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## Michael Lynn Co-Founder & CFO



Michael Lynn is a co-founder of Pray.com where he serves as Chief Financial Officer. [Pray.com](#) is the world's #1 app for daily prayer and faith-based audio content, driven by a mission to grow faith and cultivate community. He helped start [Pray.com](#) in 2016.

Before joining the [Pray.com](#) team, Lynn spent 13 years at Merrill Lynch as a private wealth advisor specifically in the Private Banking and Investment Group (PBIG). In addition, Lynn served as a board member for LA's Best After school Enrichment Program, an organization that brings safe and enriching after-school education and recreation to elementary school children in Los Angeles. Lynn

brings expertise in the areas of financial management, political affairs, and asset protection to the [Pray.com](#) team.

Always interested in entrepreneurship but waiting for the right idea, Lynn attended a conference in Santa Monica, Calif., where a panel of entrepreneurs from USC and UCLA shared their stories. Standing out among the panelists was Steve Gatena, fellow co-founder of [Pray.com](#). Lynn introduced himself to Gatena, and they became friends. During the summer of 2016, as they met for pizza, Gatena introduced Lynn to the concept of Pray.com. That very night, because he trusted Gatena and believed in the idea of delivering faith to more people, Lynn decided to leave his career at Merrill Lynch to help found [Pray.com](#).

Lynn is a confirmed Catholic and values the importance of faith. His time at [Pray.com](#) has strengthened his own faith and widened his perspective on prayer, as [Pray.com](#) is an all-inclusive app that helps everyone make prayer a priority in their life. Developing a core competency in political affairs, Lynn has facilitated conversations between [Pray.com](#) and the President of the United States, the President of the United Nations General Assembly and the Vatican City State. Furthermore, he worked with the Federal Election Commission to issue an opinion that allowed members of the U.S. Congress to appear on [Pray.com](#).

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Born and raised in Green Bay, Wisconsin, Lynn came from a modest, blue-collar family. He was inspired to enter a career in finance after an advisor took advantage of his mother in a poor investment, and he wanted to prevent that from happening to other individuals.

Lynn graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Science in personal finance and then moved to Los Angeles to attend the University of California, where he received his MBA with a focus in finance and concentration in entrepreneurship. Lynn is an avid runner and completed three marathons in 2019 as well as running his own in 2020 amidst the pandemic.