

Prayer Resources

BOOKS

'Praying Each Day of the Year'

Nicholas Hutchinson, FSC



This three-volume book offers a reflection and a prayer specific to each day of the year e.g. referring to the birth or death of an historical figure, or the anniversary of an event or discovery. A very useful tool for praying

alone, or for use by teachers and others leading collective acts of worship.

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'Lord, Teach us to Pray'

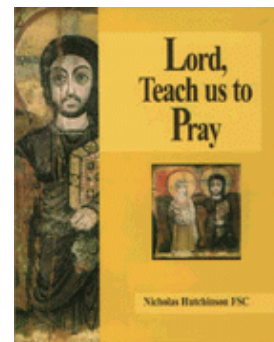
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is a life-giving 50-day course of personal prayer, exploring various ways of praying through creative use of Scripture and imagery. It is readily adaptable for use with parish groups (such as RCIA) and school groups.

Each day's text lists what might be needed, then guides through relaxing, asking the Spirit to pray in us, and remembering God's Presence. After reflecting and praying, there is suggested 'Action' as follow-up at another time.

For most of the days of the 50-day course and under 'Further Resources' are listed some 250 suitable Internet web-sites and web-pages

(e.g. whilst praying about forgiveness, an option is to access Rembrandt's painting of the Return of the Prodigal Son). Many excellent prayer web-sites are also listed. Published by Matthew James, Chelmsford, from whose web-site these 250 Internet resources may be accessed. (ISBN 1-898366-65-9)



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'Walk In My Presence'

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Whilst there are books available of prayers and of anthologies of readings, there are very few of prayer services. 'Walk In My Presence' answers that need, with prayers and readings that are themed and integrated from many Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox sources. Some 40 prayer services focus, for example, on God's presence, creation, the Incarnation,

justice and peace, the vision of Jesus, morning and night prayer, forgiveness, sickness, growing older.

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'A Child's Book of Prayer in Art'

Sister Wendy Beckett

Dorling Kindersley (1995). ISBN: 0-7513-5276-4. Sister Wendy offers inspiration not only to children but to those who try to follow the Gospel injunction to become like little children! The book is an 'eye-opener', leading the reader to discover with the author that

"Looking at art is one way of listening to God." Most touching insights are shared in her comprehensive '**Sister Wendy's Story of Painting**' (400 pages), also by Dorling Kindersley (1994): ISBN 0-7513-0133-7. (32 pages)

'The Cry of the Deer'

David Adam

is sub-titled, '*Meditations on the Hymn of St Patrick*': Triangle/SPCK Press (1987), . (156 pages) ISBN 0-281-04284-5. This is a book to take if about to be marooned on a desert island! It offers much richness to be 'tapped' for prayer

and reflection David Adam has several other books on Celtic Spirituality e.g. '*The Edge of Glory: Prayers in the Celtic Tradition*' and '*The Eye of the Eagle: Meditations on the hymn, "Be Thou My Vision"*'.

'Celebrating the Christian Centuries'

Andrew D. Mayes

A fine book that takes a spiritual writer for each of the 20 Centuries and explores their life and background, giving quotes from their writings, questions to ponder, and an appropriate prayer exercise. Sources for further reading are also given.

Our 'treasure house of spirituality' is explored in turn through Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch, Cyprian of Carthage, Basil the Great, Augustine, Benedict, Maximus the Confessor,

St Patrick's Breastplate, Oengus the Culdee, Simeon the New Theologian, Anselm, Bernard of Clairvaux, Francis of Assisi, Julian of Norwich, Thomas à Kempis, Teresa of Avila, John Bunyan, John Wesley, John Henry Newman, Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Clearly written and presented the book is published by SPCK, 1999: ISBN 0-281-05214-X

'Come Lord Jesus'

Lucien Deiss

World Library Publications, Chicago (1981): ISBN 0-937690-18-X. This book helps to 'open up' the treasure of the Scriptures. Inspiring prayers that are biblically-based. A fine resource. (326 pages).

'YOU'

Mark Link, SJ

Argus Communications (1976), ISBN 0-913592-78-1. The book is sub-titled: *'Prayer for Beginners and Those Who Have Forgotten How'*. (156 pages).

'The Return of the Prodigal Son'

Henri Nouwen.

DLT, 152 pages, ISBN 0-232-52078-X. A wonderful book which explores implications from Jesus' parable, as depicted in Rembrandt's painting of the same name (see 'Day 10'). The author leads the reader to see self in the lost son, in the elder son, and in the Father. Another 'desert-island' book!

'God of Surprises'

Gerard Hughes, SJ

Published by DLT in 1985 (ISBN: 0-232-51664-2). Undoubtedly one of the great books of spiritual guidance. Highly recommended to anyone who is serious about encountering God for themselves. (162 pages).

'Pause for Thought with Frank Topping'

Frank Topping

Lutterworth Press, Guildford: ISBN 0-7188-2524-1 (1981). Touching prayers with which we can readily identify are based on the ordinariness of daily life. (240 pages)

'Gathering the Fragments'

Edward Farrell

Ave Maria Press, 1987: ISBN 0-87793-361-8. Another inspiring book to pack if about to be marooned on a desert island! (102 pages).

'Loving Lord'

Denis Blackledge, SJ

has written several handy booklets of inspiring prayers, sub-titled **'Seasons'**, **'Moments'**, **'Horizons'**, **'Tidelines'**, and **'Encounters'** (1991-1995): each about 64 pages. Published by Sanctuary Books, 1 Winckley Square, Preston PR1 3JJ. Denis broadcasts these and other prayers (including from *'Praying Each Day of the Year'*) on Radio Lancashire each Sunday.

'Prayers of Intercession Book 1'

Susan Sayers

(0-86209-964-1) and ***'Prayers of Intercession Book 2'*** (0-86209-978-1). These books (published by Kevin Mayhew) are of imaginatively written intercessory prayers which could be used by individuals or by groups in public worship (e.g. in the Eucharist or in the 'Prayer of the Church' or with youth/school groups).

'Jesus our Way'

(ISBN 0-85597-613-6) and ***'Jesus our Hope'*** (0-85597-612-9) are illustrated by **The Benedictine Nuns of Turvey Abbey**. Additional material by **Mark Poulter** includes fine meditations as the reader is invited to place self in particular Gospel incidents: excellent for helping both adults and young people experience for themselves this meditative way of praying. McCrimmons Publishing, Great Wakering.

'An Anthology for the Church Year'

Hubert Richards

This anthology of 500 readings and prayers, biblical texts, poems and meditations for worship and reflection was previously published in five seasonal volumes. Full indexes are included, not only for the Bible, authors, titles and first lines, but for the many hundreds of subjects touched upon. Published by Kevin Mayhew, 1998 (ISBN 1-84003-193-X)

'Come and Pray'

Donal Neary, SJ

(72 pages). The Columba Press (1988), ISBN 0-948183-53-5. His prayers are based on Gospel characters. He has written several other short books of prayers and reflections.

'Sadhana: A Way to God - Christian Exercises in Eastern Form'

Anthony de Mello, SJ

(140 pages): Doubleday Image, 1984. ISBN 0-385-19614-8. Along with another book of his, ***'Wellsprings'***, Eastern insights are offered in his challenging Christian meditations.

'As Bread That Is Broken'

Peter van Breemen

(192 pages), Dimension Books, 1974. ISBN 087-1930528. A classic book of spirituality reflecting the fullness of God's love for each individual (pg 44).

'Prayer for Pilgrims'

Sheila Cassidy

Fount, Collins, 1980 (192 pages) ISBN 0-00-6254-19-5. Helpful reflections on praying in daily life.

'The William Barclay Prayer Book'

edited by Ronald Barclay, published by Fount in 1994: ISBN 0-00-627862-0. As well as prayers for special occasions or amidst difficulties, the book includes 70 days of reflective prayers and scriptural readings. (298 pages).

'Praying Our Experiences'

Joseph Schmidt, FSC

(St Mary's Press, Winona, 1980). ISBN 088489-1135 (57 pages). *'I believe that praying one's experiences is exceedingly common among people who, ironically, not understanding it to be prayer, condemn themselves for not praying'* (pg 6).

'Six Ways to Pray from Six Great Saints'

Gloria Hutchinson

St Anthony Messenger Press (1982), ISBN 0-86716-007-1 (152 pages). Explores ways of praying of Francis and Clare of Assisi, Ignatius, Thérèse of Lisieux, Teresa of Avila, and John of the Cross.

'The Classics of Catholic Spirituality'

Peter Cameron, OP

(144 pages), published by the Society of St Paul, New York, 1996. Individual chapters explore (with quotations) in a very readable way the spirituality of Augustine, Francis, Julian of Norwich, Catherine of Siena, Thomas à Kempis, Ignatius Loyola, John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila, Brother Lawrence and Thérèse of Lisieux. (ISBN: 0-8189-0743-6)

***'The Psalms - the Grail Psalms
(An Inclusive Language Version)'***

- beautifully written and an accurate translation (directly from the Hebrew) of the psalms, retaining their poetic rhythm and inspiration. (216 pages) ISBN 0-00-599994-4. The text is also available on the Internet (see 'Day 38').

'A Shorter Morning and Evening Prayer'

- being one of the versions of *'The Prayer of the Church: The Psalter of the Divine Office'* (as mentioned in 'Day 8'), Collins: ISBN 0-00-599734-8, 492 pages.

***'The School of Prayer
(An Introduction to the Divine Office for all Christians)'***

John Brook

(441 pages) is an excellent, prayerful and very readable commentary on 'The Prayer of the Church' Published by HarperCollins in 1992. ISBN 0-00-599216-8.

'The New Lion Encyclopaedia of the Bible'

(320 pages) is not only superbly presented and illustrated (including classical paintings), but gives a most excellent overview of each book of the Bible, as well as general background. The book goes far beyond being an encyclopaedia because it offers significant help in 'opening up the Scriptures'. Lion Publishing: ISBN 0-7459-3922-8

Lion Publishing:

<http://www.lion-publishing.co.uk/index.htm>

Publications of the De La Salle Brothers in the USA:

De La Salle Christian Brothers Conference,
Landover, Maryland, USA:
<http://www.cbconf.org/cbc/default.htm>

St Mary's Press (De La Salle Brothers),
Winona, USA
<http://www.smp.org/view.cgi?ID=home>

CD-ROM

'The Jerusalem Bible (1966 Edition)'

Churchill Systems, Tadcaster. Along with the full text of each book of the Bible there are maps and time charts and notes. Especially useful is the 'search' facility' which, at the touch of a button, displays in whichever book(s) of the Bible you have indicated, all the texts that include, for example, the word "light". A great 'enabling tool'.

CD-ROM

'Religious Clip Art'

Steve Erspamer

ISBN 1-898366-18-7, published as three books by Liturgy Training Publications (Chicago), the same material is available on CD-Rom by Matthew James Publishing, Chelmsford. Nearly 1500 monochrome images refer to biblical texts in the 3-year cycle of the RC Liturgy of Sundays and Feastsdays. The mediaeval/manuscript-type of clip art is most inspirational, offering 'picture-images' that, when used with the appropriate biblical texts (which are listed), cannot but lead to prayer. Extremely useful is the search-facility - e.g. for 'sheep' or 'candle' - readily bringing those images to the screen. The most highly-recommended of all religious clip-art - not only for use in newsletters etc., but as a means in personal prayer.

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CASSETTES

of talks on prayer

Talks on prayer are available from e.g. Dr Sheila Cassidy, Dr Donald English, Fr Gerard Hughes, Cardinal Basil Hume, and Mrs Grace Sheppard. Available from the Centre for Spirituality, Westminster Cathedral, 42 Francis St., London SW1P 1QW (Tel: 0171-798-9055). See the Internet web-site for 'The Centre of Spirituality', via:

<http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/>

CDs/CASSETTES

of music

Some of the CDs/cassettes of Marilla Ness are

'Come Back to Me', ***'He Touched Me'***, and ***'Holy One of Israel'***.

'The Marilla Ness Songbook' (ISBN 0-9523808-0-3), published by 'Merciful Love Music', 1994 (78 pages), includes the words and music from several of her albums.

'I will not forget you' and ***'Abba, Father'*** may be the two most popular CDs/cassettes of Carey Landry singing his own songs.

'Laudate: Music of Taizé' (produced in Dublin) seems to be one of the most popular albums of Taizé music. The St Thomas More Centre in London have produced two cassettes of Taizé music (with solo verses in English): **'Watch and Pray'**, and **'I am With You Always'**. Also with solo verses in English are **'Joy on Earth'** and **'Sing to God'**, recorded in Taizé (Auvidis Distribution, T562 and T556 respectively).

This material is part of the
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of the De La Salle Brothers
in Great Britain :

www.prayingeachday.org