

Selected Resources on **PRAYER**



BK EEX 033 50 WAYS TO PRAY: PRACTICES FROM MANY TRADITIONS & TIMES

Author: Theresa A. Blythe

Provides at least 50 ways you may take steps in a lifelong walk with God. Each of the exercises includes instructions on how to use it as a prayer practice, background, statement of intention, and tips to help you become comfortable with the practice. For those of you wanting to lead these practices in a group, there are special instructions in the attached Leader's Guide.

BK EEX 034 BLESSING THE ANIMALS: PRAYERS & CEREMONIES TO CELEBRATE GOD'S CREATURES

Author: Lynn L. Caruso, editor

Take a spiritual journey through this beautiful collection of blessings, prayers and meditations about the creatures, wild and tame, that inhabit our world. These moving contributions about all types of animals are drawn from many faith traditions. A special section also provides animal blessing ceremonies to recognize the connection we create with God's creatures.

BK EEX 025 CREATING A LIFE WITH GOD: THE CALL OF ANCIENT PRAYER PRACTICES

Author: Daniel Wolpert

Take your relationship with God to a new level. The author introduces 12 prayer practices that: invite you to solitude and silence; invite you to use your mind and imagination; invite you to use your body and creativity; invite you to connect with nature and community. Offers instructions for practicing the Jesus Prayer, the prayer of examen, walking the labyrinth and more.

DV EEX 001 FOUR ACTS OF PRAYER, THE

Author: Walter Wangerin, Jr.

We Speak; God Listens; God Speaks; We Listen

Walt Wangerin uses stories to explore these vital elements of the complete circle of praying. He show us that these four simple acts, practiced and developed with diligence, bring us into a close communion with God that supports us in our daily living.

BK EEX 040 GOD'S PEOPLE AT PRAYER: A YEAR OF PRAYERS & RESPONSES FOR WORSHIP

Author: John Killinger

The prayers are organized in three sections: Prayers for Holy Days and Seasons; Prayers for Civic Holidays; and Prayer for Special Days in the Church Year. All the prayers may be reproduced for congregational use. Suggested scripture readings for each special day are also provided.

BK EEX 038 LONGING TO PRAY: HOW THE PSALMS TEACH US TO TALK WITH GOD

Author: J. Ellsworth Kalas

The author invites us to "go to the kitchen" with the great, very human souls who gave us the book of Psalms, and watch them as they pray. As we watch them, we will learn how they prayed, and we will discover that their way of praying is not limited to a certain time or culture. Includes a study guide.

BK EEX 039 LORD'S PRAYER FOR TODAY, THE

Author: William J. Carl III

Well-known preacher and seminary president William Carl presents an accessible study of the familiar words of the Lord's Prayer. Carl interprets the prayer in light of how it was understood by Jesus' disciples and examines the significant role the prayer can play in the life of Christian believers today. Included are discussion questions at the end of each chapter.

BK EEX 041 LORD, HAVE MERCY: PRAYING FOR JUSTICE WITH CONVICTION AND HUMILITY

Author: Claire E. Wolfeich

A guide for those who want to move prayer beyond private devotion and engage faithfully with the questions, decisions, policies, and movements that shape our lives in society. This book is designed to help you think about how you pray about vital- and often confounding- social and political questions.

BK EEX 010 **LOST IN WONDER, LOVE & PRAISE: PRAYERS FOR CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

Author: John Killinger

Prayer occurs when God's people, individually or collectively, enter into God's presence. Simple as that sounds, it is rarely simple for authentic prayer to occur in the context of Christian worship because we are too often surrounded by distracting sights and sounds from within and without. The worship leader has a set task to draw us as close as possible to genuine prayer.

DV GJ5 025 **NOOMA 019: OPEN**

Author: Rob Bell

Many of us have experienced situations where we've prayed and it felt like God wasn't listening. And yet other times we've prayed or known someone that prayed and the situation changed. Does God answer prayer? Sometimes, but not all the time? Or does God always answer prayer and it's just that sometimes God says no? Maybe if we understood how Jesus prayed, our concepts and expectations of prayer would change

BK EEX 017 **PRAY ALL WAYS: A BOOK FOR DAILY WORSHIP USING ALL YOUR SENSES**

Author: Edward Hays

Edward Hays shares his unique interpretation of the biblical command to "pray always" as a call to pray creatively at all times and in every circumstance. Inviting readers to learn to pray with their eyes, nose, even their feet, and to pray at times they might not think are prayerful, Hays offers a new definition of praying that will awaken hearts to prayer that knows no hour or day, but is always alive.

BK EEX 019 **PRAYER**

Author: Joyce Rupp

The bestselling author inspires us not only to talk to God but to listen to the "still, small voice of God" within us. She encourages us to be confident that our faithfulness to prayer will sustain our relationship with God and transform us at the core of our life.

BK EEX 031 **PRAYER FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T SIT STILL**

Author: William Tenny-Brittian

Do you find that your quiet time with God is disrupted by dozens of thoughts running through your head and a restlessness, a need to get up and move? You want to have a deeper and more meaningful prayer life, but you can't stay focused. The author shares ten types of kinesthetic prayer (prayer that involves the whole body and senses) that will appeal to even the most fidgety.

DV EEX 002 **PRAYER: DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?**

Author: Philip Yancey

In six thought-provoking and inspiring sessions, award-winning author Philip Yancey helps you and your group explore and experience the very heartbeat - the most fundamental, challenging, perplexing, and deeply rewarding aspect - of our relationship with God: prayer.

BK EEX 043 **PRAYERS FOR THE NEW SOCIAL AWAKENING: INSPIRED BY THE NEW SOCIAL CREED**

Authors: Christian Iosso, Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the Social Creed, the authors have compiled new prayers from well-known church and community leaders. This seminal volume includes the words from the new Social Creed and prayers reflecting social justice themes referenced in the creed, including poverty, economic justice, and care for the environment.

BK EEX 032 **PRAYING CONGREGATION, A: THE ART OF TEACHING SPIRITUAL PRACTICE**

Author: Jane E. Vennard

In a creative and refreshing approach, the author invites the reader to "stop trying to do prayer right and simply be in the presence of God". If you have ever pondered how to become a person of prayer, let the expressions she offers become your guide. If you have ever struggled to help a congregation engage in the practice of prayer, take up this book and let it lead you to the well of prayer.

BK EEX 042 **PRAYING IN COLOR: DRAWING A NEW PATH TO GOD**

Author: Sybil MacBeth

This new prayer form can take as little or as much time as you have or want to commit. A minimum amount might be fifteen minutes, any time of the day. Drawing is half of the prayer; the other half is transporting the visual memories or actual images with you to pray throughout the day.

BK EEX 044 PRAYING WITH THE BIBLE

Author: Philip Law, editor

A thoughtful compilation of prayers culled directly, or paraphrased and adapted, from several Bible translations. The purpose throughout is to "allow God's word to enter our hearts and to permeate all our thoughts and actions." In addition to its value for personal use, this little book offers a fine tool for teaching Scripture-based prayer within the congregation along with some exceptional litanies for corporate worship.

BK EEX 023 SAVORING OGD: PRAYING WITH ALL OUR SENSE

Author: Kathleen Finley

Usually when we pray we try to shut out the outside world and focus on the interior, the spiritual, in order to be able to be with God. Instead, this book invites us to be with God through the very tangible, specific objects of our everyday life. We're invited to take another look - as well as another listen, taste, touch, smell - at what is right before us and to see God there.

BK EEX 027 TRAVELING THE PRAYER PATHS OF JESUS

Author: John Indermark

Jesus prayed at all times and in all places. The author invites readers to follow the example of Jesus and to learn deeper ways to connect with God. Written as a six-week study, each section has seven readings. Each reading has a related prayer exercise to help you grow in prayer and in the model of Jesus. A guide for small groups is included.