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When You Pray St Vladimir's Seminary Press Presents the first approachable introduction to the wisdom of the Philokalia, the classic text of Eastern Christian spirituality through which seekers and believers of all faiths who are interested in prayer, contemplation, and living a life closer to God can gain great spiritual wisdom. Original.

If You Love Me Paraclete Press

The wisdom of the desert fathers and mothers lies in their experiences of solitude, prayer, community life, work, and care for their neighbors. Their goal was transformation of their lives through openness to the presence and energy of God in Christ. They taught by example and by sharing narratives and sayings that reflect the deep human psychological and spiritual aspects of their journey toward authentic human life. The venue for their transformation was the whole person 'body, mind, and spirit. They emphasized self-knowledge, humility,

purity of heart, and love of God and neighbor. Far from being naïve, their sayings and narratives reflect honest struggles, temptations, and failures.

They also demonstrate the disciplines of prayer and meditation that kept them centered in God as their only source of strength. The daily reflections in *Desert Banquet* introduce readers to a variety of these early Christian mentors and offer reflections on the significance of their wisdom for life in the twenty-first century. David G. R. Keller, an Episcopal priest, is adjunct professor of ascetical theology at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. He is co-steward, with his wife, Emily Wilmer, of Oasis of Wisdom: An Institute for Contemplative Study, Practice, and Living based in Asheville, North Carolina (www.oasisofwisdom.net). He is the author of *Oasis of Wisdom: The Worlds of the Desert Fathers and Mothers* (Liturgical Press) and *Come and See: The Transformation of Personal Prayer* (Morehouse Publishing).

Prayer: A Guide for the Perplexed Routledge

A collection of articles on prayer and the spiritual life, together with some of the author's own prayers. A moving testimony to the relevance of Christ, who, for Archimandrite Sophrony, is "all, and in all, the beginning and the ending" of all things (cf. Col 3:11; Rev 1:8).

The Jesus Prayer Baker Academic

Even for those whose knowledge of the Bible is limited, they are familiar with the book of Genesis. It is, after all, the story of the beginning, of what has happened. It prepares us for what is and what will be. Despite what you know, however, there are areas that may remain a mystery. Author Peter Shenouda's *Genesis: The Story, the Allegory, the Prophecy, and What Matters* is the culmination of his fifteen-year study of Genesis. It is a concise treatise of this book of beginnings. Shenouda has put together information that really matters to those reading the entire Scripture, including the Apocrypha. You'll learn whether Genesis is only a book of stories or if it offers any prophecies about the future. Discover what is behind the letters in the story of Joseph. You'll also develop an understanding of what

Jacob said about the future of Israel. Genesis: The Story, the Allegory, the Prophecy, and What Matters helps you develop a better understanding of the book and, as a result, of the Bible as a whole. It's an opportunity to increase and deepen your biblical knowledge and faith.

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Paraclete Press
Presents the Orthodox perspective on who the Holy Spirit is, where the mystery of God comes alive. Delving deep and subtly into Orthodox tradition and theology, *The Giver of Life* articulates the identity of the Holy Spirit as the third Person of the Trinity as well as the role of the Holy Spirit in the salvation of the world. Written with a poetic sensibility, Fr. Oliver begins with Pentecost, an event uniquely celebrated in Orthodoxy as a time when greenery of all kinds is brought into churches. "The splash of green foliage calls to mind not just life, but a special kind of life. It is the life that transcends biological existence and flows from the very Godhead Itself; it is life that's a state of being—immortal, everlasting, changeless. Ferns and flowers fade

and die, but souls filled with this 'life from above' flourish forever."

Reflecting on the relationship of the Holy Spirit to the Church, to the world, and to the human person, *Giver of Life* looks to the impressive biblical and liturgical tradition of Orthodox Christianity. This is a book weighty in content but accessible in tone, not an academic study of the mind, but a lived experience of the heart.

On Prayer St Macarius Press

Orthodox Prayer Life
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Abbess Thaisia of Leushino St. Xenia Skete Press

Revealing the essence of the Christian life in simple yet profound images, Matthew's discourses on humility, repentance, asceticism, fasting, suffering and unity convey the gospel message in powerful terms to modern man.

Prayer Book of the Hours WestBow Press

Anyone who prays, or has tried to pray and given up in discouragement, knows praying—really praying—is not easy. Praying consistently seems almost impossible. Too often and too easily, prayer

becomes a burden: one more item on an already overcrowded to-do list. Failing to pray becomes a source of guilt and stress as we must once again admit our inconstancy and procrastination to our father confessor. Yet, our Lord said, "Come to me, all of you who are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. My burden is easy and my yoke is light" (Matt. 11:30). The purpose of this book, then, is not to add to the burden, but to ease it by distilling the advice and experience of those who pray.

An Inner Step Toward God St Vladimir's Seminary Press

In the course of many years, prayer proceeds to work its way in a slow, steady, and accumulative manner, which destroys the spirit of sin and gradually cleanses the conscience until your life of prayer matures. Then suddenly, the light of salvation illuminates the soul with a joy permeating your whole being and enveloping your whole life. This inner light, which seems to be sudden, is however the work of long years of thousands of prayers.

St Anthony Paulist Press
Over the last century unprecedented numbers

of Christians from traditionally Orthodox societies migrated around the world. Once seen as an 'oriental' or 'eastern' phenomenon, Orthodox Christianity is now much more widely dispersed, and in many parts of the modern world one need not go far to find an Orthodox community at worship. This collection offers a compelling overview of the Orthodox world, covering the main regional traditions of Orthodox Christianity and the ways in which they have become global. The contributors are drawn from the Orthodox community worldwide and explore a rich selection of key figures and themes. The book provides an innovative and illuminating approach to the subject, ideal for students and scholars alike.

Learning from and Giving Yourself through Christ in Prayer

WaterBrook
The truth on the Power of Prayer is Biblical, historical and experiential. Every religion recognizes it; every human that needs support to rise up and walk, to think positively and live fruitfully will testify to the usefulness of prayer. The Biblical testimony on the

efficacy of prayer is: As Gods Word will not return to Him void but shall achieve the end for which He sent it (Is. 55: 11), so the prayer of the lowly does not rest till it reaches its goal. (Sir. 35: 17-18) The author of this book, having been a prey of such powerful tool in the Vineyard of the Lord, shares his personal and experiential thoughts and convictions about prayer. According to him only through prayer humans can build up and manage a qualitylife as the disciples of Jesus. Through this book he shares with readers some of his findings of the method of qualityprayer which is simple but productive, containing little nuance but with admiration of existing Traditions, and exclusive with its unique approach to prayer but inclusive of all possible saints efforts over the centuries in praying fruitfully. The author compares qualityprayer-process to the walking through inside portions of a Catholic Church building. He tries to walk with us through the four phases of qualityprayer and make us perceive clearly our actions and Gods own as well, at each phase. The book asserts that though prayer is not

a resource and support in the natural process of human development, it is by all means an indispensable source and basis for developing a matured Christian personality. However, mere formal or traditional prayer would do no good in this regard. It would help keeping up our status quo. It will not contribute much to our growth of Christian personality. Even the prayer of the intellect, namely prayerful meditation or reflection would not do that much help, as it should. This kind of prayer would meet its immature death as I had gone through sometime back. Once the intellect gets more truths and facts about life, God, religion and universe it would surely put a full stop to any kind of prayer. But if the same prayer is experiential and personal, the author writes, if it is intensively connecting the soul to its God, the Ground of being, the Beyond of everything, if it accelerates the process of intimacy between the human and the Divine, then surely prayer becomes the primary source of change, growth and development in human personality and through him/her

influences the entire universe. This is what happened in Jesus and so in His disciples and godly people of today. I dare to name this kind of prayer as QualityPrayer.

When You Fast

InterVarsity Press

This resource is a complete introduction to one of the most mysterious prayers of Eastern Christianity, The Jesus Prayer. A conversational question-and-answer format takes the reader through practical steps for adopting this profound practice in everyday life. *The Story, the Allegory, the Prophecy, and What Matters* Paraclete Press

The Middle East is the birthplace of Christianity and the home to a number of Eastern Churches with millions of followers. This book provides a comprehensive survey of the various denominations in the modern Middle East and will be of interest to a wide variety of scholars and students studying theology, history and politics.

On Giving One's Life to God Trafford Publishing

"As a Carmelite immersed in the contemplative spirituality of his order, Father John Welch writes from the lived experience

of an interior life. The seventy short articles here under one cover were first published in *Christ Is Our Hope*, a monthly publication of the Catholic Diocese of Joliet focused on evangelizing and educating"--

The Eastern Christian Spiritual Texts

Bloomsbury Publishing

Offers meditations on our relationship with God through prayer and tells how to find consolation, express thankfulness, and apprehend the presence of the Lord

Agpeya St Vladimir's Seminary Press

How do people experience spirituality through what they see, hear, touch, and smell? Sonja Luehrmann and an international group of scholars assess how sensory experience shapes prayer and ritual practice among Eastern Orthodox Christians.

Prayer, even when performed privately, is considered as a shared experience and act that links individuals and personal beliefs with a broader, institutional, or imagined faith

community. It engages with material, visual, and aural culture including icons, relics, candles, pilgrimage, bells, and architectural spaces.

Whether touching upon

the use of icons in age of digital and electronic media, the impact of Facebook on prayer in Ethiopia, or the implications of praying using recordings, amplifiers, and loudspeakers, these timely essays present a sophisticated overview of the history of Eastern Orthodox Christianities. Taken as a whole they reveal prayer as a dynamic phenomenon in the devotional and ritual lives of Eastern Orthodox believers across Eastern Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia.

The Spiritual Words of Matthew the Poor

InterVarsity Press

"The world is faster and busier than it's ever been, with more noise and distraction unsettling our already restless souls. We are a people out of rhythm. For Christians who are frustrated with churches that only add to the hustle and bustle, there must be an answer in our interior spiritual life. We long for deeper, more meaningful faith. Author and pastor Rich Villodas's *The Deeply Formed Life* offers an expansive, interconnected vision of spiritual formation comprised of five key pathways"--

Desert Banquet Wipf and Stock Publishers
 The secrets of the journey stipulate certain rules. We should always feel that we are sojourners, pilgrims seeking their eternal homeland. This feeling should not disappear from our heart, mind, or body for a single moment. We should cherish it both inwardly and outwardly, lest we inadvertently forget the state of our exile, an exile in which we feed on the inextinguishable love of

God. For fire can be quenched with a little water, but love, if it really burns within one's heart, nothing can quench it; - neither disdain, nor contempt, nor hostility, nor humiliation, nor indifference. If these negative feelings found a place in an enemy's heart and death itself embodied in a hostile person, even this would not quench love!

[A Year of Wisdom from the Desert Mothers and Fathers](#) SkyLight Paths

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First published in 1979.

Words for Our Time The Word Among Us Press
 This activity book is perfect for children to teens. Get your children acquainted with Orthodoxy through various coloring activities, counting tasks and other games. Encourage your child to learn about the faith, Church, icons, Jesus, the Theotokos through this valuable activity book for Orthodox Christian children.

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