

## PROFESSOR RELEASES E-BOOK ON PRAYER

## Prayer in the Trinity



Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Professor Ronald Cole-Turner, H. Parker Sharp Professor of Theology

and Ethics, recently wrote *Prayer in the Trinity*, an e-book available for most e-readers including Kindle, iPad, and Nook through Amazon, Smashwords, and similar retailers. Price is just \$2.99.

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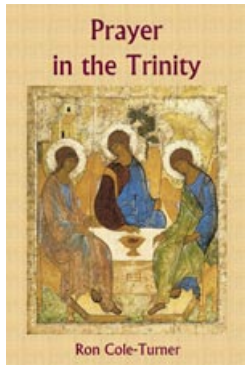
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*Prayer in the Trinity* explores at length the way the New Testament speaks of God and prayer. It draws on theologians from Origen to Moltmann, offering up an invitation to pray grounded in a distinctly Christian view of prayer.

In his teaching and writing, Cole-Turner relates theology and ethics to developments in science and technology. He is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, a founding member of the International Society for Science and Religion (currently serving as vice president), and has served on the advisory board of the John Templeton Foundation and the Metanexus Institute. Cole-Turner is the author of *Transhumanism and Transcendence: Christian Hope in an Age of Technological Advancement*, *The New Genesis: Theology and the Genetic Revolution*, the co-author (with Brent Waters) of *Pastoral Genetics: Theology and Care at the Beginning of Life*, the editor of *Human Cloning: Religious Responses* and of *Beyond Cloning: Religion and the Remaking of Humanity*, the co-editor of *God and the Embryo: Religious Voices on Stem Cells and Cloning*, editor of *Design and Destiny: Jewish and Christian Perspectives on Human Germline Modification*, and editor of *Technology and Transcendence* (in press). He is also the author of the popular baptism hymn, "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise."

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