhone had just been released in America!*

*It begins in the rather twee way that I remember from the books of children's prayers I read as a child but also reflects that so often our prayers can easily become a Santa list of I wants. Here we reflected on the story of the Pearl without price.*

Dear God

Thank you for the food we eat and our houses and our friends and our families. Oh yes, and thank you for the Baby Jesus who died on a cross for our sins.

I pray for Mummy and Daddy, for all the starving people in the world, for the doctors and the nurses and everyone who works for peace.

But what I really want is an iPhone. I know it's not out in this country yet, but I thought if I asked you for it now, it'd give you time to save up before November 8<sup>th</sup>. Just in case you don't know what it is, you can see them already in America. It's a mobile phone, and it's an iPod music player, and it's a diary and address book, and it's a camera, and it's a video player, and it's an internet browser and, and, and IT'S JUST SO COOL!!!!

Or a new pair of shoes. You know, the slinky high heeled ones that Emma Watson wore to the Harry Potter premiere.

Or another Star Wars game.

Or Malibu Barbie.

Or a new sofa.

Or a new computer.

Or a new house.

Or a new church

*[Silence]*

Crucified God

Creating wasn't enough for you. You loved so much, that you had to journey with us. But journeying wasn't enough for you. You loved so much, that you had to guide us. But guiding wasn't enough for you. You loved so much that you had to forgive us. But forgiving wasn't enough for you. You loved so much that you laid down your life for us.

The one who created the universe, died on a cross to show us what really matters.

Forgive us

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And help us to search for pearls without price.

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