
Prayer/Meditation web catalog

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124 PRAYERS FOR CAREGIVERS

Guntzelman, Joan

Saint Mary's Press

BOOK

Each prayer in this resource for caregivers includes a brief quotation from the Bible or another source, several lines of reflection, and a closing petition. The book reminds caregivers that God stands with them in rewarding times as well as in dark times.

150 OPENING AND CLOSING PRAYERS

Koch, Carl

Saint Mary's Press

BOOK

Each prayer employs a passage from either the Hebrew Scriptures or the Christian Testament. Topics include creating community, hope, peace and reconciliation, leaders, celebration, and thanksgiving, creation, compassion, wisdom, and understanding and courage in hard times.

50 WAYS TO PRAY

PRACTICES FROM MANY TRADITIONS AND TIMES

Blythe, Teresa A.

Abingdon Press, 2006

BOOK

The explosion of interest today in Christian mystics, ancient prayer practices, and guided meditations speaks to a need for more hands-on tools that will help us pray in traditional as well as new and exciting ways. Each of the exercises includes not only instructions on how to use it as a prayer practice, but also some background, an introduction, a statement of intention, and tips to help you become comfortable with the practice. Includes a Leader's Guide at the end of the book

52 DEVOTIONS FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Ramey, Robert H., Jr.

Chalice Press

BOOK

The devotions can be used for opening and focusing church meetings, as well as for offering personal direction and inspiration to those who have been called to leadership roles.

ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT

PRAYERS AND READINGS FROM DUST TILL DAWN

Counsell, Michael, ed.

Westminster John Knox Press, 2001

BOOK

This wide-ranging collection is the perfect bedside companion and will help soothe us to sleep, dispel nighttime fears, and attune us to the gifts and opportunities that each new day brings.

ALL WILL BE WELL: A GATHERING OF HEALING PRAYERS

Klug, Lyn

Augsburg Fortress

BOOK

In this unusual collection of prayers, we read and share all possible cries of the human heart--prayers of joy, woundedness, release, healling, perplexity, hope, fear, anger, love--all expressing the hope of God's consolation and healing love.

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BETTER THAN NICE AND OTHER UNCONVENTIONAL PRAYERS

Ohler, Frederick
 Westminster/John Knox Press
 BOOK
 A unique collection of 52 prayers used in real-life sermons. All the prayers are straightforward, simple, and direct. The book focuses on the extraordinary quality of life, the ecstasy, pain, surprise, and grace of each moment.

BOOK OF REFORMED PRAYERS

Rice, Howard L. & Lamar Williamson, Jr., editors
 Westminster John Knox Press
 BOOK
 A selection of more than 200 prayers from the Reformed tradition, organized chronologically by century. Historical information and biographies of each author are provided. For reference and personal devotion, this resource will inspire a new appreciation of the piety of the Reformed heritage.

CLOWNING IN ROME

Nouwen, Henri J. M.
 Doubleday & Co.
 BOOK
 Reflections on Solitude, Celibacy, Prayer and Contemplation. The clowns remind us with a tear and a smile that we are sharing the same human weakness.

COLORING THE WIND: USING PHOTOS AND WORDS

Young, David P.
 Westminster/John Knox Press
 BOOK
 To color the wind is a metaphor for thinking about the world with a different passion than usual--one that believes good change is possible--and also a metaphor for living the best dream we can be. A book the author hopes will invite the reader to notice life more fully.

COME, HEALING GOD: PRAYER DURING ILLNESS

Guntzelman, Joan and Lou Guntzelman
 Saint Mary's Press
 BOOK
 This book offers suggestions for praying when you feel lost for words or overwhelmed with discomfort, or when you desire to know God is close. The range of prayers allows the reader to select those that speak to his present distress, change them as he progresses to health, a new stage of life, or toward life after life.

COMMUNION OF SAINTS: PRAYERS OF THE FAMOUS

Davies, Horton, editor
 Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.
 BOOK
 Covering the centuries since Christ, this anthology shows historical range and depth and includes many different kinds of people--from poets to theologians to scientists and military leaders. The prayers are varied and are grouped in 6 categories: Gratitude & Dedication; Confession & Penitence; Petition; Intercession; Marking Time; and Christian Year.

CRIES OF THE HEART: PRAYING OUR LOSSES

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Simsic, Wayne
 Saint Mary's Press
 BOOK
 This book of prayers is for those who are currently grieving and for those who are confronting past losses. It is written to help face grief issues like forgiveness, shock, depression, and the fear of letting go.

CUP OF OUR LIFE: A GUIDE FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Rupp, Joyce
 Ave Maria Press
 BOOK
 In this book the author shares how ordinary cups can become sacred vessels that connect us to life and draw us ever closer to God. This creative guide for individual and group prayer offers a short essay, a wisdom saying, a scripture verse, a brief meditation, questions for journaling, and a suggestion for keeping the theme throughout the day. Six themes presented.

DEAR LORD, THEY WANT ME TO GIVE THE DEVOTIONS!

Schroeder, John D. and Shane Groth
 Abingdon Press
 BOOK
 Devotions that are ready-made for a variety of situations .Included are ways to customize the material. A valuable resource for anyone looking for fresh, quick ideas.

EARTH PRAYERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Roberts, Elizabeth & Elias Amidon, editors
 HarperCollins Publishers, 1991
 BOOK
 365 prayers, poems, and invocations for honoring the earth.

EERDMANS' BOOK OF FAMOUS PRAYERS

Zundel, Veronica, comp.
 Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.
 BOOK
 This treasury of Christian prayers through the centuries covers a wide range of human feelings and experience. Some have famous authors; some are anonymous. Their mood ranges from the despairing to the decidedly light-hearted. This book also contains brief biographies and illustrations to set prayers and people in context.

FRESH BREAD AND OTHER GIFTS OF SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT

Rupp, Joyce
 Ave Maria Press
 BOOK
 Handbook for spiritual growth, reading & praying Scriptures throughout the year. Seasonal, monthly themes, poetic reflections

GREATEST MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Lucado, Max
 J. Countryman
 BOOK
 In this small book, the great moments in the life of Christ are first given from the Scriptures and then amplified in everyday English, beginning with "Jesus' Birth Announced."

GUERRILLAS OF GRACE: PRAYERS FOR THE BATTLE

Title 1	Title 2	Author	Publisher	Media	Summary
		Loder, Ted	LuraMedia		BOOK
		A collection of prayers in free verse. Called "fresh,outrageous, funny, and agonizing," by one reviewer.The author calls guerrillas, a weaker force set against asuperior and more organized power. Jesus, he says, was a pre-eminent "guerrilla of grace," who confronted repressive institutions and liberated captive hearts and minds.			

HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Langer, Rebecca Bradburn	Geneva Press	BOOK
Aimed at helping Christians grow in prayer, Bible reading, and personal worship, this workbook provides a four-week program for individuals and small groups in the practice of daily worship.		

HOPE NOTES

52 MEDITATIONS TO NUDGE YOUR WORLD

Willis, Wayne R.	Westminster John Knox Press	BOOK
A good book to read; holds your interest, and as human beings, as stressful as we are, gives us a definite hope.		

I TOLD THE MOUNTAIN TO MOVE

Raybon, Patricia	Tyndale Publishing	BOOK
Raised in a strict, church-going family, award-winning writer Patricia Raybon was shocked to find herself struggling in adulthood with a lifeless marriage and an unsettling distance from God. She set out to rebuild her prayer life, searching for a connection that would transform her household and impact others.		

INTERCESSORY PRAYER: PRAYING FOR FRIENDS AND ENEMIES

Vennard, Jane E.	Augsburg Fortress	BOOK
Intercessory prayer is a prayer on behalf of others. This book is designed to help both new and experienced "pray-ers" to grow in their understanding and practice of prayer. Each chapter concludes with questions for reflection and discussion and also has exercises to help explore the subject further.		

JUSTICE AND MERCY

Niebuhr, Reinhold	Westminster/John Knox Press	BOOK
This book is a reprint of the 1974 volume of prayers and sermons by Reinhold Niebuhr, edited by his wife. The prayers were selected from those Niebuhr wrote and used over a span of 50 years. The sermons come from the later years of his life.		

KNEELING IN BETHLEHEM

Weems, Ann	Westminster/John Knox Press	AUDIOCASS
On this audiocassette, the author reflects on the mystery of the Christmas season as expressed in these classic poems.This is an unabridged reading of the poems in her book of the same title (also available at the Resource Center).		

KNEELING IN JERUSALEM

Title 1	Title 2	Author	Publisher	Media	Summary
	Weems, Ann		Westminster/John Knox Press		BOOK
	The author brings new insight into the Lenten season by providing 71 poems of inspiration.				

LANDSCAPES OF THE HEART

Cathy Cummings Chisholm	Bridge Resources	BOOK
This book is the writer's personal response to the visual images of her own photography. Each black and white photo is accompanied by a poem inspired by the image, and by a prayer written in response to both the visual and poetic reflection. A book for anyone seeking signs of divine activity in everyday life, everyday places.		

LIFE FROM WITHIN: PRAYERS BY BROTHER ROGER OF TAIZE

ICONS FROM THE CHURCH OF RECONCILIATION

Brother Roger	Westminster/John Knox Press	BOOK
The Taize Community, located in France, is host throughout the year to thousands of young people. The 14 prayers that make up this book can be used as short illustrated meditations day by day for a two-week period.		

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS: CHOOSING THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Morgan, Robert C.	Abingdon Press	BOOK
The author uses familiar situations to help Christians understand how the cross is central to their lives: when tempted to run; when tempted to conform; when ashamed; when forsaken; when misunderstood; when brokenhearted; when grieving.		

LITTLE TREASURY OF PRAYERS

Sutton, Walter C.	Geneva Press	PAMPHLET
A collection of personal prayers on a wide variety of subjects. Each section has a number of short prayers on a particular topic, e.g., illness, family, forgiveness, grief, prayers for others.		
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LORD HEAL ME: PERSONAL PRAYERS

Gunstone, John	Morehouse-Barlow	BOOK
A personal prayer companion. These prayers are examples of the sorts of things we might be led to say to the Lord as we face crises in our lives. The prayers can be used as printed but the intention is that they should be models--start with what is written and then let the Holy Spirit lead you into using your own words.		

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY: A GUIDE TO PRAYER

Office of Spiritual Formation	Presbyterian Church (USA), 2007	BOOK
For groups and classes of all sizes and ages, offering methods of prayer and their connection to the Reformed tradition. In notebook format, this resource is to be used and added to. Chapter titles include Food and Fasting, Planning a Retreat, Prayer Chains, Sacred Time and Space, Spirituality Centers; back issues of Hungryhearts, a publication of the Office of Spiritual Formation.		

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LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY: KERYGMA

	Purdy, John C.		The Kerygma Program		BOOK
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LORD'S PRAYER

	Barclay, William		Westminster John Knox Press		BOOK
	Barclay explains how Christ has given us a prayer that is at once a prayer to use and a model for all other prayers. He shows the depth of each phrase of this ancient prayer and considers both its historical background and its application to our world today.				

LORD'S PRAYER: ENTERING INTO GOD'S COUNTRY

WITH WALTER WAGERIN, JR.

	Wagerin, Jr., Walter		Paraclete Press Video, 2004		VIDEO
	The Lord's Prayer in video format which uncovers new meaning in this cherished prayer. The Lord's Prayer is accompanied by a study guide which includes scripture references, class activities, and journaling topics. Ideal for use with confirmation class, Sunday school class, retreat or fellowship group. Divided into eight segments covering each phrase of the Lord's Prayer.				

MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?

	Rupp, Joyce		Ave Maria Press		BOOK
	The author shows us that prayer is a dance with the Divine. Organized on a monthly basis, this resource explores 12 major themes, each one followed by prayer suggestions, including litanies, creative writing, guided meditations, and ideas for reflection and journal keeping. She connects the routine of our lives with a deeper communion with God.				

MEDITATIONS ON THE CROSS

	Bonhoeffer, Dietrich		Westminster John Knox Press		BOOK
	These letters and sermons contain Bonhoeffer's belief about the Crucifixion and the power of the Cross for all Christian disciples. They strengthen the assurance and hope that through the Cross and Resurrection, Christ addresses people at the center of their lives and does not abandon them.				

OUT OF SOLITUDE

	Nouwen, Henri		Ave Maria Press		BOOK
	Three meditations on the Christian life: 1) Out of Solitude, which includes Life in Action and Life in Solitude; 2) With Care, about caring and community; and 3) In Expectation, which includes Expectation as Patience and Expectation as Joy. Nouwen speaks of the need to "be present" with each other during times when you can offer no solutions, no answers.				

PARENT'S GUIDE TO PRAYER

Title 1	Title 2	Author	Publisher	Media	Summary
		Keire, Anita E.	Curriculum Development Associates, Inc.		CURRICUL
		A book for parents to learn about the power and diversity of prayer. Many of the prayers can be shared with parents and children together. May be used with the Mustard Seed Series curriculum.			

PINCHES OF SALT: SPIRITUAL SEASONINGS

Shriver, Peggy L.	Westminster/John Knox Press	BOOK
A collection of poems written over a stretch of more than 35 years and arranged in groups entitled Incarnation, Parent and Child, Dialogue, Abysses and Alienations, Moments of Grace, Finitude, and Hope.		

PRAYER IN THE BLACK TRADITION

Bowyer, O. Richard, et al	The Upper Room	BOOK
Opening with an overview of the importance of prayer in black history, it follows up with prayers for public worship, special occasions, personal devotions, as well as prayer in black literature and prayer in song.		

PRAYER: BEGINNING CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

Beckman, Richard J.	Augsburg Fortress	BOOK
This resource is designed to help both new and experienced pray-ers grow in their understanding and practice of prayer. Each chapter concludes with questions for reflection and discussion, and exercises that will help readers explore the chapter's subject further. For individuals or small groups. Part of the Face to Face with God series.		

PRAYER: FINDING THE HEART'S TRUE HOME

Foster, Richard J.	Harper San Francisco	BOOK
A warm, compelling, and sensitive primer on prayer, which helps us understand, experience, and practice it in its many forms. Prayer, the author says, can move us inward into personal transformation, upward toward intimacy with God, and outward to others.		

PRAYERS ENCIRCLING THE WORLD

AN INTERNATIONAL ANTHOLOGY

	Westminster John Knox Press	BOOK
300 contemporary prayers from more than 60 countries. Themes: work/rest; war/peace; community, grief, joy, poverty..		

PRAYERS FROM THE REFORMED TRADITION

IN THE COMPANY OF A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES

Tripp, Diane Karay, editor	Witherspoon Press, 2001	BOOK
Modeled on classic Reformed prayer books, this compilation provides prayers for morning and evening as well as prayers for the church year, the stages of life, and special needs.		

PRAYING CONGREGATION

THE ART OF TEACHING SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

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	Vennard, Jane E.		The Alban Institute, 2005		BOOK
	Readers are invited to gently explore questions such as, who taught you to pray and how? what do you believe about prayer? what is your image of the God to whom you pray? and what is prayer anyway? Through this book, readers' hearts are made ready to explore the wonder of strengthening their relationship with God through prayer.				

PRAYING THE MOVIES II

DAILY MEDITATIONS FROM CLASSIC FILMS

	McNulty, Edward		Westminster John Knox Press		BOOK
	Biblical references and observations from the author about various famous movies; a very good explanation of the scripts; and shows how the Bible is intertwined in some of these excerpts.				

PSALMS OF LAMENT

	Weems, Ann		Westminster/John Knox Press		BOOK
	The author offers in this collection of poems her own psalms of lament. She draws from the rich heritage of Scripture to give voice to the grief and anguish she has felt and continues to feel over the death of her son. This book is for those who weep with those who weep.				

PSALMS: A CALENDAR AND JOURNAL FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYE

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY 1999-2000

			HORIZONS, Presbyterian Women, PCUSA		BOOK
	A verse or portions of two to three verses have been chosen for each day of the year. As no year has been assigned, it is possible to begin at any time to use this resource. Space is provided for writing thoughts and prayers for each day.				

REFLECTING THE GLORY! MEDITATIONS FOR LIVING

CHRIST'S LIFE IN THE WORLD

	Wright, N.T.		Augsburg Fortress, 1998		BOOK
	In 53 devotional readings based on key New Testament passages, the author shows how we can reflect the glory of God by living the life of Jesus in the world--even at the lowest and weakest points of our lives. The book contains questions for reflection and discussion and would be useful for a 4 or 8-week study or for a retreat.				

REFLECTIONS ON THE BEATITUDES: A GUIDE FOR

PRAYER & CONVERSATION

	Junkin, E. Dixon		PCUSA		BOOK
	A booklet to help Presbyterians live with the Beatitudes throughout an entire year. Designed for both individual and group use. Individuals could use the studies one day a month and groups such as sessions, church school classes, women's circles, and staffs might also use it once a month.				

RELIVING THE PASSION: MEDITATIONS ON THE

SUFFERING, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS

	Wangerin, Walter, Jr.		Zondervan Publishing House		BOOK
	These meditations follow the story of Jesus from the moment the chief priests plot to kill Jesus to the Resurrection, as given in the gospel of Mark. They are an imaginary reenactment, enabling the reader to see the story from the inside, to discover the strangeness and wonder of the events as they unfold.				

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SABBATH KEEPING

FINDING FREEDOM IN THE RYTHYMS OF REST

Baab, Lynne M. InterVarsity Press, 2005 BOOK
 The author offers collected insights from Christian history and sabbath keepers of all ages and backgrounds. Sabbath Keeping offers a practical and hopeful guidebook for all of us to slow down and enjoy our relationship with the God of the universe.

SACRED JOURNEY

THE JOURNAL OF FELLOWSHIP IN PRAYER

Laird, Rebecca, ed. Fellowship in Prayer, Inc., 2002 PERIODICA
 A periodical of Fellowship in Prayer, Inc., whose mission is to encourage and support a spiritual orientation to life, to promote the practice of prayer, meditation, and service to others, and to help bring about a deeper spirit of unity among humankind. Editor, Rev. Rebecca Laird (Summit, Central) Published bi-monthly. Vol. 53, No.2, April 2002

SACRED SPACES

STATIONS ON A CELTIC WAY

Silf, Margaret Paraclete Press, 2001 BOOK
 The Celts believed that the visible and invisible worlds, the material and the spiritual, were one. For them, certain spaces were sacred. Sacred Spaces is a book for all those engaged on the inner journey, whatever the starting point. Drawing on the riches of the Celtic tradition, the author helps us to see that as we go deeper into our own sacred space we move closer to the center and heart of all creation.

SEVEN CIRCLES OF PRAYER

Franciscan Communications VIDEO
 This video outlines a simple, practical method of prayer for ordinary people as they pass through seven circles of prayer, leading to Christ as the center. May be viewed as a whole or broken into seven sections (circles), each studied separately. Produced by Houssetop, a small apostolic center in London.

SONG OF THE BIRD

DeMello, Anthony Image Books BOOK
 124 stories/parables from a variety of traditions, both ancient and modern. Each story is really a single lesson of life that teaches inescapable truths about ourselves and our world. The stories illustrate profound realities that bring us into touch with the problems and concerns of everyday life as well as our common spiritual quest.

SOUL FEAST

AN INVITATION TO THE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE

Thompson, Marjorie Westminster John Knox Press, 1995 BOOK
 The author offers a framework for understanding and nurturing classic spiritual disciplines such as prayer, fasting, spiritual reading, self-examination, worship, and hospitality. This best-selling devotional book has been used by both individuals and groups to deepen and expand their inner spiritual lives.

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SOUL WEAVINGS: A GATHERING OF WOMEN'S PRAYERS

Klug, Lyn, editor	Augsburg Fortress	BOOK
<p>The prayers in this book are gathered around seven themes of the Christian life and reflect the needs and experiences of women of all ages. They are gathered from historic and contemporary women of faith from around the world.</p>		

STEAL AWAY: JOURNEYING TOWARD SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Graham, Stephany	Bridge Resources, 2001	BOOK
<p>This seven-step devotional guide, tyargeting African Americans, or any interested persons, allows one to customize a personal retreat and move toward a deeper communion with God.</p>		

SURRENDER: A GUIDE FOR PRAYER

Bergan, Jacqueline Syrup and S. Marie Schivan	Saint Mary's Press	BOOK
<p>Take and Receive Series. The fourth volume in the series will help Christians come to terms with suffering, not as an end, but as a means to spiritual and holistic growth. It focuses on Christ's total submission to the will of God. Written as a support for solitary prayer. The guide can also serve as a resource for faith sharing in small groups.</p>		

TWELVE WHO PRAYED: 20TH CENTURY MODELS OF PRAYER

Gibbard, Mark	Augsburg Publishing House	BOOK
<p>How God has guided 12 outstanding 20th century Christians to lives rich in prayer. Seekers find encouragement and inspiration from the intensely personal search each of these people made for a way of prayer. Included are Bonhoeffer, Thos. Merton, Alan Paton, Dag Hammarskjold, Roger Schutz of Taize, Teilhard deChardin, Simone Weil, and Madeline Delbrel.</p>		

WELLNESS: PRAYERS FOR COMFORT AND HEALING

Guiley, Rosemary Ellen, comp.	Pocket Books	BOOK
<p>This collection of prayers from around the world is intended to help the healing of any challenging circumstances in life.</p>		

WESTMINSTER COLLECTION OF CHRISTIAN PRAYERS

Stewart, Dorothy M.	Westminster John Knox Press, 2002	BOOK
<p>The author has compiled over 1,500 prayers arranged by theme: comfort, forgiveness, friendship, change, anxiety & worry, simplicity, thanksgiving, justice & injustice, reconciliation, temptation, anger and over a hundred more.</p>		

WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PRAYER

SCRIPTGRAPHIC BOOKLET

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Channing L. Bete Co., Inc.

PAMPHLET

WHISPER A PRAYER FOR MOMS

Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

BOOK

When you don't know what to pray; when your spirit needs to be uplifted, encouraged, and restored--especially in times of need--Whisper a Prayer will help you draw close to the heart of God. Each beautifully decorated gift book in the Whisper a Prayer series offers Scripture verses and intimate prayer starters that will be a source of hope and inspiration. Bible study questions are included at the end of each chapter.

WONDER OF A LOVE: A LETTER FROM BROTHER ROGER OF TAIZE

Brother Roger

Westminster/John Knox Press

PAMPHLET

An annual letter sent by Brother Roger as part of his European ministry to young adults. He founded a monastic community in the French village of Taize in 1940, and now each summer up to 6000 young people from some seventy countries visit Taize each week. The teaching of Taize is that the young be creators of peace and bearers of reconciliation in their own communities.