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Noticing God - Richard Peace 2012-04-13

Richard Peace unpacks what it means to make a conscious practice of noticing God in daily life. He explores the various ways people experience and recognize God's presence in mystical encounters, ordinary life, our hearts, through other people, through Scripture, nature and the church. God is present in our world. You can encounter him. Here's how.

Psychology, Theology, and Spirituality in Christian Counseling Mark R. McMinn 1996

This book will help you evaluate how you can effectively integrate prayer, Scripture, confession, forgiveness, and redemption into your life and counseling practice. Part of a professional series by the American Association of Christian Counselors.

Wycliffite Spirituality - J. Patrick Hornbeck 2013

In one series, the original writings of the universally acknowledged teachers of the Catholic, Protestant, Eastern Orthodox, Jewish, and Islamic traditions have been critically selected, translated, and introduced by internationally recognized scholars and spiritual leaders. Until now, the mainstream historiography of Wycliffism has largely ignored the positive spirituality that Wycliffite dissenters associated with their faith. Even anthologies of Wycliffite writings have focused on their key polemical tenets rather than their spirituality. Wycliffite Spirituality offers a new, refreshing

approach with a collection of texts showing that Wycliffites were as keenly interested in the spiritual life as many of their contemporaries and that Wycliffites reflected at length on such questions as how best to live a virtuous active life in the world, how most appropriately to approach God in prayer, how to understand traditional prayers such as the Our Father and Ave Maria, and how to live up to Christ's expectations for ministers and others in the church. Wycliffite writings on spirituality, the English texts composed by his followers, and records from heresy trials that disclose information about suspects' spiritual practices and devotional lives reveal that late medieval dissenters practiced a vibrant Christianity deserving of further study. Book jacket.

Holy Living Series: Prayer Ray Buckley 2019-08-20

"While physical training has some value, training in holy living is useful for everything. It has promise for this life now and the life to come." (1 Timothy 4:8 CEB) Christians crave a deeper, more intimate relationship with God. The spiritual disciplines are historical practices that can guide us in our daily walk, bringing us closer to Christ. The Holy Living series brings a fresh perspective on the spiritual disciplines, enabling us to apply their practices to our current lives. Practicing these spiritual disciplines opens us to God's transforming love. Prayer has always been

a central component in the life of a Christian. For many people, prayer is as natural as breathing; for others, it's a challenging task. No matter your comfort level or experience with prayer, this book will help you explore the purpose of prayer, the nature of prayer, and the results of a life of prayer. It leads you to be open to the transformation prayer can bring to your life and helps you better engage in prayer both individually and with others. This is one of series of eight books. Each book in this series introduces a spiritual practice, suggests way of living the practice daily, and provides opportunities to grow personally and in a faith community with others who engage with the practice. Each book consists of an introduction and four chapters and includes questions for personal reflection and group discussion. Other disciplines studied: Celebration, Confession, Discernment, Neighboring, Prayer, Simplicity, Study, and Worship.

The God Named Hallowed - John Killinger 1988

Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer - Norris Chumley
2011-04-05

"Norris Chumley traverses a spiritual landscape unfamiliar to most Westerners. . . . Take this book and read. Even better, read this book and accept its invitation to pray." —Diana Butler Bass, author of *A People's History of Christianity* Norris Chumley presents a lavishly illustrated companion to the PBS documentary *Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer*. Readers can follow Chumley on a pilgrimage through the holiest sites of the early Christian world as he searches for modern-day practitioners of the ancient Eastern mystical tradition and its most sacred prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." This beautifully illustrated volume includes black-and-white and full-color images of the author's travels through Eastern Europe, including rare pictures from visits to holy sites where photographers are only rarely granted access.

Please Pray With Me - Jean Stinnett
2018-08-02

Please Pray With Me Prayer is emotionally therapeutic. Prayer opens cathartic communication with the Creator of the Universe. When we pray to God through His nature and characteristics, we appeal to His identity, power

and majesty. Please ponder and consider the joy of the Lord revealed in these prayers, poetry, meditations, and original songs.

Introduction to the Spiritual Life - Brant Pitre
2021-11-02

A compelling exploration of the biblical foundations, contemplative practices, and spiritual path of Jesus himself—from the bestselling author of *The Case for Jesus* "What happens when a biblical theologian explores classic spirituality? This book. Pitre's students have asked, Why have we never heard this before? The reader wonders the same."—Dr. David Fagerberg, author of *Liturgical Mysticism* The path of following Jesus is an ancient and storied spiritual tradition. Yet many believers are not familiar with the three major forms of prayer and the three stages of spiritual growth that exist to bring them closer to God. In his most personal book yet, Brant Pitre, PhD, draws on the riches of the Bible, the words of Jesus, and the writings of mystics across the centuries to shed light on the mystery—and wonder—of the spiritual life. Starting with the age-old belief that the path of prayer is not only informative but transformative, Dr. Pitre explores • the scriptural roots of the major forms of prayer: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplation • the purgative, illuminative, and unitive stages of spiritual growth • the spiritual exercises of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving • the Jewish roots of the Lord's Prayer • *Lectio Divina*: how to pray with the Bible • seven vices and their seven opposing virtues • the battle of prayer: how to deal with difficulty and distractions • the "dark night of the soul" in the Scriptures Full of sacred truths, contemplative insights, and practical steps, *Introduction to the Spiritual Life* is a biblical road map of the spiritual landscape that enables us to follow Jesus as our primary guide.

In Constant Prayer - Robert Benson
2010-12-27

What does it mean to pray without ceasing? Is it really that important to pray as the early Church did? In this installment of *The Ancient Practices* series, Robert Benson presents a structure for our lives where we can live in continued awareness of God's presence and reality. A pattern for worship and prayer that is offered to God at specific times throughout the day, the

daily office is meant to be prayed by all the faithful so the Church may be continuous and God's work in this world may be sustained. Yet it is highly personal too—an anchor between the daily and the divine, the mundane and the marvelous. Says author Robert Benson, "At some point, high-minded discussion about our life of prayer has to work its way into the dailyness of our lives. At some point, we have to move from talking about prayer to saying our prayers so that the marvelous that is possible has a chance to appear." In *Constant Prayer* is your gateway to deeper communion with God. Expect something new to unfold before you and within you while heeding this ancient call. The *Ancient Practices* There is a hunger in every human heart for connection, primitive and raw, to God. To satisfy it, many are beginning to explore traditional spiritual disciplines used for centuries . . . everything from fixed-hour prayer to fasting to sincere observance of the Sabbath. Compelling and readable, the *Ancient Practices* series is for every spiritual sojourner, for every Christian seeker who wants more.

The Way of Prayer - Jane E. Vennard 2007-02

It's said that prayer is so primal an urge for humankind that we're born into the world praying. Yet, something so natural and seemingly so easy comes hard sometimes. The *Way of Prayer* is a 10-week small-group study about the nature, practice, and results of prayer. "All prayer, formal or informal, is about our relationship with God," the authors write. "Somewhere deep inside us resides the experience of being so deeply connected to God that we long to express the wonder of that relationship. We pray because we can and must." Honor the ways you were taught to pray while expanding your understanding to include new ways to pray. Topics covered include: How Do You Pray? Images of God Praying by Heart Praying with Music Praying by Gaze Praying with Our Bodies Scriptural Prayer Contemplative Prayer Praying with and for Others Prayer and Social Transformation

A Spirituality of Living - Henri J. M. Nouwen 2012-03-01

What's the secret to living a spiritual life? So much is happening in our world that we often get distracted and listen to voices other than the voice of God. "If we want to be disciples of Jesus,

we have to live a disciplined life," Nouwen asserts. In the spiritual life, discipline requires conscious effort to keep every area in life from being filled up. It means creating space in our life for God to act and speak. Nouwen identifies 3 essential disciplines for maintaining a life of discipleship: solitude, community, and ministry. In solitude we learn to listen to God through prayer. We realize that we are beloved sons and daughters of God. In community we learn to celebrate, as well as to practice vulnerability and forgiveness. After we have experienced solitude and community, we feel God's call to minister to a hurting world. God empowers us to do amazing things. This encouraging, insightful book will inspire you to practice solitude, community, and ministry. The result, Nouwen promises, is a fruitful, Spirit-filled life.

Here's My Heart, Here's My Hand William A. Barry 2009-02-01

How do we foster a friendship with God and remain in it forever? It's a difficult enough proposition for many people to believe that God—eternal, unchanging, all-knowing—could actually desire a relationship with them. But once they've accepted the premise that God indeed does want their friendship, it can be even more challenging to think about how to actually engage in that friendship, foster it, and remain anchored in it when life's storms toss them about. In *Here's My Heart, Here's My Hand*, veteran spiritual director William A. Barry, SJ, helps us understand how we can experience a personal, lasting relationship with God and what effects that close relationship will have on our lives. Written in a warm, conversational tone, this book is a collection of nearly twenty of the finest previously published articles Fr. Barry has written on the subject of friendship with God. The selections are diverse in their overall themes—from discerning God's will for our lives to forgiving as Jesus forgives—but each one shares the common thread of helping us see prayer as the way to a conscious, lifelong relationship with God.

Prayer Primer - Thomas Dubay 2002-03-01

Fr. Thomas Dubay, a renowned teacher and writer on prayer and the spiritual life, presents a simple, profound and practical book on the most important of all human activities, communion with God. *Prayer Primer* is written for intelligent

adults (and teenagers) who want God and a serious prayer life, but it does not presuppose that they need or have a theological background. It does take up many questions rarely answered adequately in the classroom or from the pulpit, often not mentioned at all: Why pray? (be ready for some surprises) É Why vocal prayer is important and yet should be limited É What contemplation is and is not É Praying with Scripture É Family prayer - even how to introduce children to group meditation É Prayer in a busy life É Pitfalls and problems - together with solutions É Buddhism? New Age? Centering prayer? É What should you do when dry and empty and not at all inclined to pray? How do you even get started? É Where and how to begin? É Assessing progress É Growing in depth. All of these subjects, and more, are clearly and concisely explained for citizens of this 21st century.

Christian Collection: Scripture, History, Theology, Spirituality and Fiction - Saint Augustine 2022-01-04

Musaicum Books presents the essential works of Christian faith - the scriptures, the history of Christianity, the most important philosophical works on religion & spirituality, as well as most famous Christian novels and stories: Scripture: Bible First Clement Second Clement Didache Epistle of Barnabas Shepherd of Hermas The Infancy Gospel of Thomas Apocalypse of Peter History: History of the Christian Church Creeds of Christendom Philosophy of Religion: The Confessions of St. Augustine On the Incarnation (Athanasius) On the Soul and the Resurrection (Gregory of Nyssa) On the Holy Spirit (Basil) Pastoral Care (Gregory I) An Exact Exposition of the Orthodox Faith (John of Damascus) Summa Theologica (St. Thomas Aquinas) The Imitation of Christ (Thomas à Kempis) A Treatise on Christian Liberty (Martin Luther) The Interior Castle (St. Teresa of Ávila) The Practice of the Presence of God (Brother Lawrence) The Age of Reason (Thomas Paine) The Natural History of Religion (David Hume) The Religious Affections (Jonathan Edwards) The Essence of Christianity (Ludwig Feuerbach) Beyond Good and Evil (Nietzsche) All of Grace (Charles Spurgeon) Humility: The Journey Toward Holiness (Andrew Murray) Orthodoxy (Chesterton) The Everlasting Man (Chesterton) The Sovereignty of God

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GOD'S Eternal Truth - Tyrone Wims
2019-05-13

God's Eternal Truth is a tapestry of food for thought, poems, and prayers that touch the fabric of our spirituality and faith. Each selection separately attempts to reach a clearer understanding of our relationship with God and one another. Collectively they are woven into an expressive quilt of warm spiritual uplift. Too often, we unnecessarily complicate our divine connection with a shroud of pomp and circumstance. We see only what we want in a kaleidoscope of alternative colorful images that misrepresent the true reality of our life experience. This book is not a personal journal but one individual's illuminating lightbulb moments. It sheds light on issues and concerns we all share in our life journey. The divine threads of love, faith, and hope presented at birth are like a ball of yarn. This book is a compilation of these elements knitted together to form a constantly expanding garment of truthful awareness. It is by sharing the basic life lessons learned that we begin to wear a suit of truthful understanding. This collection of spiritual reflections are my food for thoughts, poems, and prayers resulting from my ongoing travels along the soul-stirring river of truth. They consist of my internal visions inspired by the Holy Spirit. We all have pieces of the collective puzzle of divine truth. When we share and compare them with one another in fellowship, we come a little closer to understanding the big picture of God's eternal

truth. With eyes wide-open, we see glimpses of the truth that God has for us, spirit divine!

God's People at Prayer - John R. Killinger
2010-10-01

Spiritually rich, easy to use prayers and responses for the community at worship
Responsive Prayer for Epiphany Leader: Today, O God, we remember the wise men who came to see the Christ Child at his birth. People: We remember their gifts and wonder what we ourselves can give. Leader: We think of our time, our talents, and our money. People: But there must be something special each of us can bring. Leader: Perhaps a life of renewed devotion or a special act for someone who needs us. People: Whisper in my heart, O God, the unique gift that is mine to offer. Leader: Help me focus on that gift and present it now as a promise to you. People: Then help me fulfill that promise in the days ahead and know the joy of serving you. All: For you are the Lord of all life, and we worship you by sharing ourselves in the most creative ways we can imagine. Through Christ our Lord. Amen You will turn to this helpful anthology of original prayers and responses for many worship services throughout the year. The prayers are organized in three sections. Prayers for Holy Days and Seasons includes, for example, Advent, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, and Lent. Prayers for Civic Holidays includes such events as Valentine's Day, Mothers Day, and Fourth of July. Prayers for Special Days in the Church Year includes prayers for baptism, Bible presentation to children, sending out mission teams, stewardship, graduation, and so on. All the prayers may be reproduced for congregational use. Suggested scripture readings for each special day are also provided. Once again, John Killinger has wordsmithed a masterful collection of prayers. I have already incorporated some of these spirit-filled prayers in Wilshire's worship. This particular collection is one of the best of all the collections I have seen. It is a collection all pastors should have at their fingertips. --Rev. Donald B. Colhour, Senior Minister, Wilshire Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Los Angeles, California Killinger's rich pastoral experience in a variety of congregations is evident in these prayers. Reading them opens our eyes to the needs and concerns of all who look to us for spiritual guidance. --Blair Gilmer

Meeks, author of *Season of Ash and Fire: Prayers and Liturgies for Lent and Easter* and *Season of Light and Hope: Prayers and Liturgies for Advent and Christmas*. John Killinger, who taught Preaching, Worship, and Literature at Vanderbilt Divinity School for fifteen years, has pastored large churches in Virginia and California. He is the author of several books, including *Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise* and *Enter Every Trembling Heart*.

All Will Be Well - Lyn Klug 1998-09-01

A book for all in need of healing and for those who pray for others.

Teach Us to Pray - D. A. Carson 2002-09-16
In almost 500 years of evangelical praying, there has never been a book like this. *Teach Us to Pray* is in effect four books in one. It begins with a detailed analysis of the biblical theology of prayer, surveying each part of the Scriptures in turn. Next comes an investigation of prayer and spirituality within Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, historic Christianity (Puritanism) and a different Christian contemporary tradition (Roman Catholicism). In addition, expert commentators offer *Lessons in Prayer* from the Worldwide Church, featuring Korea, China, Latin America and Africa. Finally a group of Christian leaders write about prayer in their individual experience, adding a personal dimension to this comprehensive book. This is a full library on the subject of prayer, conserving the best insights of the past and breaking new ground with penetrating original thinking.

Space for God Don Postema 1997

Don Postema offers us a space to live gratefully in the presence of God. He gives us his personal spiritual journey, his experience in the Christian ministry, his wide interest in art and literature, and his own hospitable personality.

Islamic Spirituality Zeki Saritoprak 2017-11-30

Islamic Spirituality: Theology and Practice for the Modern World examines and explores the inner dimension of Islam. The writings of important figures in the historical development of Islamic spirituality are examined, as well as the major sources of religious authority in Islam, the Qur'an and Hadith. Both classical Sufis and Sufism are explored as well as contemporary mystics. Key figures discussed include medieval Islamic theologian al-Ghazali (d.1111), and Said Nursi (d.1960), arguably one of the most

important modern theologians in the Islamic spiritual tradition. Discussing both historical and contemporary dimensions of Islamic spirituality allows the author to ground classical Sufi texts in contemporary ideas and practices. Exploring spirituality in relation to key contemporary issues such as ecology, Zeki Saritoprak demonstrates how, when, and where people can practice Islamic spirituality in the Modern world. Providing an overview of the intellectual and theological basis of Islamic spirituality, and including the author's own translations of a selection of key texts, this volume is ideal reading for courses exploring Islamic spirituality and mysticism and anyone interested in the spiritual practices of nearly a quarter of the world's population.

A Rhythm of Prayer - Sarah Bessey 2021-02-09
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • For the weary, the angry, the anxious, and the hopeful, this collection of moving, tender prayers offers rest, joyful resistance, and a call to act, written by Barbara Brown Taylor, Amena Brown, Nadia Bolz-Weber, and other artists and thinkers, curated by the author Glennon Doyle calls “my favorite faith writer.” It’s no secret that we are overworked, overpressured, and edging burnout. Unsurprisingly, this fact is as old as time—and that’s why we see so many prayer circles within a multitude of church traditions. These gatherings are a trusted space where people seek help, hope, and peace, energized by God and one another. This book, curated by acclaimed author Sarah Bessey, celebrates and honors that prayerful tradition in a literary form. A companion for all who feel the immense joys and challenges of the journey of faith, this collection of prayers says it all aloud, giving readers permission to recognize the weight of all they carry. These writings also offer a broadened imagination of hope—of what can be restored and made new. Each prayer is an original piece of writing, with new essays by Sarah Bessey throughout. Encompassing the full breadth of the emotional landscape, these deeply tender yet subversive prayers give readers an intimate look at the diverse language and shapes of prayer.

Teaching about God and Spirituality - Roberta Louis Goodman 2002

The ultimate source book on God spirituality and

how to teach both.

The St. Clare Prayer Book - Jon M. Sweeney 2007-01-01

For all who love St. Francis and his spirit of passionate creativity and devotion to God, this prayer book is an invitation to experience the spiritual gifts of one of his closest companions. Clare was a deep, ready source of wisdom—a well to Francis's river. Discover the spirituality of St. Clare and how it complements that of St. Francis. Enter into a week of morning and evening prayer centered on themes from Clare's life. Pray with Clare's own words in a variety of occasions. And enjoy a special appendix that dramatizes what it might have been like to be there on that first night when Clare fled to the little chapel called Portiuncula to become a brother, and much more.

Set Aside Every Fear Catherine Of Siena 2020-01-24

Set Aside Every Fear is a simple, thirty-day devotional based on the classic spirituality of St. Catherine of Siena, who was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970. In only a few minutes each day, this book offers you a glimpse of St. Catherine's passion for living steeped in the intimate connection between love of God and service to others, which has inspired people of faith for more than six centuries. Originally published in 1997 and now back in print, *Set Aside Every Fear* is the perfect prayer companion for busy people who want to root their spiritual practice in the solid ground of St. Catherine of Siena's timeless--and timely--teachings on divine and human relationships. Catherine brought together two frequently unconnected charisms--mysticism and active ministry--and embodied both throughout her life. Her intimacy with God through prayer enabled her to minister to the poor and sick more deeply and to boldly speak truth to Church authorities. When the papacy fled Rome for Avignon because of political conflict, Catherine tirelessly encouraged the popes to return to Rome, and was ultimately successful. *Set Aside Every Fear* offers prayers in the voice of God and responses in the voice of humanity based on Catherine's own words, which encourage you in your own practice of dialogue with God. As you reflect on the mystery of divine love, Catherine shares her own relationship with God in a way that

challenges you to place your trust in God and abandon your worries as you follow him. All the titles in the 30 Days with a Great Spiritual Teacher series contain a brief morning meditation, a simple mantra to use throughout the day, and a night prayer to focus your thoughts as the day ends. John Kirvan is the series editor.

Prayers for the People - Terry J. Stokes
2021-11-09

A collection of timely, stirring, and witty prayers that give language to the full breadth of our everyday experiences—from joy to sorrow, and everything in between “This is the prayer book I need right now, full of humor and beauty, candor and holy longing.”—Jeff Chu, co-curator of *Evolving Faith* and author of *Does Jesus Really Love Me?* In his debut collection of short-form prayers (aka collects), Terry Stokes names many things we didn’t realize we could pray for, such as student loan debt cancellation, strength when we’re about to make small talk, and restraint when we have the opportunity to be petty. The collection features an impressive range of humor and inspiration, and spans lament and solidarity, including prayers for • when one dreads the thought of returning to work on Monday • when one has been left on read by a friend • before shooting one’s shot • after shooting one’s shot • before walking into Target • when one fears getting canceled • those working in retail • when one’s team is struggling These tender, moving, and entertaining prayers invite us to access the wonder and joy of God’s presence in every situation we encounter. By putting words to the emotions and needs that lie beneath our petitions, our celebrations, and our protests. Stokes’s prayers make for an engaging and heartfelt read that will delight and encourage any person of faith in the modern age.

Praying with America - James Martin
2015-10-01

“Prayer can be a difficult topic to write about, since trying to explain it is something like trying to pin down a butterfly. The more you seek to capture it, the more it wants to escape. In the end, what happens in prayer is incommunicable, as it happens privately, between one person and God.”—from the Introduction by James Martin, SJ Prayer is our conversation with God. It is also at the heart of Ignatian spirituality.

Understanding the practice and process of prayer, its various forms and expressions, is fundamental for people of faith. In one collection, *Praying with America* presents and celebrates the diversity of prayer over the past century and offers readers the wisdom and inspiration of leading Catholic thinkers on the practice of prayer. *Praying with America* provides a curated collection of wide-ranging discussions on the subject, full of practical and inspirational wisdom, by some of the best-known Jesuit writers and other spiritual luminaries, including Thomas Keating, OCSO; Henri J. M. Nouwen; William O’Malley, SJ; Daniel J. Harrington, SJ; William A. Barry, SJ; Evelyn Waugh; and many more from *America*, which continues to be a leading Catholic weekly, reporting on news and the lives of the faithful around the globe for more than 100 years. James Martin, SJ, who introduces the collection, is a Jesuit priest, editor-at-large at *America*, and author of numerous books, including *My Life with the Saints*.

Honest to God Prayer - Kent Ira Groff 2012
This unique and encouraging guide to prayer explores how to engage in spirituality that blesses your soul—and the world. Offers innovative ways to pray in four metaphorical movements that parallel both Native American traditions and Ignatian spirituality.

This Side of Heaven - Samira E. Robinson
2004-10-18

This Side of Heaven is a powerful book of inspirational and cutting-edge reality based poetry, prayer, prose and what the author calls “spiritual writings,” or essays of faith, that help us to look at the issues of life, examine the doubts and pains of living, and still look to a brighter tomorrow as we celebrate the very real power and presence of God. Designed with Reflection and Application Study pages at the end of each chapter, Robinson helps us to chart our feelings, dreams, and fears, and challenges us to embrace the power of God within, and affirm not just ourselves, but others. Upon reading this book your life will be enhanced and ideas made to come alive as you realize that she touches a very real place within your heart, and helps you to see the unlimited possibilities of a God-centered lifestyle. Sheila V. Baldwin, Columbia College Chicago English professor and

Co-Chair of the English Department says: [In the beginning of this new millennium], the African-American community still lives within the shadows of post-traumatic stress resulting from slavery. Samira E. Robinson's collection of poetic writings, *This Side of Heaven*, provides a source of solace and optimism. [For] Before Iyanla Vanzant became a pop icon, before Oprah Winfrey fashioned a moment of spirituality into her television show, and long before urban, top-forty radio stations across the country began to include gospel music on their play list, collectively the African-American community appeared to say: Lord, I need help. Samira E. Robinson's writings remind us that we need only to follow and surrender all to God, and to be quiet and listen to our still small voice, the voice of God within who constantly advises us to expect the best. Bishop Arthur M. Brazier, pastor of the Apostolic Church of God in Chicago, Illinois states: Samira E. Robinson is a woman of faith who has dedicated her life to God through helping others. Her book, *This Side of Heaven*, is an insightful approach on how to enjoy life to its fullest potential. And finally, Melody Spann-Cooper, President & General Manager of WVON Radio (The Talk of Chicago) had this to say: *This Side of Heaven* - what a joy to read! The passion of her gift shows in every line.

How to Pray - C. S. Lewis 2018-06-05
The revered teacher and bestselling author of such classic Christian works as *Mere Christianity* and *The Screwtape Letters*, C. S. Lewis here offers wisdom and lessons that illuminate our private dialogue with God—prayer—in this collection drawn from the breadth of his writings. C. S. Lewis's insights on Christianity and his reflections on Christian life continue to guide us more than fifty years after his death. *How to Pray* showcases Lewis's enduring wisdom on prayer and its place in our daily lives. Cultivated from his many essays, articles, and letters, as well as his classic works, *How to Pray* provides practical wisdom and instruction to help readers nurture their spiritual beliefs and embrace prayer in all its forms. While many people would like to speak to God, they often don't know how to begin. Lewis guides them through the practice, illuminating the significance of prayer and why it is central to

faith. A welcome addition to the C. S. Lewis canon, *How to Pray* offers a deeper understanding of our personal tradition of prayer, our faith, and what it means to be a Christian.

Connecting to God - Corinne Ware 1997-08-01
Although spiritual growth occurs within an individual, Ware explains that it is the calling of the congregation to be a community of support and encouragement. Indeed, it is amidst the support of a group that an individual learns how to live out personal faith. Ware provides a very practical and accessible model of spiritual formation for self-directing groups that can be led by clergy or laity. Includes thorough guidelines, do's and don'ts, and ground rules for the successful pursuit of spiritual growth in small groups

Prayer - Timothy Keller 2016-01-26
Renowned pastor and New York Times bestselling author of *The Prodigal Prophet* Timothy Keller explores the power of prayer. Christians are taught in their churches and schools that prayer is the most powerful way to experience God. But few receive instruction or guidance in how to make prayer genuinely meaningful. In *Prayer*, renowned pastor Timothy Keller delves into the many facets of this everyday act. With his trademark insights and energy, Keller offers biblical guidance as well as specific prayers for certain situations, such as dealing with grief, loss, love, and forgiveness. He discusses ways to make prayers more personal and powerful, and how to establish a practice of prayer that works for each reader. Dr. Keller's previous books have sold more than one million copies. His Redeemer Presbyterian Church is not only a major presence in his home base of New York, it has also helped to launch more than two hundred fifty other churches in forty-eight cities around the world. His teachings have already helped millions, the majority of whom pray regularly. And with *Prayer*, he'll show them how to find a deeper connection with God.

Hearts on Fire - Michael Harter 2005
A collection of prayers for all occasions gives voice to Ignatian spirituality, which finds God present in all things. Original.
[Receiving God and Responding, in Breath Meditation](#) - Joseph J. Piccione 2020-06

Christian Trinitarian theology of relational love can be put into motion in spirituality. Many persons seek a foundational or new experience of spirituality. For many, Christianity is at risk of losing its dynamism of Trinitarian love by being reduced to a collection of doctrines or moral teachings. Many approaches to spirituality are overly intellectual. Receiving God and Responding, In Breath Meditation introduces an innovative meditation method at the intersection of Christian life and Zen breathing. Zen breath meditation is the basis for Mindfulness practices, which have been so helpful to our contemporaries and prompts interest in spirituality. Persons who are familiar with Mindfulness practice will find Christian breath meditation both a complement to their current practice as well as an invitation to a new path of Christian spiritual practice. Our meditation practice enables the Christian practitioner to enter into ancient Christian spirituality and its loving prayer of the heart. Breath and Beloved are outlined in the foundational section, and relied on for application. Christian contemplative living is intimately related to God, our sisters and brothers, and care for Mother Earth.

Prayer - A. W. Tozer 2016-01-20

"Some churches now advertise courses on how to pray. How ridiculous! That is like giving a course on how to fall in love." —A. W. Tozer Tozer understood prayer as few do: as a way of life. Now readers can share that same grand vision. Prayer combines the best of Tozer on prayer into one volume. Tozer was captured by the great wonder of God, and he regarded prayer as the primary means of coming into His presence. But if our everyday life is filled with the barrenness of busyness and there is no serious urgency to pray, we forfeit the wonder of being conformed to the image of Christ and knowing our God more intimately—the true Christian life. Prayer is doable. God is accessible. And Tozer provides the wisdom and encouragement to help us encounter Him daily. With commentary and reflection questions provided by compiler W.L. Seaver, Prayer takes our understanding of prayer to new depths and helps us have a life that prays.

The Privilege of Love - Peter-Damian Belisle 2002

The Privilege of Love: Camaldolese Benedictine

Spirituality is a collection of essays by Camaldolese monks, nuns, and oblates. After an introduction by Michael Downey and an overview chapter on Camaldolese Benedictine history and spirituality, three chapters center on the Benedictine aspects of spirituality, such as liturgy, lectio divina, and Word/Wisdom of God. The book focuses on Camaldolese sources, eremitical/cenobitical dialectic, and solitude, followed by chapters on Camaldolese ecumenical and interreligious involvement, as well as oblate spirituality. The concluding chapter comments on Camaldolese Benedictine spirituality in a post-Vatican II context.

The Practice of Prayer Margaret Guenther 1998

In this down-to-earth book on the essentials of prayer, Margaret Guenther answers many of the common questions of the spiritual life, such as How do we learn to listen to God in our prayer? and, How do we develop a life of prayer in the midst of busy, active lives? She includes practical descriptions of a number of ways Christians have prayed through the centuries, from using the Jesus Prayer or rosary to praying with the stories of scripture and prayer book liturgies. Guenther also discusses basic matters of Christian practice, such as making a confession, intercession, going on retreat, simplifying our lives, using a journal to pray, finding a spiritual director, and praying through times of desolation when God does not seem to be listening.

Christian Spirituality - George Lane 2005-03

This brief but multifaceted study looks to the sources of the Christian spiritual tradition in order to establish a firm ground for a vital contemporary Christian spirituality. Quoting the great Jesuit scientist and mystic Teilhard de Chardin, "Everything is the sum of the past; nothing is comprehensible except through its history," author George Lane, SJ, examines the masters of Christian spirituality in their historical contexts. Fr. Lane shows why the hermits of the East, the monks of the West, Origen, Jerome, Augustine, Francis, and many others were so influential in their times and what they can teach us today about Christian spirituality.

Whole Prayer - Walter Wangerin 2001-10
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gracefully explores the dynamics of prayer--of speaking, of listening, of waiting, and of hearing God's voice. With luminous prose, he surveys the landscape of communication and communion with God--what whole prayer feels like, looks like, and sounds like. If you long for a deeper relationship with God, Whole Prayer is a trustworthy guide.

Prayers to an Evolutionary God - William Cleary
2004

How is it possible to pray when God is dislocated from heaven, dispersed all around us, and more

of a creative force than an all-knowing father?

Coming Out to God - Chris Glaser 1991-01-01

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