We Pray Living In Gods Presence

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We Pray

Bestselling author Father Lukefahr teaches readers how to love God and others through prayer. He combines personal, heartwarming stories with historical, liturgical, and practical wisdom from the Catholic tradition. He also examines various elements of prayer, as well as attitudes and misconceptions many Catholics have about prayer. (Catholic)

We Pray

Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, CM, teaches us how to pray. His lighthearted approach combines personal, heartwarming stories with historical, liturgical, and practical wisdom from the Catholic tradition. "Father Luke" touches on the following topics:How does God speak to us? How does God teach us to pray(n the biblical tradition)? Types of prayerHow does God listen to us? How do we listen to God? Jesus in our everyday lives. Liturgical prayerThe Bible translated into prayer and life. Difficulties in prayer. Our journey toward God. Each chapter includes questions for discussion and reflection (useful for group participation or personal study) and activities to help readers apply what they learn to everyday living.

The Folly of Prayer

Prayer can feel mysteriously difficult, boringly perfunctory and frustratingly out of our control. Often prayer brings us comfort, but sometimes, especially when there aren t easy resolutions or prayers go unanswered, it intensifies and focuses our sense of longing, pain and care. And often God uses our times of darkness and desperation to awaken our hearts to the ache within us--and the cries of those suffering around us. Prayer is all about coming before God to face life head-on, with all its jagged edges of mystery, joy, longing and agony. In fact, says pastor Matt Woodley, prayer is actually a real encounter with the untamable God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore our experience of it should reflect the power, mystery and even risk of entering into relationship with the Lord of the universe. In this book Woodley strips away all the religious-speak and presuppositions we have about prayer, distilling it to the essence of wholehearted engagement with the living God. Exploring

an earthy, unadorned, jargon-free approach to prayer, Woodley unpacks a host of fresh synonyms for God-encounters, including prayer as desperation, invocation, mystery, astonishment, groaning and even absence. These marginal ways of praying compel us to engage marginal people--the desperate, the groaning, the victimized and the ignored. As we pray God will open our eyes to the pain of the world around us. With stories from his own experience and biblical and historical examples, Woodley gives fresh language to describe a life grounded in prayer that leads to compassion and service.

Experiencing God's Presence

From the award-winning author of When You Don't Know What to Pray comes a bold and life-transforming book that will help readers develop a vibrant relationship with God. Linda Evans Shepherd tells readers that a fulfilling prayer life is more than just regularly talking to God or checking items off a prayer list. God loves us so much that he wants us to draw close enough not only to talk but also to listen. Shepherd shows readers how to develop a dialogue with God, continually seeking him out and seeing him at work in our lives. Steeped in Scripture and personal stories of answered prayer, this book also includes sample prayers and action steps for readers to put into practice immediately.

Life in God's Presence

"Every soul strives for unity with God. Over the centuries, spiritual guides have offered myriad methods for achieving such an intimate relationship. But those sincerely invested in the spiritual life know there is no shortcut to finding God. There is only one true path: through Christ. This slim volume, penned by an anonymous Carthusian monk in the early twentieth century, offers a direct and practical way to advance one; s personal holiness. Set upon a foundation of Christ; s own words in the Gospels, Life in God; s Presence confesses that God offers every soul the means to unity with Him through the virtues of faith, hope, and love. These virtues, coupled with a straightforward, childlike approach to prayer, can lead a soul to recognize God; s presence in every aspect of daily life. By constantly and genuinely offering Him ; all of our time, all of our strength, our whole soul; , eternal life need not wait until after death; it can begin here and now."

Time to Pray

Do you desire Gods presence in your everyday life? With your children in school? In your homes? In your workplaces and travels? In your marriage and your family? With prayer, its possible. Have you lost touch with God? Do you desire Gods presence in your life? With prayer, its possible to communicate with God again. In author Lee Pierces Time to Pray: Live in Abundance Now, you will learn how to improve your conflicts on the job, with your family, and in relationships. This guide to a prayerful life helps you to concentrate more on God. You will find yourself motivated to overcome lifes challenges. Pierce shows that when you release insecurity, fear, and hurt through prayer, you will live in Gods abundance. Time to Pray: Live in Abundance Now provides life resources. It encourages prayer for our nation, our children, our elderly, our parents, our leadership, our communities and neighborhoods, our schools, and our public assemblies. Time to Pray unites change for us individually and collectively for our nation. And it reminds us nothing is too big for God.

Living Every Day in God's Presence

Living in God's presence is the most amazing life you could ask for. In this book, you will see how it's not difficult to live in God's presence every day of your life. When you think about the title of this book you will instantly think I'm talking about all day being in prayer or reading your Bible. Well, I am not! I will share my testimonies in this book and my experiences how even in struggles and trials you can still live in God's presence. Living in God's presence is simply you never allowing your circumstances to overtake you. Hard times are going to come but you will gain keys in this book on how to overcome your challenging times while living in God's presence. This book will not talk about living some religious life such as walking around carrying a Bible in your hand and at the same time hating on others. That is not living in God's presence. So many times, we think to be spiritual is to look and be a certain way. This is untrue; living in God's presence is basically keeping your mind stayed on Him. It's surrounding yourself with people and things that will keep you in a positive mood and mindset. It is quite simple, but religious doctrine has made it so difficult. God never intended for it to be so difficult to live a Christian life or to make it impossible to live in His presence. I pray that in this book you will gain knowledge to live your life to the fullest, but still in the presence of God. I pray this will be a peaceful experience as you indulge in this book. Learn how to just relax and live in God's presence!

Life in the Presence of God

2018 IVP Readers' Choice Award God is everywhere and always with us. So why don't we experience his presence more? Life is full of distractions, and our 24/7 news cycles and social media drown out the voice of God. It's hard to discern God's presence amid the hubbub. But experiencing God is not just for the super-spiritual or ultra-mature. Every Christian can learn to cultivate a greater awareness of God in the everyday. Ken Boa offers a contemporary guide to practicing the presence of God. Using biblical foundations, living and historical examples, and evidence from neuroscience, Ken reveals how we can walk with God and abide in his presence. We need to rethink how we use our time and technology to make room for God, to train ourselves with new habits that deepen our awareness of God. This book offers not a magical technique but dozens of practical exercises and disciplines that help us draw close to God even in the midst of our cacophonous modern culture. Practicing God's presence is not just for the professionals. It's for ordinary people like us. And the more we live in God's presence, the greater our abiding peace and joy.

Conversations with the Most High

Provoking us to intimate, fulfilling conversation, Conversations with the Most High will help prepare the Christian believer's heart to enter the throne room of God. A blessed resource each day, 365 devotions steeped in Scripture engage our focus and prompt us in communication with the God who gives us His attention. Peppered with quotes from notable historical pray-ers and experts on prayer, the short and timely narratives make for excellent discussion starters and listening gauges for conversation with God. Before Christ's sacrifice for our sins, humanity had to rely solely on the high priest to go into the "secret place" known as the Holy of Holies and petition God on our behalf. Jesus Christ's finished work on the Cross changed everything. Now, we, too, can enter the presence of the Most High God if our hearts and minds are prepared for worshipping and engaging in the life-changing conversation that He longs to have with us. Who would forsake such a privilege?

Shaped for Prayer Enjoyment

Can prayer become a favourite enjoyment? Absolutely. God is the guarantor of prayer joy and he invites us to a journey beyond duty and sameness. It means being stretched and changed, but we get to live the prayer enjoyment adventure he designed for us. Prayer is the core and the cutting edge of life in Christ and is much too important to lose through non-enjoyment. The Lord has given us a frame for enjoyable prayer: his constant presence. In that frame we become pray-ers marked by raised heart living and hunger for him. Part I of the book captures the "Wow!" of life in God's company and explains how awareness of his presence can make a difference to prayer life. Part II gives the how-to of breaking new ground in enjoyable prayer. The Lord is the first speaker in the prayer relationship and learning to shape our praying as a response that agrees with him is a mix of desire and discipline. The reader gets to explore that mix by following four pathways for using Scripture to shape prayer. But even shaped praying can become dull and tired, unless we stretch our prayer language to give the heart a bigger expression. The section on visual language explains how. Praying together can be powerful

and enjoyable when done in agreement. The agreement-building keys given will enhance corporate prayer, and can be used in large and small group settings. Growing in prayer enjoyment is not about self-indulgence; it's a journey for God's pleasure. The book climaxes with a call to live missional prayer lives, to be 'pray-ers on the move' who are passionate about voicing responses to the Lord in any place and at any cost, for the joy it brings him.

Praying with Eyes Wide Open

Often we view prayer as an activity reserved for a certain time, in a certain place, offered in a specific way. But Scripture encourages us to pray continually. This exhortation is an opportunity for prayer to permeate every aspect of our lives--when we're alone or in a crowd, when it's quiet and when it's chaotic, when we feel like it and when we don't. Praying with Eyes Wide Open shows us how to make continuous prayer a natural part of our lives rather than something on our daily spiritual checklist. It helps us encounter God in new ways as we learn to - open our eyes to see his presence and the world around us - open our ears to hear his voice - open our hearts to experience freedom and power as we pray - and open our lives as we pray for and with others Anyone desiring a richer, more transformative prayer life will welcome this fresh take on conversing with our Creator.

In God's Presence

"I'm sorry, Mr. Butts, but you have lymphoma and you are already in stage four." Those words would rattle anyone. Those are the words Dave and Kim Butts heard just 10 days into Dave's beginning to write this book on prayer and peace. God literally put Dave into a situation where Dave would have to live out what he was planning to teach others in his book. As believers, we know that we are supposed to walk in Christ's peace day by day. But when the trials, struggles, and stresses of life come upon us, many of us do not appropriate or experience that peace. Instead, we look at our circumstances and worry. In the pages of this 30-day devotional, you will find the shalom—the peace—of Jesus! Each day you will be encouraged by a verse on peace, gently be taught how to live that verse out, and then be guided in praying that peace into your life. This book is for every believer who wants to experience and walk in the peace of Christ, no matter what life throws at him or her.

Prayer, Peace and the Presence of God

When we make our spiritual life, our walk with Christ, and our faith journey our number one priority, all else is secondary to Christs plan for our lives. When we choose to become Christians, our priority is Gods will and our faith. Every little thing in our life is from God and is for a reason. If he brought a situation or person to us, we can trust that there is a purpose. We can seek to find his purpose in all things, in all ways, and in all situations by spending time in prayer. We can invoke his spirit and ask him to guide us, to be with us, and to show us what he wants us to do or to accomplish. We simply need to pray, trust him, listen to him, and be willing to do whatever he asks us to do according to his will and purpose. Sometimes we dont know how to pray, what to do, or we simply just do not know what to say to him. The first thing to do is to place ourselves in the ever-loving presence of our Heavenly Father, our Lord and Savior, and then open our hearts to feel his loving presence upon us, around us, and within us, and really soak in his healing power, his love, his light, his grace, his mercy, and his forgiveness. Then, we just start talking to him. Ask him to fill us with his love, peace, hope, and joy. Ask him to give us courage, strength, and perseverance. Ask him for healing, mercy, grace, and forgiveness. There are no magical, godly, or celestial words that God needs to hear to answer prayers. These prayers are intended to help lead us into a conversation with God and to give us the words when we dont know what to pray.

Prayers

The Practice of the Presence of God is a wonderful text, compiled by Father Joseph de Beaufort, of the teachings of Brother Lawrence (born Nicholas Herman), a Carmelite Monk. The beautiful compilation includes letters, as well as records of his conversations kept by Brother Lawrence's interlocutors.

The Practice of the Presence of God

The Bible commands the believer to pray without ceasing. But how can we do that when our day is filled with responsibilities, activities that demand full attention, and interrelationships that fill our schedules? Learning what it means to live in the reality of God's presence is the answer to the dilemma. This little

book on prayer will challenge your prayer life. If you, like many other believers, feel that your prayers are less than effective, this book can be a source of great help!

Living in the Reality of God's Presence

The human heart cries out for many reasons. But the deepest cry is one of yearning to be filled with God's presence and power. Whether we're praying "help me to forgive" or "show me Your will," our hearts long to connect with God. Jennifer Kennedy Dean will help you learn how to listen for God's answer to your heart's cry. In this book, she shares principles of heart-changing prayer. These principles are not easy steps to making God do what you want, but rather they enable you to live fully in God's power, giving Him your heart to change as He sees fit. The book is made up of 12 chapters, each including discussion questions and a meditation and reflection guide. A leader's guide is also included in the back to make the book useful for group study.

Heart's Cry, Revised Edition

"We all know how easy it is to lose concentration and let our attention wander. It happens so easily, and far too frequently, this problem of inattentiveness. This also happens in the spiritual life. God speaks to us but we fail to recognise his voice, our minds are elsewhere, we are not attuned to his whisper. He wants to lead us and guide us, but we miss his gentle promptings. He is present all around us, yet we don't register his nearness. This robs us of a greater depth in our relationship with him. The purpose of this book is to help you become more consistently aware of God; to train your ear to hear his voice, and your eye to see what he is doing; to grow and improve so you can serve God more effectively." – Tony Horsfall, in his Introduction

Attentive to God

Sometimes our prayers flow easily, and we talk to God just as naturally as we would to a dear friend. But sometimes we can't find words to express our thoughts, no matter how hard we try. What can you do when you can't pray, or when you need a prayer for a specific occasion but don't know where to begin? You can turn to the prayers of other Christians to carry you into God's presence. Prayers for Life's Ordinary and Extraordinary Moments is a unique collection of prayers that give you words to pray in those times when you can't find words of your own. The honest, heartfelt prayers, written by staff members of The Upper Room and the General Board of Discipleship, address such categories as: For the People We Love Birthdays and Milestones The Cry for Justice Loss and Grief In Uncertain Times Asking for Healing Facing Our Own and Others' Imperfections Spiritual Searching Gratitude for Ordinary Miracles "Being able to pray is a privilege and a gift," Mary Lou Redding writes. "This collection is a gift to us for the times we need someone to help us say what we want to say to God." Through this book, you will learn how to touch the heart of God when you can't articulate your own prayers.

Prayers for Life's Ordinary and Extraordinary Moments

The Scriptures tell us that when we pray the will of God, he delights to answer our prayers. But what is God's will in any given situation? How can we know it? And if we don't know it, how can we pray it? Linda Evans Shepherd shows readers that God's will is not a mystery--it's clearly laid out in his Word through his many promises. Through stories, practical application, examples of prayers, and guided reflection, Shepherd leads readers toward a more powerful prayer life. Arranged by topic for ease of use, this book shows how to pray God's promises - of his presence - of love - of peace - of joy - of hope - for provision - for health - for breakthroughs - for our relationships - over children and loved ones Shepherd includes a chapter on God's powerful answers to prayer that will inspire readers to search the Scriptures, pray God's will, and wait expectantly for his promised answers.

Praying God's Promises

Linda Evans Shepherd shows how God's answers to prayer may not come packaged in the ways we would expect, but they do come in ways that will transform our lives. This book will be a comfort to those who struggle with faith yet still dare to believe that God cares. Through solid biblical teaching and true stories of answered prayer, Shepherd walks with readers on a journey to renewed hope.

Praying through Hard Times

While there are a variety of coping techniques when it comes to stress--sleep more, eat better, avoid this, seek that out--the true remedy is prayer. In this inspiring book, Linda Evans Shepherd shows readers how to recognize God's continual presence and yield their troubles to the Prince of Peace. Through captivating stories, explorations of fascinating biblical characters, and examples of deeper-than-ever prayers, she brings within readers' grasp the peace that passes understanding. Anyone who is overwhelmed by all of the urgent demands on their time will find in this book a lifeline to true peace.

How to Pray in Times of Stress

ECPA BESTSELLER • CHRISTIAN BOOK AWARD FINALIST • The beloved Bible teacher and daughter of Billy Graham shares a rich treasury of her personal prayers to guide you into deeper, more intimate daily conversations with God. Why is it that as soon as we bow our heads to pray, we start thinking of other things we need to do? How do we make time to pray in the middle of our busy lives? And how do we know what to say and how to say it? Like many of us, Anne Graham Lotz has struggled with prayer. Over the years, she discovered that writing out her prayers draws her into deeper, more intimate conversations with God. The Light of His Presence offers forty of these tender, honest prayers for real-life situations as an invitation to deepen your own prayer life through worship, confession, thanksgiving, and intercession. You'll be encouraged to lean more fully into God's promises through this power-packed devotional resource, which includes inspiring quotes from Christians throughout the ages and also has space to journal your own words to God. As Anne writes, "My prayer for you . . . is that God will use my struggle with prayer to help you overcome yours. And that, as a result, you will be drawn nearer to the heart of God."

The Light of His Presence

In The Master Is Calling, author Lynn Hammond offers a powerful biblical perspective on prayer that takes you to the heart of meaningful, effective, and joyful communion with God. She presents a victorious approach to worship, intercession, petition, and spiritual warfare that will revitalize your Christian life. In this revealing book, you will discover the secrets to... Developing a deeper prayer life Relying on the Holy Spirit's guidance Dispelling your anxieties about prayer Discerning your most crucial prayer needs Compiling prayer victories rather than prayer lists Interceding effectively for family and friends Enriching your life through prayer Ministering the gifts of the Spirit Reaching the heart of God You can have the desires of your heart and play an outstanding role in fulfilling God's will on the earth. As you understand these biblical principles, you will experience the joy of true fellowship with the Lord and be tremendously effective in prayer through His grace and power!

The Master Is Calling

Come boldly into the secret place of prayer, and discover new depths of relationship with God. Profound practical keys that will carry you into your loving Father's presence! Do you long for a deeper, more satisfying personal prayer life? Is your heart hungry for more of God's presence? If your answer to these questions is a resounding, "yes\

Discovering and Developing a Secret Life of Prayer

Our prayers should go as deep as our souls. Spiritual disciplines are simply ways to open ourselves to God. They help us become aware of the many ways God speaks to us and provide us with ways to respond to God. This book explores and explains how the historical disciplines and perspectives of the Christian faith can deepen both our walk with God and our community with others In today's society we ore often handicapped in our spiritual growth by too narrow a horizon when it comes to spiritual practices. Each generation suffers a kind of collective amnesia, forgetting the practices and perspectives that nourished countless followers of Christ in centuries past. Rediscovering these skills is one way to respond to our culture's--and our own--deep spiritual hunger. While it is seemingly preposterous for us to suppose we can interact with the God of this universe, Scripture repeatedly invites us to do that very thing. Prayer is not a minor idea tucked into the cracks of the text; it is central, normative, and expected. Why is it, then, that our prayers are so often dry and difficult? In Meditative Prayer, you'll discover those ways of prayer that make use of your mind and imagination, that address your needs as well as strengthen your spirit. By drawing from a number of different sources--from Scripture, from wise men and women who have gone before, and from one another--this study guide will enable your soul to drink deeply from the inexhaustible well of prayer. Though you can use this guide

for a personal journey of prayer, it is ideally suited for exploration with a small group of like-minded friends.

Meditative Prayer

For Christians, prayer is the main way we communicate with God - but what can we do when we struggle with the question of how to pray or feel our prayer lives are lacking? Seven Ways to Pray explores how by looking to ancient prayer practices of Christianity, we can find fresh ways to relate to God today. Discovering these tried and tested tools will not only strengthen our relationship with him but will bring us joy, contentment, growth and transformation. With warmth and encouragement, Amy Boucher Pye takes us through seven ways to pray to God: praying with the Bible, receiving and extending forgiveness, practicing God's presence, listening prayer, the prayer of lament, praying with the gospels imaginatively and the prayer of examen. Guiding us through their history, she shows us how easily we can make these prayer practices part of our lives and use them to grow closer to God. Along with prayer exercises to help us engage directly with God, there are questions for individual reflection or small-group discussion, making Seven Ways to Pray perfect to use as a family, in churches or with friends. This is a book for anyone who has ever wondered how to pray or is looking for ways to revitalise their prayer lives. It will give you an understanding of some of the oldest prayer practices of Christianity, and equip you with the tools you need to renew and refresh your relationship with God. Come along, and discover Seven Ways to Pray.

7 Ways to Pray

Let Rivers of Living Water Flow Through You! Do you wish your Christianity had a little more power in it? Jesus told His followers, "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). These rivers come from the presence of the Holy Spirit. When you consistently experience an intimate relationship with God, He moves with awesome power, flowing through you into the lives of those around you. God wants you to experience Him in this way! If you spend the next twenty-one days reading this book and joining in interactive prayers, then genuine rivers of the Spirit will burst through your life. If you are willing, God Himself will shower you with His presence. You will learn how to pray to a heavenly Father who hears and answers you. You will experience moments with Him that will transform you from the inside out and take you to the next level in your Christian walk. Jim Maxim's 21 Days of Deeper Prayer will truly help you Discover an Extraordinary Life in God.

21 Days of Deeper Prayer

The Holy Spirit dwells in author Mikinson Henry and inspires him to write prayers. God uses him as an instrument to share and spread his prayers and his messages. In Life of Prayer, Henry shares a collection of these prayers that cover a wide array of purposes and life situations. Life of Prayer is about praying, meditating, devoting, and spending time with God in order to find peace, love, strength, and protection. It also helps you find safety in God, the Lord. All you need to do is spend time with the Lord and you will see God's grace, goodness, and love flowing through you. This compilation also strengthens your relationship with God and lets you carry the image of him wherever you go. As long as your heart is willing, God will fulfill you with abundant joys.

Life of Prayer

Many people believe in God and believe that God is everywhere, but they have yet to experience his presence. What did it mean for Moses to encounter God at the burning bush? How did it change his life and his perception of God? What is keeping you from experiencing his presence in your life? It was in that burning bush experience that Moses began to understand and appreciate the sacredness of worship. Through this book, Tozer teaches how proper worship has to be equal to the one we are worshiping, so if we are worshiping God, we must do it on his terms. This means having a spirit of reverence and holiness--like Moses taking off his shoes and kneeling before him. The bush's fire did not frighten Moses, but rather it poured the essence of sacredness into his life, giving him an experience he had never had before. Let this book teach you how, like Moses, to kneel and worship before God's holy fire.

The Fire of God's Presence

A Mother's life is often encumbered with numerous daily activities besides the responsibility of caring for and raising her children to be responsible adults and fulfilling her own God given assignments. It is a great asset to any mother when she resigns to the fact that she cannot navigate life's journey all by herself. This place of humble strength enables her to embrace the better and sure way to live victoriously and fulfil her destiny and assignment with no regrets; That is, living from the presence of God; ABIDING in the Secret Place of the Most High. Your proximity to God opens up the treasures of wisdom, insight, and the wealth of glory that offers you the needed strengths and strategies that will help you successfully navigate the pilgrim of life right before the loving presence of God. Abiding in the Secret Place unveils and divulges the benefits and blessings of making the secret place your dwelling and how to maintain it as a daily lifestyle. In this book, I unearth how we, as Christian mothers can continually Dwell in God's presence and experience the unending joy, peace and fulfilment that God intends for us. It will take you on a journey from outside and INTO the Secret Place of the Most High. You will experience joy as you encounter the loving touch of His grace. This is certainly for you if you are craving for more and more of Him but don't know how to get there.

Abiding in the Secret Place

Many Christians today struggle with having a consistent or life-giving quiet time. They are looking for a form of prayer that doesn't make them feel like they're begging God or being judged by him. The Soul at Rest is a quiet time companion that introduces "inward disciplines" from throughout Christian history to those who hunger for greater intimacy with God. The Soul at Rest is a 40-day guided experience of prayer that puts readers in the presence of God and allows them to enter and enjoy his rest. It guides readers into a rhythm of quiet, contemplative prayer, easing them into God's presence and demonstrating how prayer is not so much a duty as it is a gift. By the time someone finishes The Soul at Rest, they'll not only understand prayer better; they'll be engaging in it as a regular rhythm of life.

The Soul at Rest

Life will happen to every one of us, there will come hardship, trials and tests. There is that particular test that will wear you down to the point of giving up, and you regret the day you were born, a day much like Job had, or even like that of Elijah. It does not matter who you are, what office you hold, how powerful and strong you may be, or even which denomination or religion you belong to. We all will come to the place where we need to be encouraged; where we wish somebody would pour some courage in; or come along side and walk us through the darkness and the uncertainties. This devotional is design to do just that; put courage into you and to walk you through your season of tests. It is structured to encourage, strengthen, and revive you, that you will come through your particular difficulty without set —back or loss, you will come out on top, and all the better for what you have gone through.

Daily Living God's Presence Devotional

Where is God when life is filled with so much suffering? How can I be sure of God's presence and affection, even in my pain? Can you believe in God and still wrestle with questions and doubt? These are the questions honestly explored in Relentless. Whether in struggle, illness, death, or failure, the presence of pain causes us to question the presence of God. We pray and watch the sky, crossing our spiritual fingers for hardcore proof of God's nearness. And in the silence, we sense something more sinister: perceived abandonment. But what if we could collect evidence that God hasn't left us? What if we could be absolutely certain of God's presence and affection, strengthening our faith against any assault? Woven throughout Scripture sits a single, extraordinary theme: God is with us. Ours is a God who speaks through burning bushes and leads through pillars of fire, who responds to a broken world by giving himself. Like the Old Testament story of Joshua's altar of twelve stones, Relentless delivers twelve key biblical stories that demonstrate God's unfailing presence. Each chapter offers an invitation to identify a "stone" in your own life as tangible evidence of God's nearness. With the turn of the last page, you will have discovered twelve markers of your own, an altar of memory to carry you through guestions and losses, even ones yet to come. For the truth-seekers, those drowning in impossible questions, and those who find themselves swallowed up by the dark, Relentless is an invitation to search for divine presence in our everyday stories. With Michele Cushatt's engaging narrative style, this transformational journey reassures us that God, indeed, is with us.

Relentless

If ever we hope to rise above self-centeredness, self-consciousness and self-pity, and move toward greater love of God, neighbor and a proper love of self, we must be assisted by the grace and mercy of our Creator. We are both invited and encouraged to advance our cause through more consistent consciousness of God's presence and prayer that never ceases. This is the essence of LORD HAVE MERCY, an assortment of ideas, observations, prayers, perhaps even an aphorism here or there related to loving and serving one another, seeking God's aid in taming our demons, and reducing our egocentricity via greater awareness and unceasing prayer. These varied commentaries and other pieces were recorded by D. H. "Duey" Renner, a "gradually advancing deliberate Christian," who lives with his wife Carole in Indian Harbour Beach, Florida.

Lord Have Mercy - Thoughts about Practicing God's Presence and Prayer without Ceasing

Although it is never made explicit in the text, when we read the Gospels as story, we can picture a Jesus who, for most of the time, walked through life in unhurried peace and calmness. So unrushed was he that two people in need of his healing died because he would not allow himself to be dictated to by circumstances. God received greater glory through Jesus, later raising both Lazarus and Jairus's daughter from the dead. But in a busy world full of need, poverty, and sickness, Jesus walked through first-century Israel with apparent ease. He desires us to live in the same way. But how do we do that in a demanding and stressful, modern world? How did Jesus manage it? Much of the answer lies in Jesus's personal prayer life and his relationship to the Father. In these pages, join the author in his long quest to follow Jesus into that most intimate of relationships to experience something of the "unforced rhythms of grace" (Matt 11:28-30, MSG) and the deep love of the Father.

The Silent Jesus

What's Keeping Your Prayers from Being Effective? Learning how to pray is one of the greatest challenges in a Christian's life. A.W. Tozer pointed out that the Church's greatest curse is unanswered prayer, and that many people do not seem bothered by that. Maybe they don't understand what answered prayer is all about. Tozer outlines this as only he can, describing the kind of prayer God answers and the kind of prayer that leaves Him silent. Ultimately, you have to ask yourself: are my prayers today more powerful and effective than they were a year ago? Our good Father wants them to be! The book opens with Jacob's Ladder and its theme of ascending into God's very presence. What better place to begin dialoging with God? Only He can teach us what is on His heart, what His will is, and what our part in it could be.

Going Higher with God in Prayer

CS Heinz used to really struggle with prayer. His lackluster and inconsistent prayer life made him feel bored and guilty. But then he discovered the key to the prayer life he always wanted--a prayer life that is enjoyable, effective, and enduring. He discovered his best prayer types. Through this book and online prayer assessment, Heinz helps you identify your best prayer types so you can have a better time with God. Find your voice. You were made to pray! This book could radically change how you see God, your life, and your ministry. I believe Made to Pray will quickly find itself on your "best prayer books" list. --Dr. Doug Shaw, President/CEO of International Students, Inc. CS Heinz has a true passion for prayer. I've watched him energize audiences with his provoking thoughts. You'll be energized, too, if you embrace his teaching. --Dannah Gresh, Best-selling Author, And The Bride Wore White

Made to Pray

Our Dear God is an amazing listener, caring Father, and understanding Lord. All we need to do is ASK in faith in the name of Jesus Christ and it shall be done. There are many ways in which we can communicate with our Father in Heaven. But the best way of all is through Prayers. Prayers are good, for the heart and the body. But powerful prayers are the blood that flows through the heart and runs in our body's veins as we live. One needs prayers that are powerful enough to help us connect with God in order to live a happy life in this world full of challenges. Praying is a direct two ways-communication with the Father, our Creator. Our Caring Father is always listening to us when we pray in faith to Him, opening our hearts up and speaking frankly to Him as would do a child when talking to his earthly father. Understanding the need to properly communicate with our Maker in a way that makes sense and which is direct for clarity and a fruitful communication, I have put together in this book some information, skills of doing, and guidance from experience that will help the reader understand how to powerfully pray so as to fully live God's presence and intervention in daily life.

Daily Prayers of Power

Fresh prayer ideas for 21 aspects of city life, all drawn from Scripture Our cities are full of people, full of needs, and bursting with opportunity. The United Nations estimates that 60% of the world's population will live in cities by 2030. Urban churches have the world on our doorstep. But if we want to see God work in our cities and through our churches, we need to pray. That's where this little book is designed to help. It will enlarge your vision and equip you to pray passionately and powerfully for the salvation and renewal of your city. Each chapter takes a passage of Scripture and suggests 5 things to pray for an area of city life. Because when we pray in line with God's priorities as found in his word, our prayers are powerful and effective (James 5 v 16)-and that's a truly thrilling prospect. This book has been developed in partnership with London City Mission and Redeemer City to City, and is flexible enough to be used whatever your urban context. Use this book to: * Guide your prayers during your personal quiet times * Equip church members to pray meaningfully for your city * Help you prepare expressive public intercessions for church * Fuel your church prayer meeting * Initiate and take part in a city-wide prayer movement

5 Things to Pray for Your City

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