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Season of Beauty

A Lent and Easter Treasury of Readings, Poems, and Prayers

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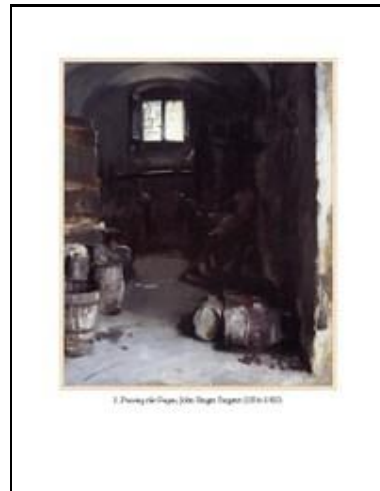
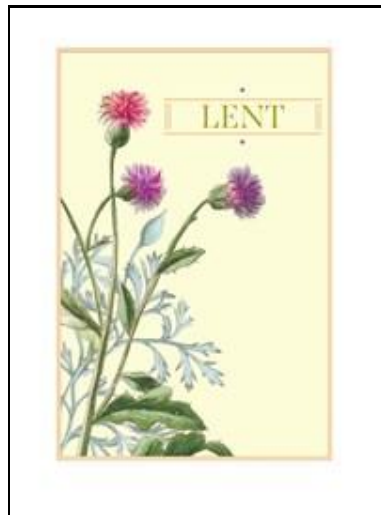
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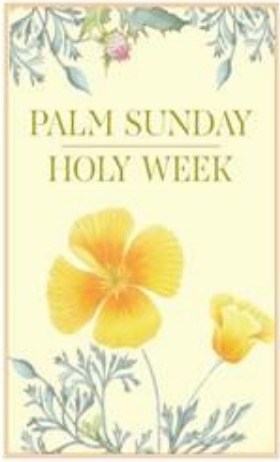
Experience the deep solemnity and joy of the sacred seasons of Lent and Easter

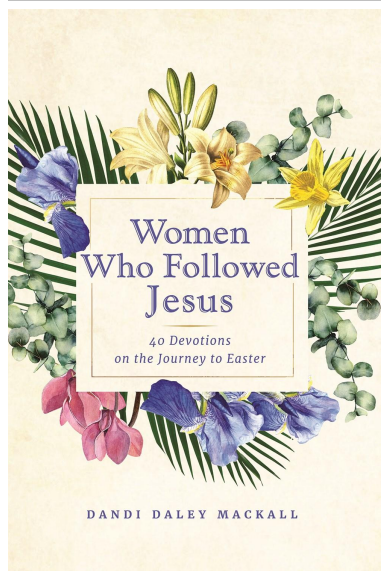
Each year Christians across the globe observe Lent and Easter, the holiest seasons of the church year. In this collection, the editors of Paraclete Press have gathered Scriptures and beloved writings by authors, poets, and saints, combined with reproductions of great works of Christian art. From the ancient words of the Bible, to works of Dostoyevsky, Louisa May Alcott, Henry Van Dyke, Oscar Wilde, Kierkegaard, and Gerard Manley Hopkins, to contemporary voices such as SAID, Scott Cairns, and Nikki Grimes, it is our prayer that these words and images will capture your heart, mind, and spirit, and help you to contemplate the love of Christ during these holy days of mystery and miracles.

"A gorgeously designed hardback with full-color glossy pages, this volume is indeed full of literary treasures for the spring seasons of the church year. Interspersed with the classic writings are color prints of artworks that are pertinent to this season." – **C. Christopher Smith** is the founding editor of *The Englewood Review of Books*.

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Women Who Followed Jesus

40 Devotions on the Journey to Easter

Dandi Daley Mackall

Summary

"Powerful daily encouragement that will enhance your walk with God." —**Jerry B. Jenkins**, writer of the *Left Behind* series and *The Chosen* novels

Look with fresh eyes toward the Bible stories you have heard all your life. Contemplate, ponder, and glory at Jesus' final days on earth, his heart-wrenching death, and marvelous resurrection alongside relatable women, chosen by God to play extraordinary roles through Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and beyond!

Women Who Followed Jesus honors ordinary women who were integral to declaring Christ as Messiah, serving as early church believers, and announcing Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. From Lent to Easter to Pentecost and beyond, these forty fresh and thought-provoking Bible-based devotions draw readers closer to the risen Savior while reminding individuals that God has a purpose for each of our lives. The struggles and joys of these women connect with everyday readers on topics such as patience, hope, faith, trust, persistence, sacrifice, grace, and love, addressing women's needs that cross generations and centuries.

The story of Jesus unfolds through the voices of Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, Salome, Mary and Martha of Bethany, the Samaritan woman at the well, and others, in forty devotions:

- Each reading begins with a passage of Scripture.
- Grounded in the biblical account, readers are challenged to imagine each woman's journey toward living with a risen Jesus.
- Poignant questions invite daily meditation and personal reflection at the end of each day's reading.

This biblical and research-based journey of the miraculous life, death, and resurrection of Jesus encourages readers to worship, grow, and submit to God's plans, offering hope to women no matter what stage of life they're in. The involvement of women in the work of Christ should be as commonly known as the story of his twelve disciples. *Women Who Followed Jesus* recognizes and honors the ordinary women God chose for his extraordinary purpose. Each of the daily entries offers greater appreciation of these important female voices.

This spring, contemplate, ponder, and learn by using this as your Bible study and listen as women of the Bible glorify God's Divine Son, Jesus the Risen King.

Learn more about *Women Who Followed Jesus* and find free resources at womenwhofollowedjesusbook.com

Contributor Bio

Dandi Daley Mackall is the award-winning author of over 450 books for children and adults. She visits countless schools, conducts writing assemblies and workshops across the United States, and presents keynote addresses at conferences and young author events. She is also a frequent guest on radio talk shows and pod casts, and has made dozens of appearances on TV. She has won several awards for her writing, including the Helen Keating Ott Award for Contributions to Children's Literature, the Edgar Award, and a two-time Mom's Choice Award winner. Dandi writes from rural Ohio, where she lives with her husband, Joe, their three children, and their horses, dogs, and cats.

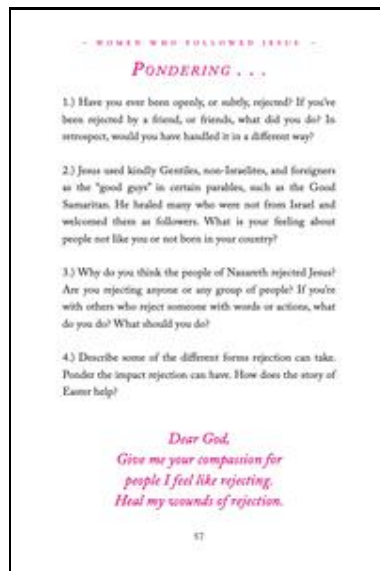
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"Another winner from Dandi Mackall who once again applies her lifetime of scholarship to craft a wholly accessible devotional. Using plausible imagining related to an octet of first century women, much like *The Chosen* TV series does, she offers powerful daily encouragement that will enhance your walk with God." —**Jerry B. Jenkins**, writer of the *Left Behind* series and *The Chosen* novels

"With her engaging storytelling, Dandi Daley Mackall beckons readers to step into the lives of women in Scripture who experienced personal moments with Jesus and left forever changed. Every chapter welcomes readers into God's presence to prayerfully ponder heart-sifting reflection questions and spirit-nourishing Bible verses. Through this unique journey to Easter, we can invite the Holy Spirit to do the beautiful work of illuminating Scripture and empowering us to embrace the abundant life of holiness and purpose available for all women who follow Jesus." —**Xochitl Dixon**, contributing writer for *Our Daily Bread* and *God Hears Her*, author of *What Color is God's Love?*, *Different Like Me*, and *Waiting for God: Trusting Daily in God's Plan and Pace*

"In this beautiful 40-day devotional, Mackall brings us close to the cross, revealing Jesus through the eyes of women who followed Him during His earthly ministry. Each day's reading is moving and meaningful. Highly recommended." —**Robin Lee Hatcher**, Christy Award-winning author of the *Legacy of Faith* series

Illustrations



Mary, Mother of Jesus Home

Word from Herod's palace has reached us that Elizabeth's son, John, is dead, beheaded by Herod at the whim of his wife. I have continued to grieve the passing of dear Elizabeth, and now for her son. Jesus believed no better man lived upon the earth. Now my son works even harder to carry the message of repentance and salvation to every village.

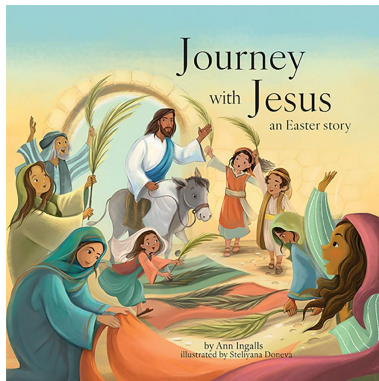
This day we shall reach Nazareth, my soul rejoices. I wake Magdalene and Salome when stars still poke through the sky. While Salome builds a fire from the night's smoldering logs, I empty the last of the lentils into a pan. "Magdalene, I would like you to sing, please." Though she knows my purpose, she begins with the eagerness of a child.

Early on the third day as we near the familiar hills of the south, Magdalene roots up and places a fat cucumber slice between my teeth. Its coolness soothes my dry lips and slakes my thirst. "Mary, you must be pleased to return home, yes?"

It is a deep longing. "I shall cook until even both Bartholomew and Philip are filled. Nazareth is a small village with just one synagogue, so you will be welcomed by the entire community."

Nathanael rushes past, snatching a cucumber slice from Magdalene's bowl. "Can any good thing come out of





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Journey With Jesus

an Easter Story

Ann Ingalls, Steliyana Doneva

Summary

Walk with Jesus through the special days of Holy Week — from the joy of Palm Sunday to the love and mystery of the Last Supper, from the sorrow of the Garden of Gethsemane to the triumph of the empty Garden Tomb, young readers are invited to journey with Jesus all the way to Easter, and experience His great love for each one of us.

This unique and unforgettable picture book uses rhyming text and colorful illustrations to tell children the story of Holy Week. From Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to His last Passover Feast with His disciples, washing their feet and praying in the Garden of Gethsemane to Judas' betrayal, the trial in front of Pontius Pilate and Jesus' crucifixion, then celebrating Jesus' resurrection and victory over death, *Journey with Jesus* recounts the entire week in age-appropriate language children will understand and remember. Through the captivating illustrations and powerful words based on Scripture, the Easter story is captivating for early readers as told by "Teacher's Pick" author Ann Ingalls.

Young readers will be intrigued by the colorful artwork that depicts events leading up to resurrection Sunday and the promise of eternal life found that can only be found in God's beloved and only son, Jesus.

A sturdy, 8 inch by 8 inch hardcover, this unique holiday book is perfect for:

- Children ages 4-8
- Sharing the true story of Easter in memorable rhyming text
- Easter gifts, including basket stuffers and church ministry outreach

Inspiring discussion and dialogue with parents, grandparents, friends, and teachers

Learn more about *Journey with Jesus: an Easter Story* and find free resources at journeywithjesusbook.com.

Contributor Bio

Ann Ingalls passes the day exaggerating (writing fiction) or telling the truth (writing nonfiction). She has written over sixty books for young readers. *PENCIL: A STORY WITH A POINT!* made the Banks Street Best Books list of 2020. *J IS FOR JAZZ* won the 2015 Annual American Graphic Design Award and the Ella Fitzgerald Foundation's "A Book Just for Me!" *LITTLE PIANO GIRL* also won the Ella Fitzgerald Foundation's "A Book Just for Me!" She has received a handful of awards from the Highlights Foundation for poetry and short stories.

When given the choice between educating children or entertaining them with her writing, she chooses to do both. Ann lives in Kansas City with her husband, Winston. Please visit her at anningalls.com.

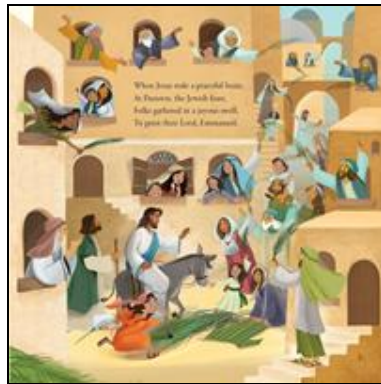
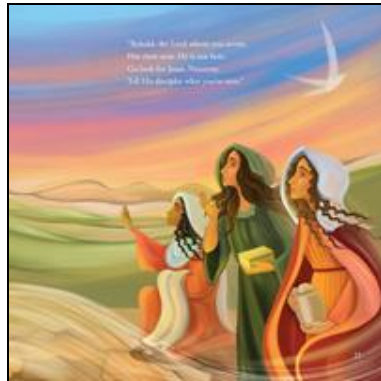
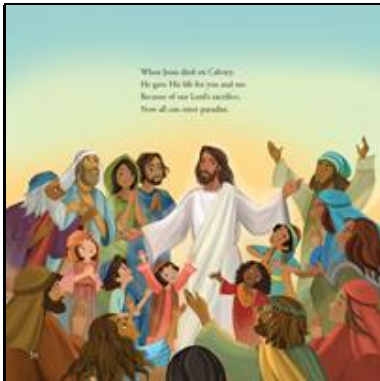
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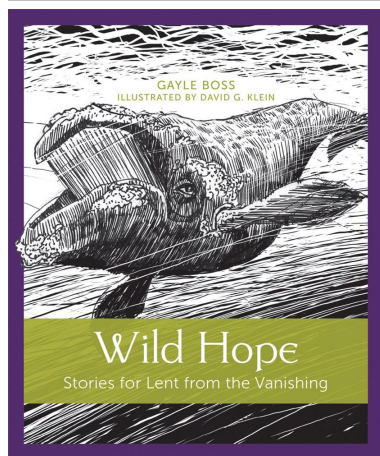
"Ann Ingalls has created a guide for even the youngest believers to walk with Jesus through his Passion and Resurrection, and to experience his great love for each one of us. I highly recommend *Journey with Jesus* to every family and Christian classroom seeking to provide their children with a meaningful Lent and Easter!" — **Father Charles N. Rowe**, Vicar General-Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph

"*Journey with Jesus* is a beautifully illustrated book for our youngest students. Once published, I will be sharing it with my preschool through second graders. The rhyming creates a flow to the book that is perfect for this age range and helps when broaching the sensitive topic of Jesus's crucifixion before the joyful news of His resurrection and the lasting impact on us. This story is so important—I guarantee that I won't be able to keep it on my shelves during the Lenten season." —**Amy Lutter**, Library Media Specialist

"From Jesus' triumphal entry on a donkey to His resurrection three days after giving His life on the cross, *Journey with Jesus* takes children through the entire Easter story in rhythmic, rhyming verse. Ann Ingalls captivates the reader's attention – children's and adults' – and tells the rich story of salvation. Beautiful illustrations accompany the words on each page. A must-have for the Easter season and should be read year-round." —**Julie Lavender**, author of *Children's Bible Stories for Bedtime*

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Wild Hope

Stories for Lent from the Vanishing

Gayle Boss, David G. Klein

Summary

From the bestselling author of All Creation Waits — a beautiful book for Lent.

Pangolins and polar bears, olms, lemurs, and leopards. We share this planet with creatures magnificent, delicate, intricate—and now vanishing at a faster rate than at any other time in Earth's history. Spend Lent with twenty-five of these endangered animals. Vivid descriptions of the miracle of each creature and the peril it faces will fill readers with wonder and grief at what these animals suffer on a planet shaped by human choices. Their true and difficult stories will wake readers to a greater compassion—which is what Lent, meaning "springtime," has always been for. These stories also wake in us a wild hope that from all this death and ruin something new could rise. The promise of Lent is that something new will rise. In fact, as these stories attest, our hope, though wild, is not impossible and is already loose in the world.

"*Wild Hope* is the only book whose table of contents alone gave me chills. Here's the deal: the living world, life on planet Earth, is *sacred*. Author Gayle Boss yearns to show us that we live in a miracle. And she succeeds in showing us that we are not alone on this holy planet. This is a beautifully elegant, deeply excellent book, pursued by grace on every page, in every stunning illustration." —**Carl Safina**, ecologist, NYT bestselling author of *Beyond Words* and *Becoming Wild*; MacArthur Fellow and founder of The Safina Center

Contributor Bio

Gayle Boss writes in Michigan, where she was born and raised. Her life-long love of animals and her immersion in spiritual texts and practices have melded in poems and essays that explore how relationships with animals specifically, and an attentive presence in the natural world generally, restore us to our deepest selves. The mother of two grown sons, she lives in Grand Rapids with her husband.

David G. Klein is an award-winning graphic artist with illustrations for the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, Random House, Tor Books, DC Comics, and Marvel. He is a graphic novelist, printmaker, engraving artist, and co-founder of Brooklyn-based Point Made Animation.

Quotes

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"Gayle Boss writes vividly of wild, imperiled creatures as expressions of God's own self—and of God's own suffering. What better subject for Lent? Here's a compelling, relevant way to wake out of our small, ego-centered lives into a deeper compassion and to meet there the One who transforms suffering into something unimaginably new. That's the wild hope of *all* creatures!"

—**Richard Rohr, OFM**, founder, The Center for Action and Contemplation; author of many books, including *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe*

"This is an overpoweringly beautiful little book, a labor of love that will yield much reflection and I hope much commitment to the work of safeguarding what's left of God's creation."

—**Bill McKibben**, winner of the Gandhi Prize, the Thomas Merton Prize, and the Right Livelihood Prize; author of more than a dozen books, including *The Comforting Whirlwind: God, Job, and the Scale of Creation*

"*Wild Hope: Stories for Lent from the Vanishing* is a restorative and subversive little book. Gayle Boss subtly guides the reader to reflection through the natural histories of imperiled wild species from around the world. Each account is precise and scientifically rich, but the writing captures you with its creativity, generosity, and loveliness. There is great pain in contemplating our intertwined ecological crises and our culpability for them. This is a field guide for navigating that pain with gracefulness and humility, and for seeking hope among the ruins."

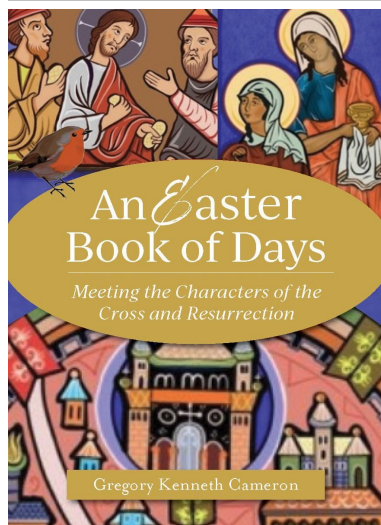
—**Timothy R. Van Deelen**, Beers-Bascom Professor in Conservation, Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology, University of Wisconsin - Madison

"At first I wondered how a connection could be made between the Christian season of Lent and the human ravaging of Earth's creatures in the wild. But Gayle Boss's detailed, vivid accounts of an ark-full of wild lives in danger, as our climate changes, convinced and challenged me. In the stories, and with powerful woodcut images, the beauty of living wild beings is revealed to readers as designed and beloved of the Creator."

—**Luci Shaw**, author, *The Thumbprint in the Clay* and *Eye of the Beholder*, Writer in Residence, Regent College

"This book is full of power and poignancy, love and lament. In a world where climate crisis and mass extinction are current, sobering realities, Gayle Boss invites her readers to groan together with all creation in grief at the profound loss of species. Lament is a cry of truth-telling, and in her portraits of these exquisite creatures we hear the necessary and devastating truth of what we are losing. Lament is also a doorway to new life, to the resurrection that Lent promises. In this act of witnessing and cherishing we may be led to possibilities we hadn't even considered before."

—**Christine Valters Paintner**, PhD, REACE, founder, Abbey of the Arts; author of *Dreaming of Stones: Poems* and *The Soul's Slow Ripening: 12 Celtic Practices for Seeking the Sacred*



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An Easter Book of Days

Meeting the Characters of the Cross and Resurrection

Gregory Kenneth Cameron

Summary

A Lenten reader to awaken your spirit, and help you encounter anew the richly woven fabric of the story of Jesus's Passion. Twenty-five profound meditations accompanied by beautiful illustrations—like a medieval book of hours—draw you into the drama, divine grace, and power of the story of the Cross and Resurrection. Gregory Kenneth Cameron, the Anglican Bishop of St. Asaph in Wales, takes us to the heart of each character and location, transforming the familiar names and places with a new depth of insight and inspiration.

As Gregory Kenneth Cameron opens up each character and mystery of Lent and Easter, he invites you to:

- Partake in twenty-five meditations in words and images
- Step into the tradition of *visio divina* inspired by the medieval tradition of the illuminated book of hours
- Learn from the scriptures, history, tradition, and faith about the character and place of the day
- Meet characters familiar and unfamiliar including Thomas, Lazarus, Martha & Mary, the foal who carried Jesus, Judas Iscariot, Annas & Caiaphas, Pontius Pilate, Claudia Procula, Barabbas, Simon of Cyrene, Veronica, Gestas & Dismas, Mary the Mother of the Lord, Longinus, Joseph of Arimathea, Mary Magdalen, John, Peter, and Jesus
- Visit the Cross of Jesus, Jerusalem, The Temple of Solomon, The Empty Tomb, and Emmaus
- Enter into a deeper personal relationship with the characters of the Passion, and be transformed as the earliest disciples were by Jesus's death and resurrection

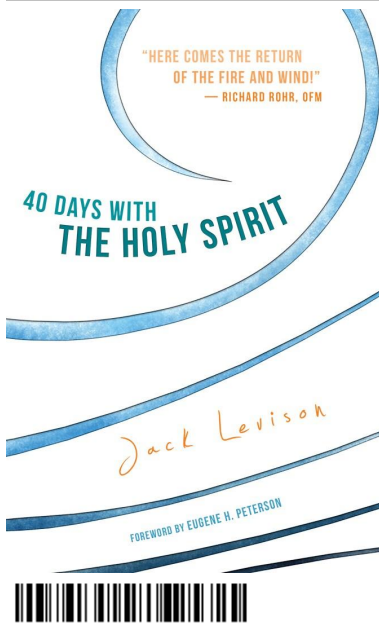
Filled with beautiful four-color illustrations, Gregory Kenneth Cameron's *Easter Book of Days* is the perfect book to provide you with the spiritual nourishment you need to walk through the forty days of Lent. Experience the love of Jesus in a new way this Lent and Easter through these profound sacred words and images.

Contributor Bio

Gregory Kenneth Cameron is the Anglican Bishop of St. Asaph in Wales. Gregory is married to Clare, a teacher of music, and they have three sons. He has a wide range of interests outside ministry and enjoys calligraphy, reading, and film—particularly science fiction. He has gained recognition as a coin designer in his spare time, creating three designs for the Royal Mint.

Quotes

"Captivating... Fascinating... Each reflection pulls the reader through a familiar scriptural image to a less familiar, or perhaps less obvious, realization and invitation. We encounter the invisible in the visible, the hidden and surprising grace shrouded in the figures and drama of Christ's Passion and Resurrection." —**The Living Church**



40 Days with the Holy Spirit

Fresh Air for Every Day

Jack Levison

Summary

40 Days with the Holy Spirit will inspire you to encounter God in fresh and surprising ways. You'll develop stronger spiritual muscles as you breathe, read, reflect, and pray—all with an eye to cultivating a relationship with the least familiar member of the Trinity. The book is **interactive**, offering the opportunity to write and pray each day; **intelligent**, rooted in a rigorous study of scripture, from Genesis to Revelation; and **inviting**, with 40 insightful, well-planned 20-30 minute daily exercises; and prayerful, with 40 original prayers that capture each day's insight into the deep, spiritual work of the Holy Spirit.

Contributor Bio

Jack Levison holds the W. J. A. Power Chair of Old Testament Interpretation and Biblical Hebrew at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. Raised in a tract house in Levittown, New York, Jack left to attend Wheaton College, followed by an MA at Cambridge University. When he returned from England to pursue doctoral studies at Duke University, Jack fell in love with a divinity student, Priscilla Pope, whose office is now just down the hall from him at SMU. With essays in the Huffington Post, parade.com, relevant.com, and beliefnet.com, Jack's writing and speaking appeal to a wide swath of readers. In the course of his career, he has received the Fitzpatrick Prize for theology at Cambridge University, as well as grants from the National Humanities Center, the Lilly Fellows Program, the Louisville Institute, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the Rotary Foundation, the International Catacomb Society, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Jack lives in Lower Greenville, a thriving urban hub of Dallas, with Priscilla—and not too far from his adult children, Chloe and Jeremy.

Quotes

"Jack Levison's book is not an overly intellectual look at the Holy Spirit, but really examines what it means to live a Spirit-filled life. A needed resource for those looking to be guided by the Holy Spirit found in Scripture. Jack opens our minds to the fullness of the Holy Spirit and removes the human limitations that we often place on this person of the Trinity, teaching us to hear and obey as God speaks." — **Dr. John M. Perkins**, Co-founder of the Christian Community Development Association (CCDA), Founder and President Emeritus of the John and Vera Mae Perkins Foundation

"Jack Levison studies, meditates, prays and writes of the place of the Holy Spirit in our lives with more skill and understanding than anyone I know." —**Eugene Peterson**, from the foreword

"Jack Levison's new devotional will guide you into the theme of the Holy Spirit in Scripture, aiming for spiritual formation, not just spiritual information. My favorite part: the simple prayers at the end of each reading. A beautiful, accessible, and soul-nourishing resource!" —**Brian D. McLaren**, Author of *We Make the Road by Walking*

"Jack Levison brings together scholarship, Scripture meditation, concrete practices, and compelling inspiration. He helps us retrieve the tragically lost centrality of the Holy Spirit in the mainline Christian world. Here comes the return of the fire and the wind!" —**Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM**

"This is a book designed to guide readers into greater understanding of the Holy Spirit. As the author puts it, 'It's intended to prompt you to reflect at your own pace and to absorb, slowly and deliberately, the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life, your community of faith and the world.' Within the biblical universe the Spirit is the One who

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gives power to sustain faith, courage to face fears and conviction to speak boldly. This same Spirit is alive now. This book of 40 daily devotions is designed to be a practice that will both increase your learning about the Spirit but more importantly expand your experience of the Spirit. Read—meditate—reflect—breathe—pray. This is the pattern of the book; it's a pattern that leads inward, outward and back again. What might happen in our lives and our congregations if we gave more attention to the Holy Spirit? Find out." —**Roy W. Howard**, *The Presbyterian Outlook*

"Is it possible to live a Spirit-filled life amid our daily distractions and demands? Jack Levison assures us it is and offers a path to wisdom through stillness and abandonment...This book leads us to the ultimate Source, the Spirit. It is a guide not just for 40 days, but a lifetime." —**Judith Valente**, Correspondent, *Religion & Ethics Newsweekly* and author of *The Art of Pausing*

"Levison, who teaches Old Testament at Perkins School of Theology, has made a career of studying Spirit in scripture. He puts his significant learning in accessible form in this book intended for use as inspirational reading over a 40-day period, which could be used for Lent or any time of year. Whenever they think of Spirit, Christians are inclined to think of Pentecost, baptismal liturgy, gifts of the Spirit—or noisy charismatics. Levison shows that there is so much more about the Spirit that can enrich our thinking about the God who is Spirit. The Spirit is involved in the biblical story from the outset: in the first creation story in Genesis it was the Spirit who brooded over the primordial chaos. It is God's spirit that gives each person breath. The simple prayers Levison offers at the end of each day's reading are themselves worthy of meditation." —**The Christian Century**

"Jack Levison combines a scholar's intimate knowledge of scripture with a born writer's mastery of nuance, style, empathy and humor. Every page of this book brims with reverence for God and common-sense wisdom won the hard way." —**David Laskin**, author of *The Family*

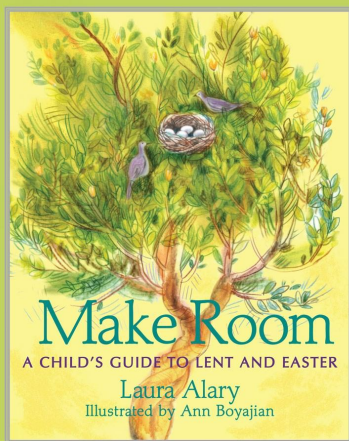
"40 Days with the Holy Spirit opens a door for all seekers, religious and irreligious, to experience 'God's Spirit-breath within.' This is more than a must read—it's food for busy and hungry hearts."—**Dr. Michael Rakes**, Pastor at Winston Salem First

"Levison is an excellent guide to a life in the Spirit that is often quiet in its expression, but which will lead to a deeper encounter with God. As he notes, the journey moves from deep within to the world outside. It is a call to grow in faith and practice. It is an experience worth embracing, and I found it a deeply enriching and rewarding experience, which meant that I completed the journey." —**Robert Cornwall**, *Ponderings on a Faith Journey*

"As with many Paraclete books, the book is shaped for the church calendar and this one for Lent, but this book far transcends Lent. It is for personal spiritual formation. What matters perhaps most about the Holy Spirit is that we don't 'get' the Spirit conceptually and internally all at once (even if you are charismatic!) but we need to learn about the Spirit more and more. We learn not by cramming it all into one session—grabbing a concordance, a dictionary and a big theological book—but by daily long term routine exposure. Jack's book is designed to do that: 40 days. Stories, good Bible study, and a prayer at the end of each short chapter. Gathered around seven verbs and these verbs organize the themes of the book: breathing, praying, practicing, learning, leading, building, and blossoming. This is a devotional...by a world class Bible scholar...and he's not pandering to anyone's theology ... and he opens the Bible and lets the Spirit turn chaos into order." —**Scot McKnight**

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Make Room

A Child's Guide to Lent and Easter — Part of the "Circle of Wonder" Series

Laura Alary, Ann Boyajian

Summary

While the Advent season is filled with fun and expectations, Lent can be more difficult for children. How can we help children approach this season in a way that is meaningful and not frightening?

Make Room presents Lent as a special time for creating a welcoming space for God. Other books offer excellent ideas for going through the Lenten season with children, but *Make Room* uniquely connects its projects to the story of Jesus. Simple and practical activities such as baking bread, having a neighbor over for dinner, uncluttering your room, and watching less TV become acts of justice and kindness, part of a life of following and imitating Christ, and a way to make room for God in our lives and in the world around us.

Other books tell the Passion narrative for young readers; this unique book integrates themes of hospitality and self-giving that echo Jesus' ministry, Jesus' entire life. *Make Room* invites children to wonder about the story, to encounter Lent with all their senses, and to experience activities in Lent as part of a life of discipleship.

Contributor Bio

Laura Alary is a writer, storyteller, and religious educator. When she was a little girl she used to make her own books out of manila paper, crayons, and mucilage. These early efforts at writing eventually gave way to academic papers and theses, as she earned degrees in Classics (B.A., Dalhousie), Theology (M.Div., Knox College, University of Toronto) and New Testament (Ph.D., University of St. Michael's College). More recently, Laura has focused on a new type of education—raising three creative and curious children. She leads workshops on everything from storytelling to biblical interpretation, teaches the occasional university course, and works with children at a local congregation. She has also returned to her early love of creating her own books, including *Is That Story True?* and *Mira and the Big Story*. Laura lives in Toronto, Canada.

Ann Boyajian is the illustrator of many books, including *Samantha's Friendship Fun* (in the American Girl series), *More Spice Than Sugar* (Houghton Mifflin), and *O Say Can You See? American's Symbols, Landmarks, and Inspiring Words* (Scholastic).

Quotes

"A great addition to your Lent / Easter Shelf Unit: This unique book invites children to experience Lent with all their senses, and to see it as a special time for creating a welcoming space for God. We recommend placing this book on the bottom shelf of your Lent / Easter shelf unit." —**The Rev. Cheryl V. Minor, Ph.D.** Co-Rector, All Saints' Church, Belmont, MA, Director of the Center for the Theology of Childhood, The Godly Play Foundation

"While I realize my daughter will develop her own faith traditions, I want her to be aware of all the various ways she can remember all her Lord and Savior has done for her. This book explains why Lent helps us remember. Taking us through the events of Holy Week, the author explains how all the Lenten traditions we focus on help us "Make Room" for more of Jesus. While the book is simple enough for a child, it unpacks the importance of participating in Lent very well." —**Traci Rhoades**

"The book reveals what is usually hidden: what we knew as penitential is actually life-giving and faith-building. After reading the book to my kids, my five year old daughter exclaimed 'I can't wait for Lent! I just can't wait!'" —**Gary Neal Hansen**, Author of *Kneeling with Giants: Learning to Pray with History's Best Teachers*

"Dr. Alary truly respects the child and asks us to walk with them as they point us to Christ. This is a wonderful resource." —**Rev. Olivia Stewart**, Director of Children & Worship

"This is a poetic, practical and theologically wise book for children." —**L. Ann Jervis**, Professor of New Testament, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto.

"Wow, what a wonderful children's book, delightfully illustrated and nicely told. It is an invitation for children to wonder about the Lenten story, helping children to experience Lent with all their senses. I think it is a fine book for almost any kind of Christian." —**Byron Berger**, Hearts and Minds Books

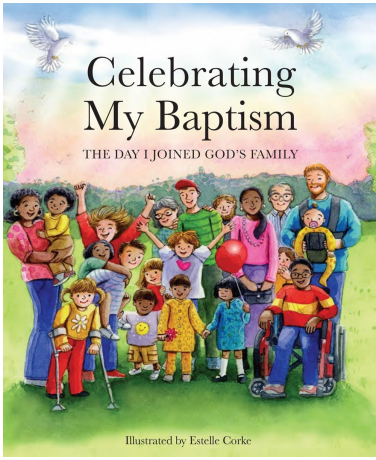
"*Make Room: A Children's Guide to Lent and Easter* was a solid addition to the religious education of our young children. Where many Easter books focus on the resurrection of Christ, this book tenderly and thoughtfully explained the Lenten season with child-appropriate examples of reasonable and realistic ways in which children can observe. With sections on reaching out to help others, giving away extra so that others can have simply enough, and ways to sit in quiet prayer and reflection, this book created room for ongoing thought-provoking questions. Best of all, the book is written in a way that allows the child to see ways in which to meaningfully participate in the process and shift attention away from a season of 'I can't have...' to a season of preparation and dedication. Make room on your shelf for this title." —**Amy Shaw**, Educator

"Reading *Make Room* with my two-year old Plum, I delighted to see how Alary makes room for our own conversation within her text, sprinkling pages with *I wonder* and *maybe*. I wonder why Jesus went into the desert? I wonder who they thought Jesus was? Ann Boyajian's illustrations are thought-filled and beautiful, making the book feel like a window into an active congregation where the Biblical stories are vividly live. I liked how Alary balances wondering questions with more straightforward teaching. She writes simply and clearly so that small children will be able to understand, but older ones will also be able to find rich material for their own wondering. Intriguingly, Alary makes a point of creating a wide sense of space around both the crucifixion and the resurrection. She does not supply the theological meaning behind either aspect of the story, but rather describes the lived history and experience of Easter and again makes room for us all, whatever our theological understanding, within the story." —**Katie Munnik**, *The Messy Table*, Presbyterian Record

"Children of all ages will come away with a broader understanding of the holy Lenten season and what it means to prepare for the glorious gift of Easter and new life in Christ." —**Michelle Thomas-Bush**, Big Ideas in Youth Ministry

Illustrations





Celebrating My Baptism

The Day I Joined God's Family

Paraclete Press, Estelle Corke

Summary

The perfect gift for any child being baptized, with prayers, hymns, scriptures and more to help joyfully welcome them into God's family!

This beautifully illustrated book with ribbon marker and presentation page includes timeless hymns, poems, prayers, Bible verses, and child-friendly explanations about baptism, the Holy Trinity, God the Father, Jesus the Son, the Holy Spirit, and more. As the perfect for any baby or child's special baptism or christening day, the entire family of God can celebrate with a child and their parents by giving this well-written, thoughtful keepsake at the start of any spiritual journey.

This sweet book will be treasured for years as it shares the knowledge of God's love as a starting point to faith and a warm welcome to the community of believers. With biblically sound text, this book does not need to be read straight through, yet every page points to the relevance of being part of a church family and how baptized people can enjoy peace and forgiveness every day.

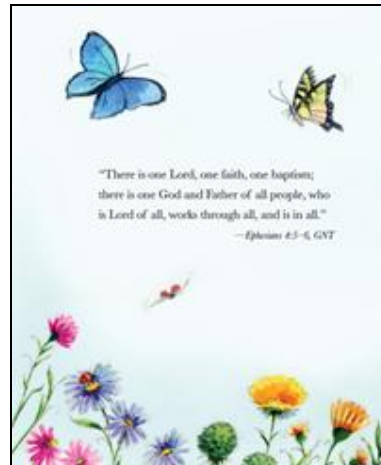
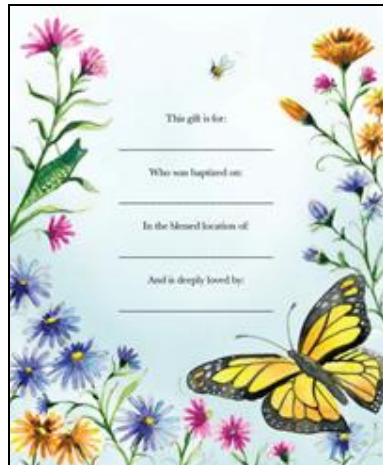
Celebrating My Baptism contains:

- Timeless favorites of the Christian faith including The Lord's Prayer, Psalm 23, Jesus Loves Me, and more
- Child-friendly explanations of church terms such as baptism, the Holy Trinity, communion and more, appropriate for ages 0-8
- Bible verses that encourage faith development and memorization
- Easy-to-understand life application around the significance of baptism, the Bible, and the church family
- Bright and warm illustrations

A presentation page and a ribbon marker, 5.75 by 7 inches

Learn more about *Celebrating My Baptism* and find free resources at celebratingmybaptism.com

Illustrations

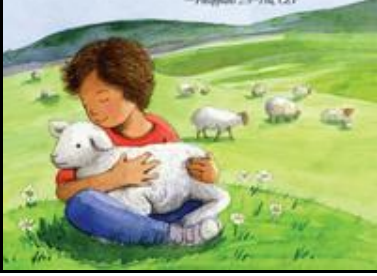


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Then God gave Christ the highest place and honored his name above all others. So at the name of Jesus everyone will bow down.

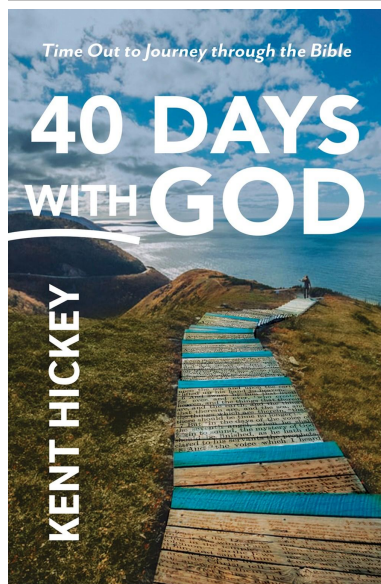
—Philippians 2:9–10a, CEV



Let God be the King of your heart. Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and be forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

—based on Acts 2:38





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40 Days with God

Time Out to Journey Through the Bible

Kent Hickey

Summary

How much time is enough to be with God? While it could be the 40 days or years used so often in the Bible, it's also possible that simply stealing a few minutes from the busy-ness of each day is enough time to be in Kairos, "God time." The same is true for the space needed to find God. Whether it be in a deserted place or one filled with activity, whatever space we can carve out to find God—or to make enough room to be found—is enough space. This book is about being with God in short time and tight spaces. The journey is taken through and with the Bible, 40 reflections based on 40 passages from Scripture, starting with Genesis and ending with Revelation. For the prayerful reader, it is an opportunity to carve out God-space and God-time, a pilgrimage with God, toward God.

Contributor Bio

Kent Hickey left the practice of law thirty years ago to teach high school theology and – aside from marrying his wife, Terry – considers that decision to have been the best of his life. In addition to teaching Scripture and coaching soccer, Kent has also served as a head of school for the past 23 years, 15 as President of Seattle Preparatory School. His other joys include interfering in the lives of his three adult children (Hannah, Eddie, and Sam), following the Green Bay Packers, and volunteering as a living historian every summer at Appomattox Court House, Virginia (where he plays the role of 1865 newspaper reporter, John Dennett).

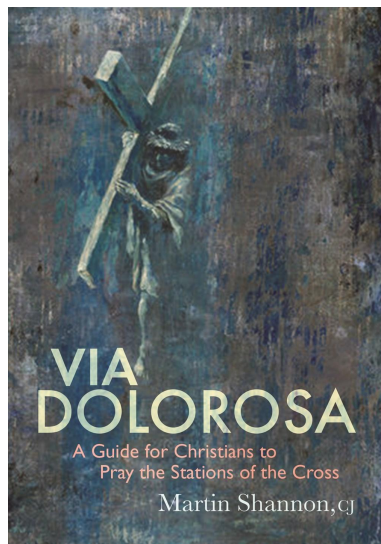
Quotes

"Kent Hickey is one of the funniest and most spiritual people I know. In this book, Kent has chosen a variety of Bible stories and brought them to life by providing context, Ignatian imagination, and thoughtful reflection. He then asks us to ponder questions pertinent to our times. Kent challenges us to look both within our lives and at moral dilemmas and Christian social teaching. I laughed out loud and cried a few times. It is a must read." —**Carolyn Becic**, President, St. Andrew Nativity School, Portland, OR

"Kent does a wonderful job of connecting seemingly distant scripture passages with our current world and then challenging us to consider how to make the message of each passage personal. What a great way to grow closer to God. *40 Days with God* invites and challenges us to discover our innermost selves." —**Dr. Matt Barmore**, Director, Ignatian Spirituality Center, Seattle, WA

"Kent Hickey has a wonderful ability to make sense, motivate, and console. I strongly recommend this book to people of all ages." —**Rev. Eddie Reese, SJ**, President, St. Ignatius College Preparatory School, San Francisco, CA

"This book is full of references to contemporary movies, literature, and current events. These connections allow each of us to find God in the ordinary events of daily life in ways that will surprise us and heighten our awareness of the movements of God's spirit." —**Cindy Reopelle**, Principal, Gonzaga Preparatory School, Spokane, WA



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Via Dolorosa

A Guide for Christians to Pray the Stations of the Cross

Martin Shannon

Summary

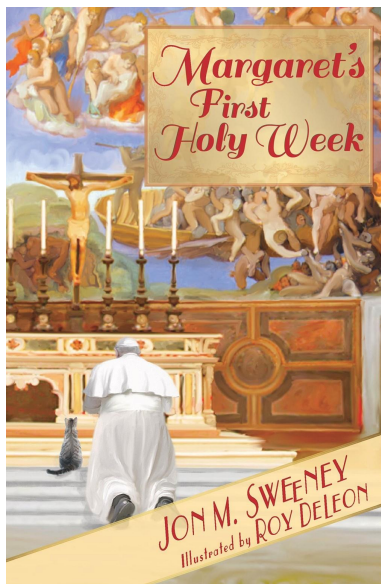
Based on early Christian practice, pilgrims to Jerusalem reconstructed the events of Good Friday along the “Way of Suffering,” the *Via Dolorosa*. The Spanish nun, Egeria, writes of her own experience with this in her fourth century Holy Week journal. In the Middle Ages, the Franciscans and Dominicans particularly picked up on the ritual, and transported it from Jerusalem to chapels and churches outside the Holy Land. If one could not make the pilgrimage to the place of Jesus’s passion, then the “place” could be brought to the pilgrim . . . even in his or her own home town.

Over the centuries, the Stations of the Cross spread across Europe and the British Isles. Eventually, fourteen stations were set, with accompanying books of readings and prayers to guide the Good Friday pilgrims as they walked the way with Christ—going “with him” as he bore his cross from the court of Pilate to the hill of Golgotha, from his judgment and condemnation to his death and deposition from the cross.

Allow these scriptures, meditations, and prayers to accompany you as you walk and pray the Stations of the Cross with Christ.

Contributor Bio

Fr. Martin Shannon is an Episcopal priest, liturgist, and writer of daily devotional collections, seasonal studies, and other materials for spiritual formation at his home, the Community of Jesus on Cape Cod, MA. He holds a PhD in Liturgical Studies from the Catholic University of America. He and his wife, Mary, have four grown children.



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Margaret's First Holy Week

Jon M. Sweeney, Roy DeLeon

Summary

The story of Margaret and her friend the Pope continues with Book 3 in The Pope's Cat series.

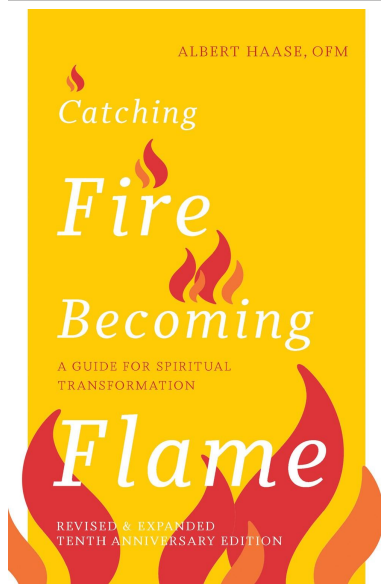
This adventure has Margaret experiencing the prayers, penitence, liturgy, and excitement of Holy Week in the Vatican and Rome—from the joy of Palm Sunday in St. Peter's Square, to foot-washing in a Roman prison, the solemnity of Good Friday, and the expectation of Easter.

She learns about Jesus and the meaning of his Passion, visits important new places such as The Sistine Chapel, where she seems to pray beside the Pope, and the Roman Colosseum, where she learns that many early Christians were martyrs for their faith. Margaret's friends, the Swiss Guards, are watching over her, and she manages to eat (she still loves to eat!) some interesting foods, even though it's Holy Week. Oh yes, and she sleeps a lot.

Contributor Bio

Jon M. Sweeney's popular history, *The Pope Who Quit*, was optioned by HBO. In addition to *The Pope's Cat* series for children, he's the author or translator of many other books including *The Complete Francis of Assisi*, and *Francis of Assisi in His Own Words: The Essential Writings*, often used in classes, book groups, and for individual study by people around the world wanting to know more about St. Francis of Assisi. Jon lives in Milwaukee with his wife, daughters, and cats.

Roy DeLeon is an Oblate of St. Benedict, spiritual director, yoga instructor, graphic designer, a professional visual artist, and the author of *Praying with the Body*.



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Catching Fire, Becoming Flame *(New edition)*

A Guide for Spiritual Transformation – Revised & Expanded Tenth Anniversary Edition

Albert Haase

Summary

Fire up your spiritual journey with the revised and expanded edition of beloved spiritual director Albert Haase, OFM’s bestselling guide to a vibrant, fulfilling spiritual life!

Ever wonder how some people become enthusiastic and on fire about their relationship with God? In thirty-eight power-packed, concise chapters, Albert Haase gives you the tools and kindling to prepare for the spark of God in your life – and then shows you how to fan it into flame until you are set ablaze. This book glows with time-tested wisdom as an experienced spiritual director shares the secrets of the saints. Feel cold? Or maybe just smoldering? With supplemental reading suggestions and reflection questions, this eminently practical book functions like a personal, spiritual retreat.

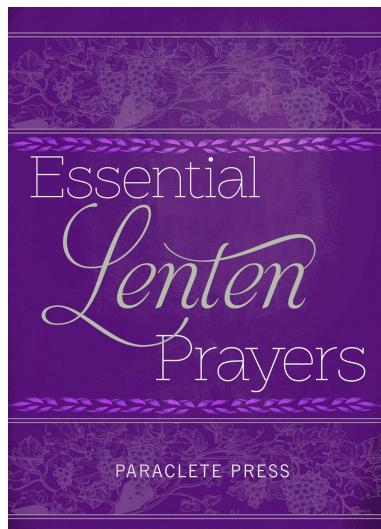
Catching Fire, Becoming Flame – 10th Anniversary Edition: A Guide for Spiritual Transformation:

- Features a new introduction, 5 brand new chapters, and thoroughly revised and updated content throughout the book.
- Gives you the practical tools and time-honored techniques to grow your relationship with God.
- Shows you how to respond to God’s fiery passion, how to engage it, and, most important, how to be changed by it.
- Features purposely short and concise chapters, allowing you ample time in one convenient sitting not only to read it, but also to reflect on its questions or practice the presented technique.

Catching Fire, Becoming Flame is designed to be a handy resource for expanding your knowledge and practice of ancient and contemporary spiritual practices. It will fuel your creativity and appreciation for myriad ways to fall in love with God—which, in the end, is what being on fire is all about.

Contributor Bio

Albert Haase, OFM, is a popular Franciscan preacher, teacher, spiritual director, and guest on talk radio shows. A former missionary to mainland China, he is the award-winning author of thirteen books on popular spirituality, including *Catching Fire* *Becoming Flame*, and the presenter on five best-selling DVDs. He currently resides at San Miguel Friary in San Antonio, Texas.



Essential Lenten Prayers

Editors at Paraclete Press

Summary

A companion book for anyone observing the Christian season of Lent, with prayers and practices from a variety of denominations and traditions. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, there are prayers for mornings and evenings, for good penance, of confession, "Lord, please" prayers of devotion, and more. These words will challenge and inspire any Christian during this most passionate time of the year.



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Essential Easter Prayers

Editors at Paraclete Press

Summary

A companion book for anyone celebrating the season of Easter, with prayers and practices from a variety of denominations and traditions. Sections include It's Friday, But Sunday's Coming; Easter Vigil Prayers; Pascha-themed Prayers; He Is Risen; and Prayers for Eastertide.



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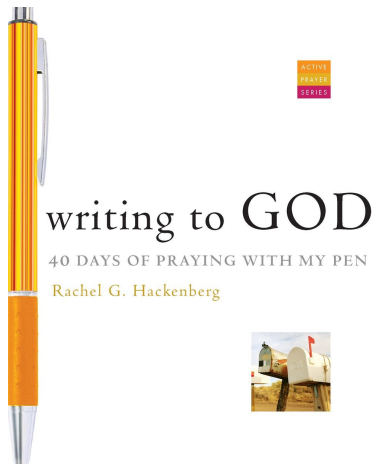
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Writing to God

40 Days of Praying with My Pen

Rachel G. Hackenberg

Summary

Writing to God is a Lenten devotional tool, providing forty-seven insightful prayers for personal reflection and an equal number of scripturally-based writing prompts to guide readers/writers in their own praying. Each prayer draws its readers into a moment of meditation, even as it sets an example for the accompanying prompt. Paired together, these prayers and writing prompts offer daily devotions for the Lenten season, including Sundays and Holy Week.

Contributor Bio

Rev. Rachel G. Hackenberg serves as the pastor of Grace United Church of Christ in Lancaster, PA. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, she authors the blog *Faith and Water*, and has published prayers in *Before the Amen: Creative Resources for Worship*.

Quotes

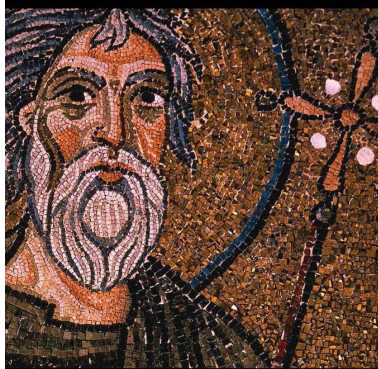
"Hackenberg's words have a heartbeat---sometimes they are beautiful and otherworldly; other time they are simple and earthy. When I read her prayers, I'm sure I have just prayed. But she wants me to take up my pen and pray. With a prayer, a Scripture passage, and a task, she gives me a personal invitation and permission to enter the incarnational practice of writing my words to God." —**Sybil MacBeth**, author of *Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God*

"For some, speaking to God comes naturally---for others, speaking to God feels awkward, especially when we can't find the words or begin to stumble in mid-sentence. Hackenberg offers an alternative way. *Writing to God* is an expression of deep humility---it seems to say, 'If I can write to God, so can you.'" —**Donald Capps**, Professor of Pastoral Theology (Emeritus), Princeton Theological Seminary

"Inspiration can come at any time or place, awakening the artist, writer, and creator in all of us just by picking up a pen and letting the words flow. Living with this book will make each day a holy adventure." —**Bruce Epperly**, author of *Holy Adventure: 41 Days of Audacious Living*

First Fruits of Prayer

A Forty-Day Journey Through the Canon of St. Andrew



Frederica
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The First Fruits of Prayer: A Forty-Day Journal through the Canon of St. Andrew

Frederica Mathewes-Green

Summary

Join Frederica Mathewes-Green on a guided retreat through an ancient Orthodox text. Regardless of your denominational background, *First Fruits of Prayer* will bring to life the prayer experience of first millennium Christianity through immersion in this poetic hymn, an extraordinarily beautiful work that is still chanted by Christians around the world each Lent. It weaves together Old and New Testament Scriptures with prayers of hope and repentance and offers ancient ways of seeing Christ that still feel new today.

"Fascinating and sometimes magisterial.... A skilled interpreter of the theology and history of the Orthodox tradition, Mathewes-Green arranges the Great Canon of St. Andrew...into 40 readings accompanied by scriptural references, commentary, theological reflection and questions." —Publishers Weekly

"Rick Warren gave us 40 days of purpose. Frederica Mathewes-Green gives us 40 days of deep prayer and reflection.... This is destined to become a devotional class for generations to come."—Dallas Morning News

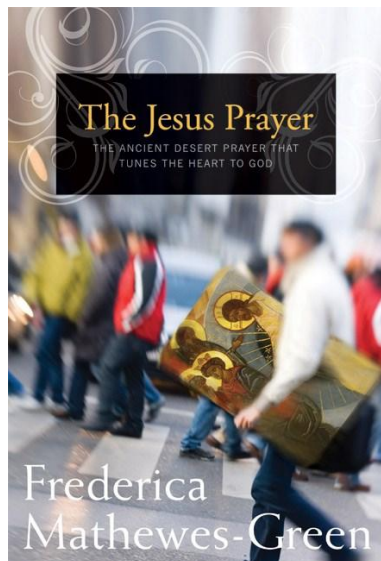
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Quotes

"Frederica Mathewes-Green offers a spiritual roadmap for people seeking enlightenment, one day at a time. These Christian teachings are provocative, comforting, and enlightening, and they are presented with Green's trademark warmth and gentle humor."

--Amy Dickinson, columnist, the Chicago Tribune



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The Jesus Prayer

The Ancient Desert Prayer that Tunes the Heart to God

Frederica Mathewes-Green

Summary

In the earliest centuries of faith, Christians in the deserts of Palestine and Africa sought a short prayer that could be easily repeated, in order to acquire the habit of "prayer without ceasing." The result was *The Jesus Prayer*:

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me."

This jewel of Eastern Christianity aims at enabling a person to be in God's presence, rather than to focus on feelings or thoughts about God.

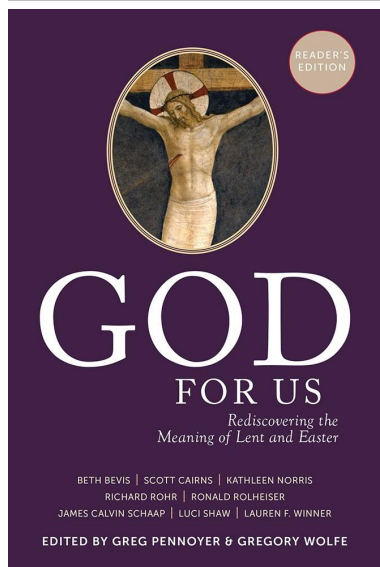
The first section of *The Jesus Prayer* offers a concise overview of the history, theology, and spirituality of Orthodoxy, so that the Prayer can be understood in its native context. Following, is a conversational question-and-answer format that takes the reader through practical steps for adopting this profound practice in everyday life.

Contributor Bio

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Quotes

Even if you don't believe that Paul's admonition to "pray without ceasing" or "pray constantly" was meant to be taken literally, you'll find much to ponder in this lucid account of the history, the meaning, and - especially - the practice of the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me." Most for the exposition is in a reader-friendly question-and-answer format.,
Christianity Today,
October 2009,



God For Us

Rediscovering the Meaning of Lent and Easter (Reader's Edition)

Greg Pennoyer, Gregory Wolfe, Kathleen Norris, Luci Shaw, Ronald Rolheiser, Scott Cairns, Richard Rohr, Lauren F. Winner, James Calvin Schaap, Beth Bevis

Summary

A daily devotional reader to guide lovers of the Word through the forty days of Lent and Easter, rich with spiritual insight from leading Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox writers

Explore the meaning of Lent, its importance in spiritual formation, its significance in the preparation for Easter, and throughout the holy season of Christ's Resurrection. Leading North American spiritual writers reflect on what one theologian has called the "bright sadness" of Lent: that it is not about feeling broken and lost, but about cleansing the palate so we can taste and live life more fully. During Lent and Easter, we encounter the God who in all of life is for us—for our liberation, for our healing, for our wholeness. Even in death we can find resurrection.

In *God For Us* readers will find:

- Daily readings with scriptures, meditations, and prayers, beautiful edited by Greg Pennoyer and Gregory Wolfe

- One beloved spiritual writer featured each week

Introduction: Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

Shrove Tuesday and the First Week of Lent: Richard Rohr, OFM

Second Week of Lent: Lauren F. Winner

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Contributor Bio

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Gregory Wolfe founded *Image* journal, and is now the editor of Slant Books.

Quotes

"Have you ever celebrated the rhythms of the weeks before Easter? In some traditions of the Church, Christians are surprised by Easter when it appears on store shelves loaded with Easter bunnies and egg baskets. In many modern denominations, Easter is just one more long weekend that culminates in a special church service. There is no Lenten meditation for a thoughtful pause in the calendar.

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The scripture groupings for daily meditation and the explanations from new points-of-view will encourage and enlighten. I loved the personal prayers in spoken English.

So - we may be looking forward to Christmas now - but Easter is coming! Wouldn't this book be a nice gift for those you care about?" —**Rosemarie Kowalski**

This book is a devotional and insightful description of the days of Lent. The editors have stitched together a collection of devotions from some of the best spiritual writers of our era. Readers can use this devotional as a guide through Lent. Together with the historical background provided by Beth Bevis, we will get a better sense of why Lent is such an important part of the Christian calendar. We do not simply fast for fasting sake. Neither do we deprive ourselves of certain luxuries just to transport ourselves back to the wilderness experience of the saints of old. We do so with an eye on the cross. We maintain our anchor on Christ even as we think about how life and the remembrance of each day of Lent fits together. At the end of it, all the authors have encouraged us to hang on to hope even as we are enduring the tough days of life. The significance of the Resurrection is made more complete in us as we go through the journey. This book is a good companion to take along as we embark upon this spiritual expedition.—**Conrade Yap**

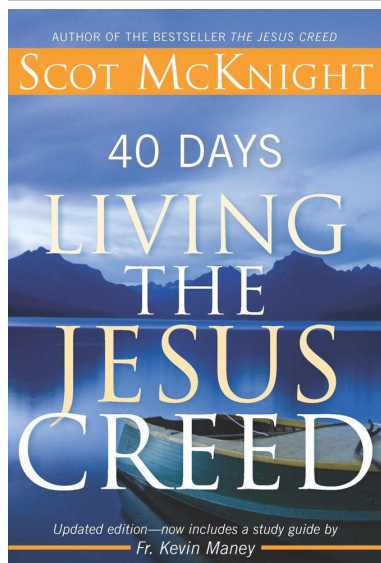
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40 Days Living the Jesus Creed

Updated Edition

Scot McKnight

Summary

The bestselling 40-day devotional based on *The Jesus Creed* now with a study guide for church, book, house church, and study groups

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. And...love your neighbor as yourself."

Scot McKnight has come to call this vital teaching of our Lord the *Jesus Creed*. He recites it throughout the day every day and challenges you to do the same. You may find that, if you do, you will learn to love God more creatively and passionately, and find new ways to love those around you. Includes a study guide for small groups by Rev'd. Dr. Kevin Maney.

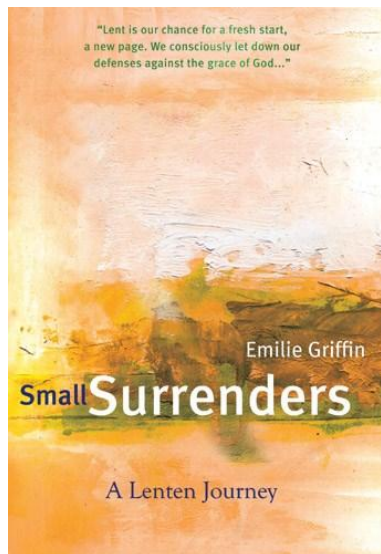
The Rev. Dr. Kevin Maney spent 30 years as a teacher and professor in K-16 education, receiving a PhD in curriculum and instruction before earning a Diploma in Anglican Studies from Trinity School for Ministry and being ordained a priest in the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, part of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) in 2008. He is rector of St. Augustine's Anglican Church near Columbus, OH.

Contributor Bio

Scot McKnight has been married for 47 years, a professor for nearly 40 years, and an author of more than 80 books. His books from Paraclete include the bestseller, *The Jesus Creed*; *Praying with the Church*; and *To You All Hearts are Open*.

Quotes

"Scot McKnight stirs the treasures of our Lord's life in an engaging fashion. He did so with *The Jesus Creed*, and does so again with *40 Days Living the Jesus Creed*. Make sure this new guide for living is on your shelf." —**Max Lucado**



Small Surrenders

A Lenten Journey

Emilie Griffin

Summary

"Griffin is a trustworthy guide . . . She writes with the unmistakable authenticity and authority of a woman steeped in prayer." – **America**

Join Emilie Griffin in this daily companion for the Lenten journey. Using ancient and modern texts as inspiration for her own reflections, Emilie Griffin nurtures and guides us into a deeper knowledge of ourselves and God. We discover that Lent is our chance for a fresh start, and an opportunity to joyfully put ourselves in God's hands.

Lent is a time when we deepen our faith in a journey not of grand gestures but of small surrenders. We are converted not only once in our lives but many times, and the conversion is little by little and often imperceptible. But Lent gives us a time to move the process along, intentionally, by a series of small surrenders. When we choose some exercise for Lent—daily worship, daily prayer, abstinence from one thing or another, it is not so much the practice that transforms us, but it is our willingness to change.

—from **Small Surrenders**

Contributor Bio

Emilie Griffin is the author of several books, including *Doors into Prayer* and *Wonderful and Dark is This Road*. She is a founding member of the Chrysostom Society, a national group for writers of faith. Ms. Griffin lives in Alexandria, Louisiana with her husband, author William Griffin.

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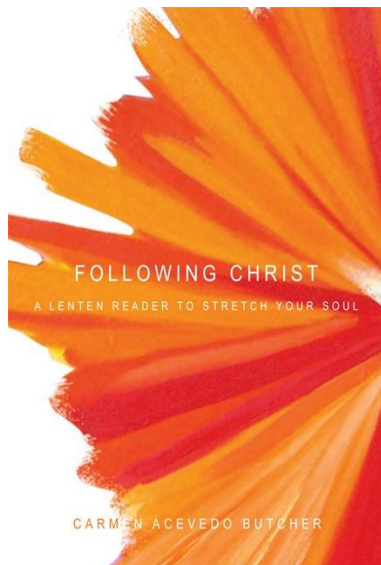
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Following Christ

A Lenten Reader to Stretch Your Soul

Carmen Acevedo Butcher

Summary

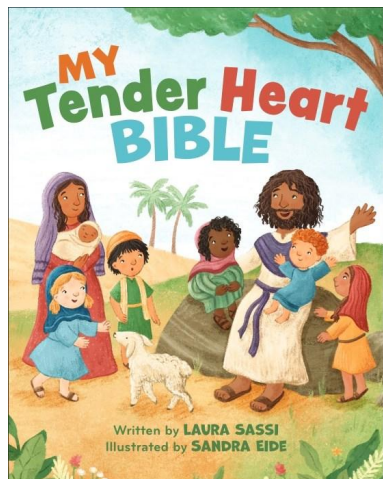
Following the 15 Stations of the Cross—from Gethsemane to the Resurrection—this reader will inspire you this Lenten season.

Lent's forty days are a time to focus on obedience and waiting on God. The biblical models of this intentional patience are Moses, Elijah, and Jesus. Each fasted forty days in solitude, were tested and purified, and lived out this truth: "Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him." (Isa. 30:18)

If you, too, want wholeness, wait and stretch your soul toward the sun of God's forgiveness. Each chapter or Station of this new book begins with Scripture, reflection, and quotations for each day from people like John of the Cross, Hildegard, Athanasius, Antony the Great, Benedict of Nursia, Clare of Assisi, Mechthild of Magdeburg, Julian, Catherine of Siena, and Birgitta of Sweden. They will inspire you, when you are alone with God, to dare new surrenders that can heal you and make you whole. It is the time of Lent. It is time to listen...

Contributor Bio

Carmen Acevedo Butcher is associate professor of English and Scholar-in-Residence at Shorter College in Rome, Georgia. Her other books include *A Little Daily Wisdom: 365 Readings with Women Mystics*, *Hildegard of Bingen: A Spiritual Reader*, and a recent translation of *The Cloud of Unknowing*.



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My Tender Heart Bible (Part of the "My Tender Heart" Series)

Laura Sassi, Sandra Eide

Summary

With sweet, rhyming text and whimsical illustrations, *My Tender Heart Bible* features beloved and classic Bible stories for beginner readers.

Bestselling author Laura Sassi pairs simple yet creative paraphrasing of Old and New Testament re-tellings with a "Heart Moment" for families to read aloud and pray. Scripture references are noted with each story that tell of God's redemption plan for even more exploration together! *My Tender Heart Bible*:

- Makes the Bible memorable and accessible for young readers
- Helps kids think deeper about what the Bible says about God's creation, His plan for humanity, and His love for all of people as His children
- Is perfect as bedtime reading for your toddlers and little ones, especially during the holiday season
- Offers details in the artwork for little ones to enjoy and find for "point and learn" discovery
- Serve as a base for introductory Bible discussion
- Includes an inviting cover and sturdy pages for little hands
- Makes a great gift for Easter, new baby, christening, baptism, baby showers, new grandchildren, curious toddlers, and boys and girls ages 0 to 4 years old

From Creation to Abraham to Moses and Jesus, God's story of redemption is told through each individual story and as a collection. Look in the mirror and thank God for making you unique—what makes you different from others you see in your neighborhood? Can you count the stars and make your hands twinkle? Flap your arms like the dove that appeared when John the Baptist baptized Jesus. How many coats and blankets can you spread out for Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem? Let's read the stories and celebrate God's perfect plan from the marvelous beginning of Creation through Easter's glorious hope made known by Jesus' resurrection.

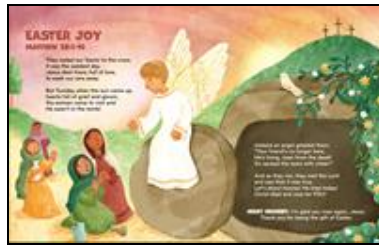
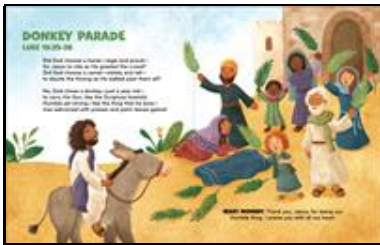
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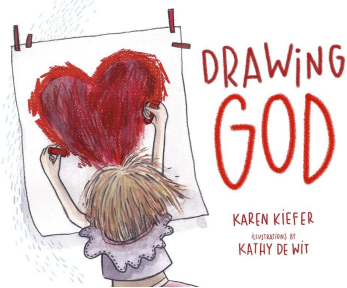
Contributor Bio

Laura Sassi has a passion for telling stories in prose and rhyme. She is the author of multiple books for young children including the best-selling *Goodnight, Ark*, which was a 2015 Christian Book Award Finalist; *Goodnight, Manger*; *Diva Delores and the Opera House Mouse*, which is a 2021-2022 Iowa Goldfinch Award Nominee; *Love Is Kind*, which was a 2020 Anna Dewdney Read Together Award Honor Book; *Little Ewe: The Story of One Lost Sheep*, *Bunny Finds Easter*, and *Happy Birthday, Christmas Child!*, her new counting board book.

Laura had a successful teaching career before becoming a children's author. She's been a homeschool mom, children's ministry director, historic museum interpreter, and more. She writes daily from her home in New Jersey and finds special joy in pointing kids to God and to good through story and sharing her love of reading and writing at school visits, church gatherings and other events.

Sandra Eide is a children's book illustrator from the Pacific Northwest. Sandra works with a mixture of real watercolors, textures, and digital mediums to create her illustrations. Her art is influenced by nature, culture, and the importance of showing all





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Drawing God

Karen Kiefer, Kathy De Wit

Summary

Picasso's artistic inspiration takes hold of young Emma's faith imagination in this beautifully illustrated debut picture book about how we all see God differently.

"This urge to draw something beyond spectacular would not leave my side. 'What should I draw?' I thought. I sat quietly, listening to my mind and heart. That's when I heard their whisper and I decided to draw God."

Emma tries again and again and again to draw God, but her classmates can't see God in any of her drawings. Emma finally realizes that she doesn't need their approval.

"I knew I had drawn God. God knew I had drawn God, and maybe Picasso knew, too. That finally felt like enough."

But when Emma returns to school on the following Monday, something beyond spectacular happens.

Drawing God is a story for children to discover what inspires their very own faith imagination and to realize the contagious faith that lives powerfully within them.

Celebrate World Drawing God Day on November 4th, 2022! Visit www.drawing-god.com.

Contributor Bio

Karen Kiefer is the Director of the Church in the 21st Century Center at Boston College and managing editor of C21 Resources magazine. A catechist for over two decades, Kiefer also served as an adjunct faculty member in the Communication department at Boston College. Kiefer cofounded the grassroots, award winning, bread-giving organization Spread the Bread, winner of the "National Make a Difference Day Award." A decade later, she published the children's Christmas storybook *The Misfit Sock* and launched a companion educational initiative—Misfit University—and the national anti-bullying movement, The Million Misfit Sock March. Kiefer's programs have been adopted by the Girl Scouts nationally and she has been featured in the *Boston Globe*, the *Boston Herald*, *USA Today* and *People* magazine. She has sold 10,000 copies of *The Misfit Sock* through grassroots marketing and promotion. Kiefer lives in Wayland, Massachusetts with her husband, Sam, and four daughters.

Illustrator **Kathy De Wit** creates and teaches art in Belgium, where she lives with her husband and her two daughters.

Quotes

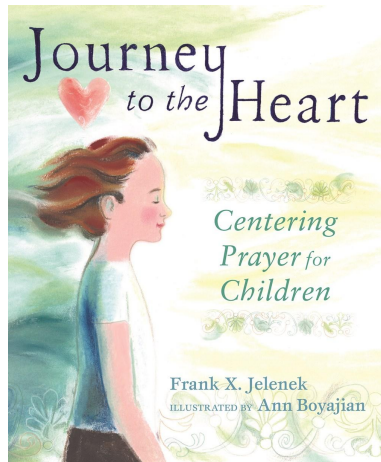
"De Wit's illustrations well match the text and story: simple line drawings that have an abstract quality that mirrors the art theme. God is not defined or attributed to any particular religion in this book, so it will have appeal to readers of many faiths. It closes with suggestions for faith-based activities for children that connect with Emma's story. A simple, easily understood, and welcome book about children's relationships with God." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"Emma sees without complication that God is light, warmth, love, and through her drawings and encourages her friends to explore their understanding of God and faith. A beautiful story!"

—**Susanna Leonard Hill**, award-winning children's author of *The Moon's First Friends* and many other books

"A charming and inspiring book that will help children (and their parents) begin to understand the beauty and mystery of God, through artful words and expressive art."

—**James Martin, SJ**, author of *The Abbey* and *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*



Journey to the Heart: Centering Prayer for Children

Frank Jelenek, Ann Boyajian

Summary

The first guide to a contemplative prayer practice for children, *Journey to the Heart* both instructs and inspires.

Centering prayer is a way of opening our whole being to God, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. It is simple and practical—a way of preparing heart and mind to receive the gift of intimate relationship with God. Jesus said, "When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." (Matthew 6:6) Frank Jelenek shows young children just how to do that!

The first guide of its kind for children ages 3-10, *Journey to the Heart*:

- Draws children into a peaceful, quiet frame of heart with soft and beautiful illustrations
- Lovingly instructs and inspires children, their parents, caregivers, and teachers
- Introduces children to the joy of communicating with God in this special, intimate way
- Makes it easy for children to share in the spiritual nourishment of centering prayer
- Features age-appropriate text that provides clear directions and encouragement in simple, fun language

Ideal for ages 3 – 10, *Journey to the Heart* has been declared Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur by William B. Smith, S.T.D., Censor Librorum and Dennis J. Sullivan, Vicar General, Archdiocese of New York.

Contributor Bio

Frank X. Jelenek is a member of Thomas Keating's Contemplative Outreach, dedicated to teaching the practice of centering prayer to people of all ages. He works for Scholastic Book Fairs and shares his passion for books and prayer with his grandchildren.

Ann Boyajian is the illustrator of many books, including *Samantha's Friendship Fun* (in the American Girl series), *More Spice Than Sugar* (Houghton Mifflin), and *O Say Can You See? American's Symbols, Landmarks, and Inspiring Words* (Scholastic).

Quotes

"The nature-centric illustrations are gorgeous, and the rhyming text offers a doorway into the method of Centering Prayer that is age appropriate (and appropriate for all ages). "In every heart there is God's kingdom, a holy place to pray. Your soul is the home of God inside you, each and every day." How I wish I had received this message when I was a child! But like the saying goes, "It's never too late to have a happy childhood" — which means it's never too late to nurture the child within with a hopeful message of God's love and an invitation to silently consent to that love's healing presence within us. So get this book for the children in your life; it will bless them — but be sure to let it bless yourself as well." —**Carl McColman**, Anamchara.com

"Contemplative prayer would seem to be a discipline more suited to adults than children, but this easily understandable book offers a framework that even primary-schoolers can work within. The book begins by introducing the concept of the soul explaining that a journey to the deepest part of the heart is time to commune with God and Jesus. First, the book suggests choosing a secret word or phrase such as *faith*, *Father*, *Jesus*, or *Holy Spirit*. Then, it recommends sitting silently, eyes closed, feet on

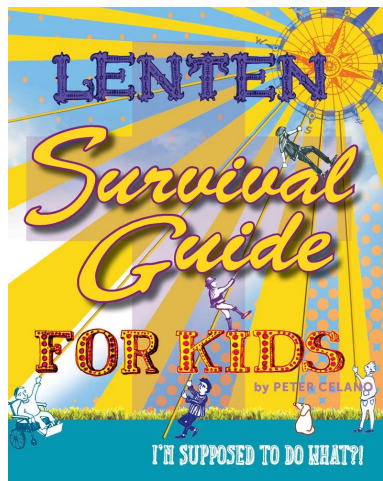


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the floor; if others are participating, it suggests placing chairs in a prayer circle. The next step involves saying the secret word silently while resting within. When other thoughts intrude, participants can let them float away during the six moments of silence they are to spend with God. The session ends with the Our Father. The gentle text encourages children, and the attractive, simple pictures, often depicting people at prayer, are done in warm, gentle colors. An unusual, peaceful offering." —**Booklist**



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Lenten Survival Guide for Kids

I am Supposed to Do What?!

Peter Celano

Summary

Written for 7-11 year olds, this playful guide appeals to kids who want to know more about what adults are telling them is a serious time. Without talking down to them, and challenging them to learn and do more, the following topics are explored in detail: What Lent Is, What Lent Definitely Is Not, 40 Days of Survival Tactics, and A Few Prayers and Practices — Only for Kids.

From What Lent Definitely Is Not:

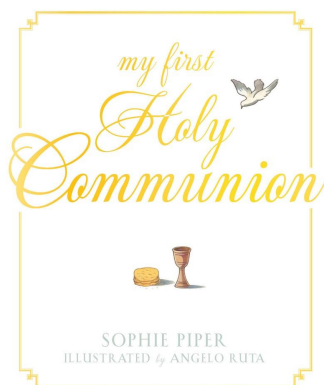
People easily become confused on this subject. In fact, we're glad you are reading this book, because we want to set you, at least, straight. You can then please set others straight.

Lent is not about "giving up" silly things. It is not about making sad faces to show how difficult life has suddenly become for you. (Need we start explaining how most of the world would think that giving up candy bars or soda for 40 days sounds just plain silly? According to Bread for the World, 925 million people around the world go hungry each day. So please don't talk about the terrible hardship you are undergoing by giving up M&M's and Coca-Cola for a few weeks.)

So instead of focusing on what you may give up, take time to consider why you may do it. You give stuff up for Lent because you want to become a better Christian. You are testing yourself — and allowing God to test you — to see if, by giving up something that maybe you are too focused on in everyday life, you can concentrate more on him.

Contributor Bio

Peter Celano is a writer and editor at Paraclete Press who is also the recent author of the popular book, *My Year with the Saints for Kids*.



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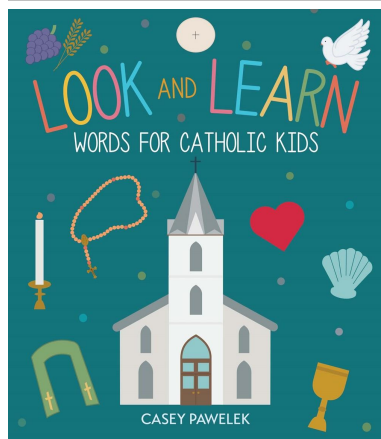
Sophie Piper, Angelo Ruta

Summary

This collection of prayers, scriptures, and blessings is a beautiful gift for a child on the occasion of First Communion. Readings touch on the themes of praising God, remembering baptism, coming to confession, taking part in Holy Communion, and living a Christian life. This fully illustrated keepsake book includes a dedication page to personalize, and space for a photo.

Contributor Bio

Sophie Piper is the inspiring author of many books for young children, including the Paraclete Press bestseller, *My Baptism Book* (nearly 30,000 copies sold so far), *Prayers for Each and Every Day*, and *Poems & Prayers for Easter*. She lives in the Thames Valley, England.



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Look and Learn

Words for Catholic Kids

Casey Pawelek

Summary

From Ambo to Zucchetto, this brightly illustrated look-and-learn book helps kids to discover and name all the fascinating things that are part of the Catholic faith!

The church is full of beautiful and mysterious things—things we can see and touch, and some we can't see, but we speak, sing, and believe in our hearts. *Look and Learn: Words for Catholic Kids* is a fresh concept: a simple, engaging, and lively book full of colorful illustrations that help kids to learn about all the things they will encounter in church.

Sit with your child and explore the church grounds as you learn about a labyrinth, a mausoleum, and a rectory. Walk inside the sanctuary to discover the tabernacle and explore the altar to peek at a ciborium. Learn about the fruits of the spirit, the books of the Bible, the rosary, the sacraments, the virtues, and much more. These pages will spark spiritual curiosity in children and lead to meaningful conversations with parents, grandparents, teachers, and catechists.

Look and Learn:

- Is full of colorful illustrations that name the people, places, and items of our faith
- Was written by the author to help keep her own 5-year-old happy, quiet and engaged at church. It's the perfect book for a young child to bring to church week after week!
- Is different, because it's not just another illustrated Bible or saint story. This book brings kids up close, with just a few words, to discover more about the faith.
- Sparks spiritual curiosity in children and leads to engaging conversations with parents and teachers
- Allows kids to discover the Catholic faith for themselves
- Makes a great gift for First Communion, Easter, first day of school, curious preschoolers and young elementary kids, and boys and girls ages 4-8 years old

Contributor Bio

Casey Pawelek is a Catholic wife to her high school sweetheart and mama to three young kids. She lives in Texas. This is her first book.

Quotes

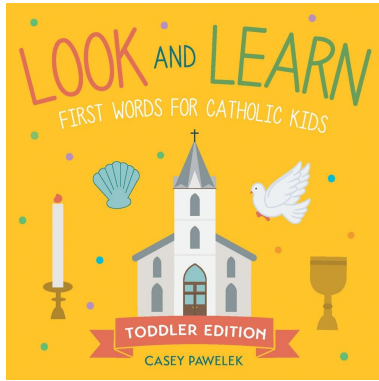
"While you may be purchasing *Look and Learn for Catholic Kids* by Casey Pawelek for the little ones in your life, don't be surprised when you also learn a few new things about the riches and beauty of the Faith! Chock full of delightful illustrations with the names of the things that fill our parishes and domestic churches, this primer promotes curiosity and enthusiasm for the thing that matters most in our lives: our love for God and God's Church." —**Lisa M. Hendey**, author of *I'm a Saint in the Making*, founder of CatholicMom.com

"*Look and Learn for Catholic Kids* is sure to capture a child's faith imagination. Wandering through the pages, they will uncover the riches that define their Catholic faith. What a gift for a lifetime!" —**Karen Kiefer**, author of *Drawing God*, founder of Million Misfit Sock March

"This is the perfect beginner book for young Catholics. As they explore each page, your little one will love hearing all of the Catholic vocabulary and seeing the colorful pictures!" —**Tommy Tighe**, author of *Saint Dymphna's Playbook*

Illustrations





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Look and Learn – Toddler Edition

First Words for Catholic Kids

Casey Pawelek

Summary

This brightly illustrated look-and-learn board book helps toddlers discover and name the fascinating things that are part of the Catholic faith! Written to help engage her young child during church, *Look and Learn – Toddler Edition: First Words for Catholic Kids* board book by Casey Pawelek makes faith fun.

Sit with your child and go on a “treasure hunt” to explore the colors, sights, and sounds of a typical parish church.

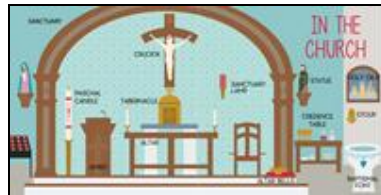
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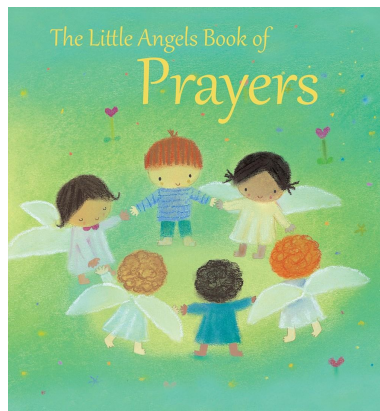
- Will hold a child’s interest with colorful illustrations that name people, places, and things
- Is the perfect book for young children ages 1-3 to bring to church!
- Sparks spiritual curiosity in young children and plants seeds for conversations with parents and teachers
- Invites children to experience the Catholic faith from a very early age as lively, fun, and engaging
- Makes a great gift for new babies, toddlers, new parents, and children’s ministry leaders

Contributor Bio

Casey Pawelek is a Catholic wife to her high school sweetheart and mama to three young kids. She lives in Texas.

Illustrations





The Little Angels Book of Prayers

Elena Pasquali, Dubravka Kolanovic

Summary

This sweet collection of prayers and blessings is the perfect gift for a new baby, or for a young child on the occasion of Baptism, First Communion, Easter, or a birthday.

Soft pastel illustrations accompany the simple, joyful text that reassures children of God's love and protection.

Contributor Bio

Elena Pasquali worked for some years in children's publishing before going on to be an author in her own right. She has a special interest in researching and retelling folk tales from around the world.

Dubravka Kolanovic was born in Croatia. She studied at Savannah College of Art and Design. She lives and works in Zadar on the coast of Croatia with her husband, two sons, and a dog. She illustrated the best-selling *My Baptism Book*.



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Mary's Story

Editors at Paraclete Press

Summary

With simple language and lovely illustrations, this book retells the stories of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Share in the excitement as Mary learns from the Angel Gabriel that she will become Jesus's Mommy.

Be with Mary as she teaches Jesus to walk and to read, and join Joseph as he shows Jesus how to cut wood and use carpenter's tools.

As Jesus grows older, he sets off to tell people that God loves them. Mary is always there, and she loves to see Jesus surrounded by all his friends!

A wonderful book to read aloud to children!

Contributor Bio

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Jesus's Story

Editors at Paraclete Press

Summary

In simple language and with sweet illustrations that young children will love, this book retells the stories of Jesus. Share in the excitement of the night that Jesus was born, his baptism by his cousin John and the calling of his friends, the fishermen who were to become his disciples!

Join Jesus as he shares the loaves and fishes with the crowds, and celebrate when he rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. After Jesus rises from the dead, his friends receive God's Spirit. It's like a little flame above their heads! They tell each other, "Let's talk about Jesus to everybody!"

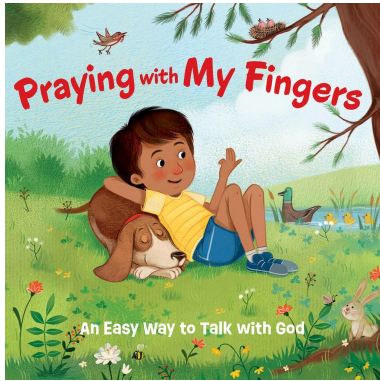
In a padded board format, this book is perfect for little fingers!

Contributor Bio

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Praying With My Fingers

An Easy Way to Talk With God

Paraclete Press, Alessia Girasole

Summary

Start your little ones off on their journey with God with this classic prayer using their five fingers — a simple and real way to pray!

With gentle, rhyming text and engaging, colorful illustrations, this sturdy board book, *Praying With My Fingers: An Easy Way to Talk With God* offers a simple yet effective method for little ones and beginner readers to guide them through an easy-to-understand and easy-to-remember prayer routine. Simple yet uplifting Bible verses and prayer prompts bring young children and parents together to share and ponder.

Praying With My Fingers:

- Contains rhyming phrases for easy-to-learn, easy-to-understand prayer form
- Is a sturdy board book that can withstand repeated readings and usage at home, church, or classroom
- Is perfect for teaching prayer concepts to any toddlers and preschoolers
- Offers details in the artwork for little ones to enjoy and find for “point and learn” discovery
- Serves as a base for teaching prayer and talking to God
- Is the perfect size for little hands
- Makes a great gift for many occasions including birthdays, baptism, child dedication, new grandchild, curious toddlers, and boys and girls ages 0 to 4 years old

This creative form of prayer has been around for a long time! It is a powerful way to teach our children how to pray.

Contributor Bio

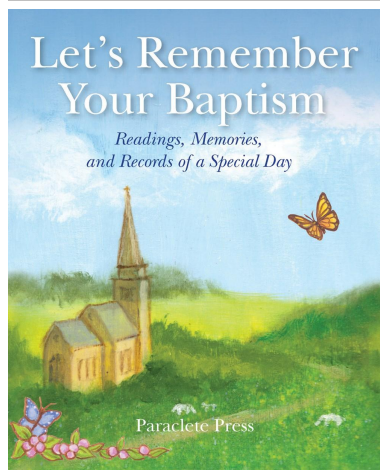
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Alessia Girasole was born in Milan, Italy where she currently resides. She has been drawing since early childhood and realized early on that she would turn her hobby into a rewarding career as an illustrator. After graduating at the European Institute of Design in Milan, with a major in Illustration and Multimedia Animation, she decided to focus on illustrating for children. Nowadays, she spends most of her time with her two favorite and very close mates: her MAC and Neve, a faithful Labrador retriever.

Illustrations







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Let's Remember Your Baptism

Readings, Memories, and Records of a Special Day

Editors at Paraclete Press

Summary

"This child has been reborn in Baptism. This is now a child of God." So begins this beautiful, illustrated book for memories and reflections of a day your child will honor for the rest of his or her life. Includes:

- *Presentation Pages
- *The Calling of the Baptized
- *Space for Family and Friends to Write
- *Prayers and Scripture
- *Responsibilities of Family and Friends
- *The Baptism of Our Lord
- *Jesus's Blessing for Little Children

Let's Remember Your Baptism: Readings, Memories, and Records of a Special Day is a beautiful keepsake to help a child remember and reflect on their baptismal covenant.

Contributor Bio

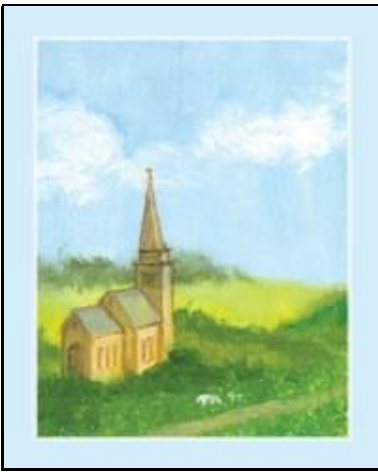
The Editors at Paraclete Press

Quotes

"An ideal gift and very highly recommended for all parents in the Christian community wanting to memorialize the baptism of their child, *Let's Remember Your Baptism: Readings, Memories, and Records of a Special Day* is a simply lovely and enduringly appreciated keepsake to help a child remember and reflect on their baptismal covenant." — **Midwest Book Review**

Illustrations





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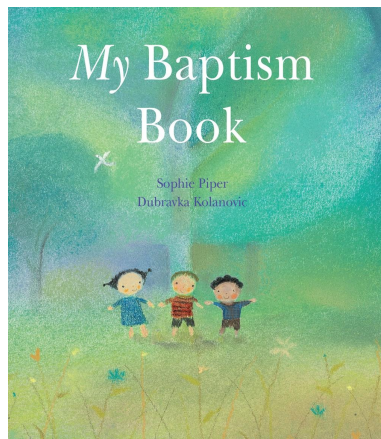
The Calling of the Baptized

I therefore . . . beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

—ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE
Ephesians 4:1-6





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My Baptism Book

Sophie Piper, Dubravka Kolanovic

Summary

This collection of prayers, psalms, and Bible stories is the perfect gift for any child being baptized, from infant to elementary age. Every page is filled with an inviting and warm color illustration.

My Baptism Book:

- Features beautiful poetry that celebrates the child being baptized and the love God has for that special little one
- Mentions Bible stories and psalms from Scripture
- Includes a presentation page with room to personalize with the recipient's name, baptism date, names of godparents, and well wishes from the gift giver
- Showcases various Christian statements of faith with age-appropriate language
- Is perfect for baptism and newborn gifts

Sections of the book include:

Me — an area that recognizes the child's self in relation to God

My Baptism — verses and excerpts from the Holy Bible, ending in simple prayers

A Child of God — offering Scripture passages, Psalms, and other Bible excerpts

God, Jesus, God's Holy Spirit — simple thoughts about the Holy Trinity

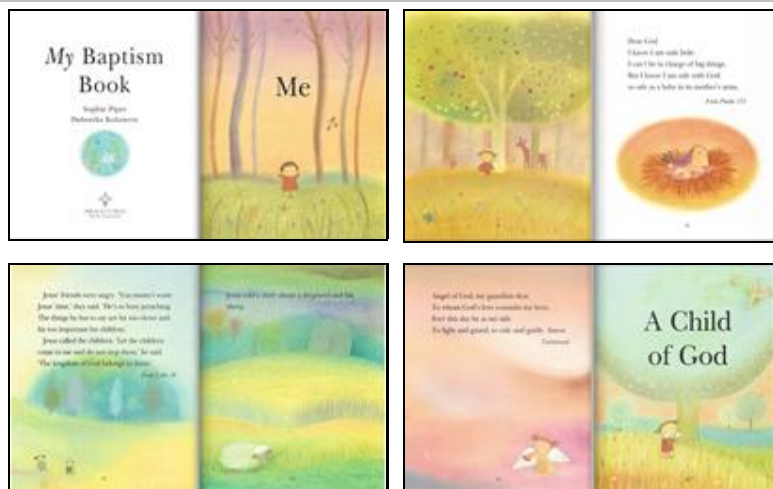
Blessings — simple prayers and well wishes for the child as they grow into the community of believers.

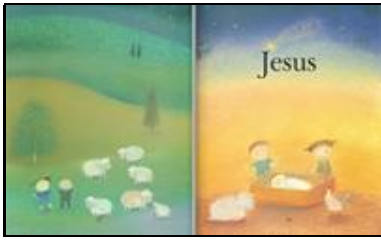
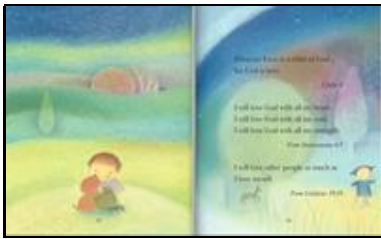
Those who attend the baptism or christening can sign the inside pages, creating a special book for any child's spiritual journey. With its reassuring message of God's eternal love and care, *My Baptism Book* is sure to be a treasured memento.

Contributor Bio

Sophie Piper lives in the Thames Valley. Over the years, she has taken a special interest in writing and compiling books to communicate the themes of love, hope and faith to young children. Her sincere and simple style has given rise to many prayer and gift books, including *A Book of Prayers to Keep for Ever* and *On the Day You Were Born*. Her most recently published work includes the *Bible Story Time* series of books for young children.

Illustrations







Putting Joy Into Practice

Seven Ways to Lift Your Spirit from the Early Church

Phoebe Farag Mikhail

Summary

Putting Joy into Practice: Seven Ways to Lift Your Spirit from the Early Church is an invitation to a life of joy. Phoebe Farag Mikhail explains what joy is and how to experience it through seven spiritual practices that cultivate our inner lives and connect us to our communities. These seven practices, which include giving thanks, hospitality, praise, and more, take us on a journey that leads to joy through the giving and receiving of sacrificial love. She describes her own experiences and struggles with joy and offers practical ways to implement these practices to increase joy in our own lives and in the lives of all those around us.

Contributor Bio

Phoebe Farag Mikhail is a wife, mother of three children, writer, speaker, educator, and advocate. She blogs about faith, family, relationships and community at BeinginCommunity.com. She serves alongside her husband at St. Antonious & St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church in East Rutherford, New Jersey, and works in international development.

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The Generosity

Luci Shaw

Summary

"Rejoice, readers, as you receive the generosity of Luci Shaw's 76 new grace-infused parable poems. Autobiography once more merges with theology as these poems illuminate in splendored natural detail how the seasons of creation parallel and explain the seasons of her life as a poet. Again and again, these poems shower us with glorious epiphanies from the natural world as it reflects God's generosity at work such as "spring's impossible news of green." These poems confirm that in poetry as in faith "ripeness is all." Like Wordsworth, Luci is celebrated for being a highly gifted landscape poet whose works are rich in imagery from the physical world—meadows filled with seeds, flowers, and also poems which are like "shoots" in Luci's writing life. Animals, too, great and small (beetles, cricket, and voles to bears and whales) play a major role in Luci's poetics of creation; God is likened to a great bear who leaves paw tracks for us to follow. In their deep faith and vibrant colors and designs, the poems in *Generosity* might be considered Luci's *Book of Kells*. We need to be like Luci's father who carried her poems in his briefcase to show his friends."

—Philip C. Kolin, Author, *Reaching Forever: Poems*; Distinguished Professor of English (Emeritus), University of Southern Mississippi

Contributor Bio

Luci Shaw was born in London, England, in 1928. A poet and essayist, since 1986 she has been Writer in Residence at Regent College, Vancouver. Author of over thirty-five books of poetry and creative non-fiction, her writing has appeared in numerous literary and religious journals. In 2013 she received the 10th annual Denise Levertov Award for Creative Writing from Seattle Pacific University. She lives with her husband, John Hoyte, in Bellingham, WA.

Quotes

"Luci Shaw's poems have always been welcome company, but how much more so in anxious times. There is a substantial comfort in her instinct for pleasure—in language, creation, people, habits. Her poems reveal a mind marked by humor, curiosity, good nature, and, well, generosity. Each poem in this new book is a short lesson in noticing the world attentively, and a reminder to slow down and find the wonder, not just in the natural world, but in the less lovely things that make up our ordinary lives and duties. Time spent with Luci is time redeemed." —**Mary Kenagy Mitchell**, Executive Editor, *Image*

"Ah, *The Generosity*! Such an apt title for anything having to do with Luci Shaw and her vocation as a woman of letters, a woman of compassionate engagement with persons, places, and things. A profound generosity of attention, of vision, and of connection with other souls is what is most apparent in these epistles of the heart. Most moving to me—one of her thousands of longtime fans—is her candid appraisal of the human point of view, and her diligent *νήψις*, or watchfulness, assists our own seeing, our own slow trek to what may yet await us, *after* the in-between." —**Scott Cairns**, author of *Slow Pilgrim: The Collected Poems and Anaphora*

"A new book by Luci Shaw is a reason for rejoicing! She gives us a generous collection of lyric poems, reminiscent of Dylan Thomas, with lines such as 'The air is full of green pilgrims who / walk together in this God light.'" —**Barbara Crooker**, author of *The Book of Kells* and *Some Glad Morning*

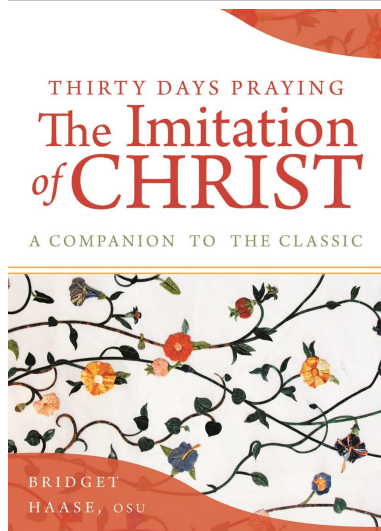
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Thirty Days Praying The Imitation of Christ

A Companion to the Classic

Bridget Haase

Summary

For over six centuries, The Imitation of Christ has been the most beloved book of devotional literature, second only to the Bible as a pathway to everyday holiness.

If you have ever wondered how to dip your toes into the deep waters of this powerful classic, this book is for you.

Sister Bridget Haase, known for her down-to-earth wisdom and generous heart, offers a thirty day companion guide to *The Imitation of Christ*. Designed to be used alongside the classic work or on its own, this little book includes daily excerpts, prayers, and reflection questions, along with space for drawing or journaling. Sifting through the text, Sister Bridget has uncovered golden "nuggets of spirituality" that can enrich and guide our everyday lives.

Contributor Bio

For more than 50 years, **Sr. Bridget Haase, OSU** has traveled the world, teaching students in Appalachia and across the U.S. and Mexico, working with children in Sudan, and serving in Ursuline communities in West Africa, Italy, and England. She is the author of *Generous Faith: Stories to Inspire Abundant Living* and *Doors to the Sacred: Everyday Events as Hints of the Holy*. The recipient of numerous honors and awards, Sr. Bridget lives in the Boston area. Her website is www.wisdomwonder.com.

Quotes

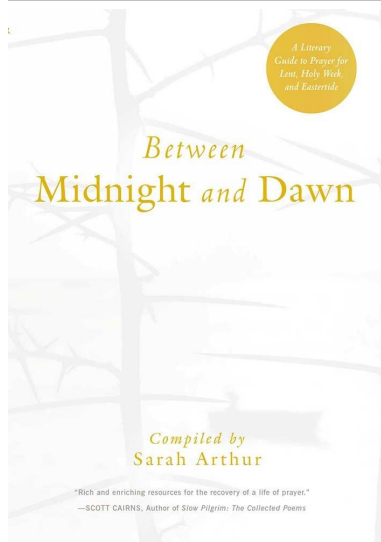
Praise for Sr. Bridget Haase

"Sister wisely directs us to take the time to ponder, reflect, and be attentive to the ways the Lord is working on our lives." —**Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston**

"Sr. Bridget Haase continues to catch us by surprise. This book holds the promise of the most alluring kind of freedom: release from the power of our self-preoccupation. Sr. Bridget is a spiritual midwife who shows us how to be reborn." —**Rev. Dr. Jeffrey P. Johnson**, pastor in the United Church of Christ (retired)

"I have seen the love and compassion of Sr. Bridget firsthand, in a ministry we have shared for years. She is a woman that not only talks about generous faith, but lives it daily." —**Rev. Gloria White-Hammond, MD, Co-Pastor, Bethel AME Church, Boston; and Executive Director, My Sister's Keeper**

Illustrations



Between Midnight and Dawn

A Literary Guide to Prayer for Lent, Holy Week, and Eastertide

Sarah Arthur

Summary

Join poets and novelists from across the centuries as you travel through the liturgical seasons of Lent, Holy Week, and Eastertide. With the popular collections *At the Still Point: A Literary Guide to Prayer in Ordinary Time* and *Light Upon Light: A Literary Guide to Prayer for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany*, this third collection of daily and weekly readings from classic and contemporary literature completes the church calendar. New voices such as Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and Benjamín Alire Sáenz join well-loved classics by Dostoevsky, Rossetti, and Eliot. Light in the darkness, illuminating the soul. *Between Midnight and Dawn: A Literary Guide to Prayer for Lent, Holy Week, and Eastertide* will use imagination to draw you deeper into God's presence. Read it through, then use it as a resource for years to come.

Contributor Bio

Sarah Arthur is a fun-loving speaker and the author of ten books ranging from popular devotionals to serious engagement with theology and literature. A graduate of Wheaton College and Duke Divinity School, she speaks around the country on the role of imagination and narrative in spiritual formation. She is the editor-curator of Paraclete Press's *At the Still Point: A Literary Guide to Prayer in Ordinary Time* (2011) and *Light Upon Light: A Literary Guide to Prayer for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany* (2014). When she isn't chasing two small boys around the house, Sarah can be found gardening, writing young adult novels, and volunteering in youth ministry at Sycamore Creek United Methodist Church in Lansing, MI, where her husband, Tom, is pastor.

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Quotes

"Rich and enriching resources for the recovery of a life of prayer. More difficult, perhaps, than any other truth we may glimpse in the midst of what we know as 'the time being,' is the efficacy of penitential prayer; most elusive is the 'bright sorrow' that couples our repentance with joy. With this book, many will find their way to this inestimable blessing." —**Scott Cairns**, author of *Slow Pilgrim: The Collected Poems*

"A rich feast." —**Lauren F. Winner**, author of *Still: Notes on a Mid-Faith Crisis*

"*Between Midnight and Dawn* is an imaginative collection of poetry and prose that reveals what great literature is at its core: a psalm, a cry against the darkness, a prayer." —**Ashlee Cowles**

"I may just be a bit smitten with this book." —**Ann Voskamp**, author of *One Thousand Gifts*

"Like a scribe trained for the kingdom of heaven, she brings out treasures new and old to illuminate the mysteries of God's saving ways." —**Michael S. Poteet**, *The Sci-Fi Christian*

"What a delight, to find so extraordinary a collection." —**Kathleen Norris**, author of *Dakota and Cloister Walk*

"It is nearly impossible to read a poem both quickly and well,' Arthur warns, and so she advises the reader to go slow, savoring the psalm and scripture passages she offers for each section, extending the readings over several days. Perhaps Arthur knows that we often have to be seduced into seeing the depths of the darkness, and thus she eases the way with a framework that looks like a traditional devotional book—opening prayer, scriptures, readings, personal prayer and reflection, closing prayer. But in those readings are the weight and wonder of the ages. This is explosive



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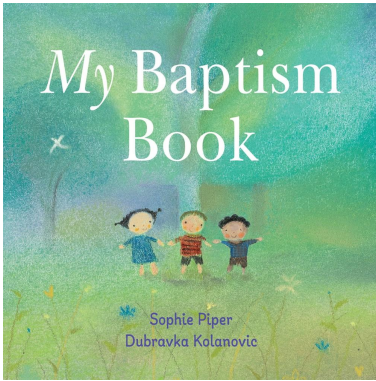
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stuff Arthur has brought together—again, too much to be absorbed in the sittings of a single Lent and Easter. But for those who see God’s hand in the devastating beauty of art and human word, this guide is a balm and a window to a deeper experience of the season.” —**Alex Joyner**, *The Englewood Review of Books*

“A thing of beauty!”—the late **Phyllis Tickle**, author of *The Divine Hours*

“What a gem of a book, a great resource for preachers, pray-ers, or anyone who likes such intelligent devotional material.” —**Byron Berger**, *Hearts and Minds Books*



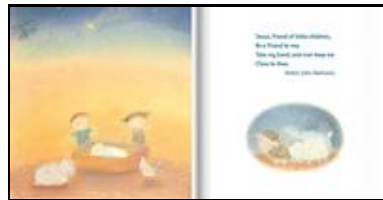
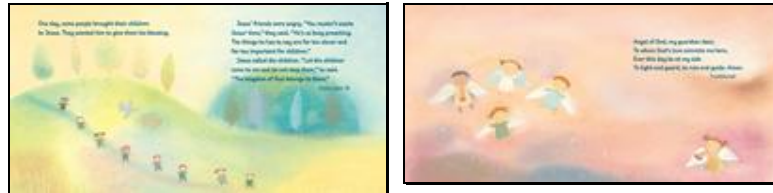
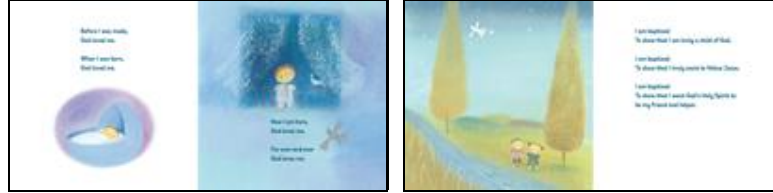
My Baptism Book — Board Book

Sophie Piper, Dubravka Kolanovic

Summary

This sturdy little board book is a simple collection of prayers, poems, and Bible verses — the perfect gift for a little child being baptized. Each page features beautiful color illustrations. With its reassuring message of God's eternal love and care, *My Baptism Book* is a treasure.

Illustrations



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Make Space for Jesus



Laura Alary Illustrated by Ann Boyajian



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Learning About Lent and Easter

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Summary

Invite little children to learn about Lent and Easter in this gentle and engaging board book that encourages generosity and compassion.

Laura Alary, bestselling author of *Make Room: A Child's Guide to Lent and Easter*, presents a simple board book for the youngest readers to experience the story of Jesus at this important time of year. With simple text and soft, watercolor illustrations, *Make Space for Jesus* teaches young children about Jesus' way of compassion, welcome, and generosity, and suggests little ways that we can make room in our hearts for others, like smiling and saying hello. This reassuring little book makes it clear that sadness is not the end of the story, but gives way to joy and new life.

Make Space for Jesus:

- Tells the Lent and Easter story to young readers in a thoughtful, accessible way
- Helps families who want to experience the liturgical rhythms of the church year
- Explains why the church is dressed in purple, and what Holy Week is about
- Helps kids think deeper about how to follow Jesus' example of love
- Provides a thoughtful alternative to the more consumeristic messages surrounding Easter
- Makes a great gift for curious toddlers and boys and girls ages 1-5 years old, to read together at home or bring to church

Make Space for Jesus will be a welcome addition to every child's library, to lay a foundation for their lifelong spiritual journey.

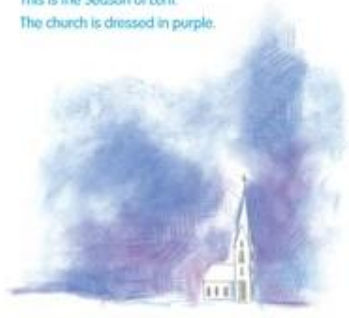
Contributor Bio

Laura Alary is a writer, storyteller, and religious educator. When she was a little girl she used to make her own books out of manila paper, crayons, and mucilage. These early efforts at writing eventually gave way to academic papers and theses, as she earned degrees in Classics, Theology, and New Testament. More recently, Laura has focused on a new type of education—raising three creative and curious children. She leads workshops on everything from storytelling to biblical interpretation, teaches the occasional university course, and works with children at a local congregation. Laura lives in Toronto, Canada.

Ann Boyajian is the illustrator of many books, including *Samantha's Friendship Fun* (in the American Girl series), *More Spice Than Sugar* (Houghton Mifflin), and *O Say Can You See? American's Symbols, Landmarks, and Inspiring Words* (Scholastic).

Illustrations

This is the Season of Lent.
The church is dressed in purple.



During Lent we share meals with people.
We send greetings to anyone who is sad or sick.
When someone seems lonely we smile
and say hello.

Like Jesus, we make room.



"Hallelujah!"
we sing.
"Jesus is alive again!"

