

# Syllabus for Exposition of Prayer (FMT 502)

## Front Range Bible Institute

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- I. Course Description—A study of Old and New Testament prayers and of the scriptural teaching regarding prayer. The course is designed to impact the personal prayer life of the students and also to equip them for the responsibility of leading a congregation of believers in its prayer worship and ministry. Issues relating to the tensions with regard to the sovereignty of God, the responsibility of humans to pray and respond, and the role of the Holy Spirit are evaluated. (FRBI Catalog)
- II. Course Objectives
  - A. To draw students to know God by depending on him in a devoted and disciplined life of prayer
  - B. To introduce students to some of the best resources for use in the study and exposition of prayer in the Bible.
  - C. To expose students to several of the great classics in Christian literature on the subject of prayer.
- III. Course Requirements and Grades
  - A. Reading – 50% of final grade
    1. Certificate of Biblical Studies
      - a. Read *Praying with Paul: A Call to Spiritual Reformation* by D. A. Carson (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2014).
      - b. Read class syllabus
      - c. Read the following two additional books in any order and submit a typed, double-spaced summary book report as each book is fully read. Trace and summarize the author’s discussion, and then discuss applications that are helpful to you in building your life of prayer, being as specific as possible. Do not transfer long quotations (anything longer than sentence or two). See example on page 4 entitled “**Guide Sheet for Book Report**” and follow the form precisely.
        - 1) *Enjoy Your Prayer Life* by Michael Reeves
        - 2) *Prayer* by Timothy Keller
      - d. See the appendix to this syllabus for more resources on prayer.
    2. Bachelor of Biblical Studies
      - a. Read *Praying with Paul: A Call to Spiritual Reformation* by D. A. Carson (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2014).
      - b. Read class syllabus
      - c. Read the following two additional books in any order and submit a typed, double-spaced summary book report as each book is fully read. Trace and summarize the author’s discussion, and then discuss applications that are helpful to you in building your life of prayer, being as specific as possible. Do not transfer long quotations (anything longer than sentence). See example on page 4 entitled “**Guide Sheet for Book Report**” and follow the form precisely.
        - 1) *A Simple Way to Pray* by Martin Luther

- 2) *Prayer* by Timothy Keller
  - d. See the appendix to this syllabus for more resources on prayer.
3. Master of Biblical Studies/Master of Divinity
  - a. Read *Praying with Paul: A Call to Spiritual Reformation* by D. A. Carson (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2014).
  - b. Read class syllabus
  - c. Read the following three additional books in any order and submit a typed, double-spaced summary book report as each book is fully read. Trace and summarize the author's discussion, and then discuss applications that are helpful to you in building your life of prayer, being as specific as possible. Do not transfer long quotations (anything longer than sentence or two). See example on page 4 entitled "**Guide Sheet for Book Report**" and follow the form precisely.
    - 1) *A Simple Way to Pray* by Martin Luther
    - 2) *Prayer* by Timothy Keller
    - 3) *Calling on the Name of the Lord* by J. Gary Millar
  - d. See the appendix to this syllabus for more resources on prayer.
- B. Exams – none
- C. Daily Prayer – 25% of final grade
  1. Pray at least 30 minutes per day, beginning April 6 through the end of the course. Both public and private prayer can be included in the time spent praying.
  2. Fill out the attached form with the amount of time spent praying each day. Submit this form to the instructor on June 8.
  3. The student may wish to maintain a daily prayer journal or prayer cards if these are beneficial.
- D. Research Paper – 25% of final grade
  1. Submit a research paper at the beginning of the last class on June 8. Select one of the following topics or ask your instructor for approval of another subject. Submit your choice of topic and a preliminary outline to the instructor by April 27.
    - The Lord Jesus as Our Example in the Prayer Life
    - The Problem of Unanswered Prayer
    - The Relation between God's Sovereignty and Prayer
    - The Prayer of Faith in James 5:15
    - The Prayers of Jesus
    - The Prayer Principles of Jesus
    - The Ministry of Intercession
    - The Theology of Prayer
    - Conditions for Answered Prayer in the New Testament
    - Exposition of Our Lord's Prayer in John 17
    - Prayer and Divine Healing
    - The Ministry of Prayer in the Local Church
    - Prayer and Fasting
    - Prayer and Revival
    - Prayer in the Old Testament

- The Disciples Prayer (so-called Lord’s Prayer)
  - The Prayer of Unbelievers
  - Exposition of Matthew 21:13. Include the parallel passages: Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-47; John 2:13-16. Make application for today.
  - Exposition of any of the Apostle Paul’s prayers.
  - Prayer in the Book of Acts
  - Prayer in the Early Centuries of the Christian Church
  - Prayer and the Reformation
  - The Holy Spirit and Prayer
  - A great Bible person of prayer on whom much emphasis about prayer is given.
  - A notable individual of prayer outside the Bible.
  - Exposition of any prayer in the Bible.
  - Luke’s Theology of Prayer
  - Miracles in Answer to Prayer
  - Prayer in the Book of Proverbs
2. See instructions and guidelines below for writing and formatting your research paper.
  3. The grading of the paper will be based on the criteria of intellectual content (80 points), literary excellence (5 points), structural form and layout (5 points), and bibliography (10 points). You should cite at least seven good scholarly sources accurately with the correct form (see below on “**Form For Citing Sources in Research Papers**”).
  4. Certificate of Biblical Studies students will not be required to write a paper. Bachelors students should present a paper of 10 pages (+/- 2 pages). Masters students should write a paper of 15 pages (+/-2 pages). Please keep your papers within the specified length.
- E. Policy on Assignments – No assignments will be accepted after the last class period on June 8.

#### IV. Course Schedule

- A. Each class period will include a time of prayer.
- B. *Praying with Paul* should be read completely by May 4. We will use this book like a textbook and reference it throughout the class.
- C. Maintain daily prayer and a prayer journal or prayer cards.
- D. All reading reports submitted no later than June 1. Any reports submitted after June 1 but before June 8 will receive a one letter grade reduction.
- E. Turn in research paper by class time on June 8.

## GUIDE SHEET FOR BOOK REPORT

I read the entire book.

Name  
Date  
*Space 2 lines*

*Center and Italicize Title of Book.*  
*Center "A Book Report" (1 space below title).*  
*Center Name of Author*

- I. [Trace the author's discussion]
- II. [Discuss some applications to your life of prayer.]

## FORM FOR CITING SOURCES IN RESEARCH PAPERS

- A. Sources are to be cited in paragraphs and within parentheses thus continuing the flow of thought; **not** using footnotes or endnotes.
- B. Examples of Different Types of Citations
  - 1. Citation of a single-volume work – Simply give the author's full name, the full name of his work (underlined), and then the page or pages you are citing, e.g. (John J. Davis, *Paradise to Prison*, p. 29). Note that first name comes first, last name last.
  - 2. Citation of a multi-volume work – e.g. (Walter Grundmann, "Dechomai in the New Testament", *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, ed. G. Kittel (1954), II, 53-54).
  - 3. Citation of a journal article – e.g. (C. C. Ryrie, "The Mystery in Ephesians 3", *Bibliotheca Sacra*, 123 (Jan. 1966), 30). In this example, the "123" is the volume number and the "30" is the page number being specifically cited.
  - 4. Citation of a commentary by one man in another man's multi-volume work – e.g. (Frederic Gardiner, "Leviticus", in *Lange's Commentary on the Holy Scriptures*, ed. J. P. Lange, Vol. 1, p. 39).
  - 5. Citation of a statement by one man writing a chapter or entry in a work edited by more than one other man – e.g. (S. Lewis Johnson, "Romans 5:12—An Exercise in Exegesis and Theology", chapter 19 in *New Dimensions in New Testament Study*, eds. R. N. Longenecker and M. C. Tenney, pp. 298-316, especially p. 303).

6. Citation of a statement by one man writing an entry in a work edited by another man – e.g. (John H. Gerstner, “Kenosis”, *Baker’s Dictionary of Theology*, ed. E. F. Harrison, pp. 308-09).
- C. After you have made an initial citation from a work, any later citation from that same work can be shortened. Samples can be drawn from the list above: e.g. (Davis, p. 122); (Grundmann, p. 54); (Ryrie, p.28); etc. If you should cite some other writer of a different article in a work already cited, such as the *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, you could shorten the title to an abbreviation since you already gave the full title, e.g. (J. Jeremias, “Lithos”, *TDNT* (1967), IV, 268-80). *Baker’s Dictionary of Theology* can be shortened to *BDT* on the second time it is referred to, and Lewis Sperry Chafer’s *Systematic Theology* can be shortened to *ST*, etc.
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#### Appendix A Select Bibliography

- Bennett, Arthur. *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*. Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth, 2005.
- Henry, Matthew. *A Method for Prayer: Freedom in the Face of God*. ed. J. Ligon Duncan. Fearn, Ross-shire: Christian Focus, 2012.
- Keller, Timothy. *Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God*. New York: Penguin Books, 2014.
- Luther, Martin. *Little Prayer Book 1522 and A Simple Way to Pray 1535*. The Annotated Luther Study Edition. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2017. Note: Luther’s instruction on prayer is also available in a small paperback from Concordia: *A Simple Way to Pray*, translated by Matthew C. Harrison. St. Louis: Concordia, 2012.
- Millar, J. Gary. *Calling on the Name of the Lord: A Biblical Theology of Prayer*. New Studies in Biblical Theology 38. Downer’s Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2016.
- Old, Hughes Oliphant. *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Worship*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995.
- Onwuchekwa, John. *Prayer: How Praying Together Shapes the Church*. 9Marks Building Healthy Churches. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2018.
- Reeves, Michael. *Enjoy Your Prayer Life*. Farington, Leyland: 10Publishing, 2014.

Spurgeon, C. H. *Only a Prayer Meeting*. Fearn, Ross-shire: Christian Focus, 2010. Note: other editions are also widely available.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Pastor in Prayer: A Collection of the Sunday Morning Prayers of C. H. Spurgeon*. Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth, 2004.

Whitney, Donald S. *Praying the Bible*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015.

Additional Annotated Bibliography included in the original notes developed by Professor James Rossup:

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

- A -

Aldrich, Joseph. Prayer Summits. Portland, OR: Multnomah, 1992.

Here is a good, simple book showing the need for Christian workers to get together and pray in some area of the world, benefits of such vigils even when pastors of an area are of different evangelical denominations, and how to have such united prayer efforts.

Allen, Ronald B. Praise! A Matter of Life and Breath. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1980. 246 pp.

Praise is a sign of life and breath in the Lord. Allen writes in a refreshing and exciting style. Read and pondered over several days or weeks and used with an open Bible and open heart, the book can serve as a catalyst to live a life of praise, and God's Word can re-ignite a Christian's devotion.

- B -

Baelz, P. R. Prayer and Providence. London: S. C. M. Press, 1968.

Some good material.

Baillie, John. A Diary of Private Prayer. New York: Scribner's, 1949. 136 pp.

This suggests prayers for each day of the month. Devotionally warm, it is a classic.

Bakker, Frans. Praying Always. Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust, 1987. 105 pp.

Bakker, saved at thirty-seven years of age, was a pastor in the Netherlands before his death from cancer at age forty-four (1919-1965). He writes in a warm pastoral spirit on secret prayer, humility, arrogance, unfulfilled prayer, boldness, pleading, thanksgiving, and other facets.

Barclay, William. The Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer for Everyman. New York: Harper & Row, 1963. 256 pp.

Barclay devotes 128 pages to the beatitudes and the rest to the prayer. He sees the beatitudes as the essence of the Christian life within the sermon, which is the essence of that life. In his usual popular, simple style and moving phrase by phrase, he explains the passages with rich word studies and other Scripture.

Baughen, Michael. Breaking the Prayer Barrier: Getting Through to God. Wheaton, IL: Harold Shaw, 1981. 164 pp.

J. I. Packer wrote the foreword. Baughen was on the staff at All Soul's Church, Langham Place, London, with John R. W. Stott. In a very simple, readable flow he seeks to help the desperate who see no answers to prayer and feel a barrier. He deals with approaching God as **God**, getting in step with God's purposes and ways, and coming with worship, confession, thanksgiving, and a childlike spirit at all times. Baughen has sections on praying for believers, leaders in the church, the worldwide Christian outreach, unbelievers, and enemies. It is an average book among books on prayer, but refreshing.

Bennett, Arthur. The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions. Edinburgh: Banner of Truth Trust, 1975. 224 pp.

These selected entries, based on the lines in the introductory prayer, "I live in the depths but see Thee in the heights," are examples of written prayer. The prayers in this book are placed under headings such as "The Trinity", "The Great God", "God Enjoyed", "Man's Great End", "Praise and Thanksgiving", "Christ is All", "God the Spirit", "The Precious Blood", "Regeneration", "Victory", "Continual Repentance", "Sins", "Passion", "Need of Grace", "Morning", "Evening Prayer", "Resting on God", "Living by Prayer", and many others.

Biehl, Bobb and James W. Hagelanz. Praying, How to Start and Keep Going. Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1981 revision of 1976 ed. 142 pp.

A simple discussion. Prayer is talking with God, listening to Him, letting Him work in the life. There are chapters on praise, confession, thanksgiving, petition, and intercession. Each chapter closes with practical suggestions on **how** to do this by using Scripture.

Billheimer, Paul. Destined For the Throne. Fort Washington, PA: Christian Literature Crusade, 1975. 134 pp. (Foreword by Billy Graham)

Billheimer says the church is God's ultimate goal in the universe. God has given it authority as it is identified with Christ in His exaltation, enthronement, and conquest of Satan. Yet the church is plagued by an attitude of "too busy to pray" (pp. 52-53). Some prayers are not answered due to defects in our character and faith that yet need perfecting. This imperfection and the frustration we experience in prayer can be overcome by praise that develops character.

Blackwood, Andrew W. Leading in Public Prayer. New York: Abingdon Press, 1958. 207 pp.

Excellent on making public prayers meaningful, based on Blackwood's pastoral experience and two decades of teaching a course on public prayer at Princeton Seminary. He discusses prayers of adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and petition. He also deals with prayer before the offering, prayer in consecrating the gifts, prayer before the message and after it, the benediction, and other prayers. He is helpful on preparing to lead in prayer by practicing God's presence, by reading classics of devotion, by sensing people's needs, and by examples from Bible prayers.

Blanchard, Charles A. Getting Things From God Chicago: Moody Press, n.d. 270 pp.

A book helpful to many, with sections on various aspects related to prayer, and some good illustrations.

Bloesch, Donald G. The Struggle of Prayer. New York: Harper & Row, 1980. 180 pp.

A well-documented theology of prayer, this regards prayer as the heart of spirituality and says it should have priority over other areas of the spiritual life (p. vii). It sees prayer not as **recitation** as in formalistic religion, nor as **meditation** as in mysticism. Rather it is **dialogue** between the living God and a person His grace touches (p. vii). He distinguishes and favors biblical evangelical prayer over mystical prayer (cf. ch. 6). Bloesch has many potent quotes and points that open a reader's understanding of prayer. For example, "Prayer is the antidote for fearfulness, for it is rooted in a faith that God has overcome, that he is overcoming now, and that he will overcome" (p. 170).

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. Psalms: The Prayer Book of the Bible. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Publishing House, 1970. 86 pp.

Though many cannot appreciate some of the liberal associations of the author, they can draw some benefit from his focus here on the prayers of the Psalms. This little book can serve to some degree as a catalyst for one's own study of prayer in the Psalms.

Bounds, E. M. The Best of E. M. Bounds on Prayer. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1981. 231 pp.

This book includes selected chapters from eleven books, The Necessity of Prayer, The Essentials of Prayer, Purpose in Prayer, Power Through Prayer, Prayer and Praying Men (saints of the Old Testament and Moses and Paul, now entitled Obtaining Answers to Your Prayers), The Weapon of Prayer, The Reality of Prayer, The Possibilities of Prayer, and some other manuscripts Bounds left at his death. The reader will find this collection motivating as well as instructive.

Bounds, E. M. Power Through Prayer. Chicago: Moody Press, n.d. 96 pp.

Very motivating on the passion of prayer, power through prayer, great men of prayer, and the example of the apostles. Many thoughts grip and motivate the reader.

Bounds, E. M. The Necessity of Prayer. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1976. 144 pp.

This book contains good quotations and illustrations on prayer and includes much helpful information.

Bounds, E. M. A Treasury of Prayer. Minneapolis: Bethany Fellowship, Inc., 1961. 192 pp.

Leonard Ravenhill chose these parts from seven books by Bounds (1835-1913). Many believe that Bounds' books are among the best on prayer ever written.

Bradshaw, Paul F. Daily Prayer in the Early Church. New York: Oxford University Press, 1982. 191 pp.

This survey filled with information has good footnotes and rich use of early sources, whether Old Testament, apocryphal, Qumran, early Christian, and rabbinic writings, etc. It shows daily prayer customs of faithful Jews and first-century Christians (Book of Acts), use of the Psalter, prayer without ceasing in the New Testament and the early fathers, etc. One is treated to a digest on many aspects in a well-organized fashion.

Brandt, R. L. Praying with Paul. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1966. 106 pp.

This deals with Paul's recorded prayers in Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. It draws many valuable, well-phrased thoughts from the prayers,

covering ideas such as knowing Christ, the hope of His calling, God's inheritance, His power to us, knowing His will, walking worthily, etc. Paul S. Rees and A. W. Tozer write endorsements. Anyone studying Paul's prayers here can find some help in the book.

Bright, Bill. The Transforming Power of Fasting and Prayer. Orlando, FL: New Life Publications, Ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ, International, 1997.

This is a 205-pp. pb., discussing fasting, prayer and the Great Commission, how fasting transforms believers to be used in transforming the world, accounts of changed lives, etc.

Brings, Lawrence M. We Believe in Prayer. Minneapolis, MN: T. S. Denison & Co., 1958. 616 pp.

This is a compilation of statements by American and world leaders stressing the value and power of prayer. Each is one to two pages long. Contributors are political heads, leaders of hotels or corporations, movie stars, psychologists, religious leaders of Jewish, Christian, and other faiths, authors, athletic leaders, etc. Among the names from evangelical ranks are Billy Graham, Clyde Narramore, Donald Grey Barnhouse, Bob Jones, Sr., Maxwell Coder, E. Schuyler English, Dale Evans, Walter Judd, R. G. Le Tourneau, etc. There are many very good statements from a great variety of angles and in numerous situations, stimulating for personal use or in preaching.

Brown, Charles Ewing. The Way of Prayer. Anderson, IN: The Warner Press, 1940. 192 pp.

Simple, easy reading with good illustrations on what prayer is, hindrances, faith, seeing God's heart as we pray, prayer as labor (such as Jacob's wrestling in Genesis 32), intercession, thanksgiving, meditation, and creativity in prayer.

Brown, John. An Exposition of Our Lord's Intercessory Prayer [John 17]. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1980 rp from 1850 ed., Edinburgh: Oliphant and Sons. 255 pp.

Brown (1784-1858) takes up every phrase in what Scotland's Robert Traill said was the best prayer ever offered in our world, following the best sermon ever preached in it [John 14-16] (p. vii). Brown was one of the foremost preachers in Edinburgh, Scotland, and Scotland's first professor of exegetical theology. In 195 pages he expounds the prayer, and then on pp. 197-230 writes at length on the relation of our Lord's intercession to the conversion of the world. In the latter, he emphasizes Jesus' prayer, the influence of the Holy Spirit, and the union of Christians in mind, will, aim, and operation with God. He also shows that our Lord's intercession shows that the conversion of the world is desirable, important, practicable, certain, and pleasing to God, and that prayer is vital as a means. Appendices and indices on topics, Greek words, authors, and Scriptures complete

the book. The exposition itself is deeply helpful with rich references to truths about prayer in general in the Bible, men's choice sayings about prayer there or here and what every phrase or key word means. Brown has a good blend of detailed elucidation and devotional blessing.

Bryant, David. With Concerts of Prayer: Christians Join for Spiritual Awakening and World Evangelization. Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1984. 250 pp.

Bryant is Missions Specialist with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. His book In the Gap challenges Christians to grow to become world Christians. Here, in addition, he shows how many are mobilizing, and many others can get into this movement, to share revival of their spiritual lives and labor for world evangelization. He cites case histories to show that praying groups in concerted effort (Matthew 18:19, sumphoneo, from which our English "symphony" comes) can trust God for great things--whether in groups, churches, colleges, organizations, or communities. He gives a guide for leaders of groups and other specific helps step by step, and his bibliography reflects very energetic involvement to be competent in the proposal.

Bunyan, John. Prayer. London: Banner of Truth Trust, 1965. 172 pp.

Here are included two books on prayer by Bunyan, Praying in the Spirit (1662) and The Throne of Grace (1692), the latter based on Hebrews 4:16. The first deals with what true prayer is--sincere, sensible, affectionate, by the Spirit's help, for things God promises, for the church's good, in submission to God's will. It also discusses the Spirit's help, with an excellent chapter on many ways He relates to prayer. The book shows how the understanding is enlightened and instructed by the Spirit. It answers questions and helps with practical issues such as discouragements, hindrances, and encouragements from certain Scriptures (Luke 11:8; Hebrews 4:16; etc.). It reproves those who do not pray. The Throne of Grace explains elements in Hebrews 4:16 successively: God has more thrones than one, this one being His throne of grace; the godly distinguish one throne from another; who the "us" are; the bold manner in which the saved can come; the motives in coming. The book is saturated with scriptural reasoning.

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Calvin, John. "Prayer", in The Institutes of the Christian Religion. 2 vols, vols. XX and XXI in The Library of Christian Classics, ed. John T. McNeill. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1960.

Cf. his exposition of the Lord's Prayer in Book III, Chapter 20, pp. 34-49. Also cf. remarks on the aspects of prayer in the Heidelberg Catechism, questions 120-29; Westminster Larger Catechism, questions 186-96; and Westminster Shorter Catechism, questions 99-107.

Carre, Captain E. G., ed. Praying Hyde. South Plainfield, NJ: Bridge Publishing Co., 1982. 187 pp.

Carre has combined in one book three previous biographies of this unusual man of pray by Francis A. McGaw, J. Pengwern Jones, and R. McCheyne Paterson. Hyde left the United States in the 1890's to be a missionary in India and led in several prayer vigils that God answered by saving people or bringing them to revival. Pages 167-83 give some of Hyde's letters reflecting mighty workings of God, and pp. 184-87 end with a challenge to pray. Hyde died in his 40's in 1912. He had been known for purity of life, sweetness of disposition, sacrificial love to others in spiritual or material need, and often long seasons of prayer while kneeling or lying with his face to the floor. He often awoke from sleep at intervals during the night, arose, and prayed before returning to his rest.

Carroll, B. H. Messages on Prayer. Nashville: Broadman, 1942. 167 pp.

Carroll was chairman of Bible in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX and a great preacher. His first chapter, "Accessibility of God Through Christ" is a classic. Other sermons are on prayers of Jesus, limitations in prayer, the prayer "Lord, Increase Our Faith", how to seek and find God's face, etc.

Carson, Donald A. A Call to Spiritual Reformation. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992.

Carson, an internationally-known NT scholar and prolific writer at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL, contributes a top-flight readable exposition of several prayer passages in Paul's epistles. He also presents many principles that believers can apply to improve their prayer lives.

\_\_\_\_\_(ed.). Teach Us to Pray. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1990.

Carson edits many chapters various scholars in several countries contributed on facets of the subject, prayer, in an outstanding book. Some topics among the many are: Carson's own chapter on learning to pray, also prayer in the OT, Psalms, Gospels and Acts, Paul's writings, general epistles, Revelation, a biblical theology of prayer, prayer in Buddhist thought, also in Roman Catholic and Muslim thinking. Chapters appear on lessons of prayer from China, Korea, Latin America, Africa, also the Puritans, prayer and training leaders, and chapters on personal experiences of prayer.

Chadwick, Samuel. God Listens to the Crying Heart in the Secret Place. Westchester, IL: Good News Publishers, 1973. 96 pp.

Chadwick has many beautiful sayings in this arresting, convicting book that breathes with personal, practical experience. He says that "to pray as God would have us to pray is the greatest achievement on earth."

Cho, Paul Y. Prayer, Key to Revival. Waco, TX: Word, 1984. 187 pp.

A convert from Buddhism as a young man, Cho is a pastor in Seoul, Korea and has led in building church congregations of 1,000 to 18,000 people. Here he discusses the Christian's motivations for prayer, living by God's power, experiencing brokenness to be usable to God, overcoming Satan, how to have personal, family, and church prayer, all-night prayer, fasting, learning how to pray longer, prayer in the Holy Spirit, and praying in faith. This book has many helpful ideas and good challenge for revival prayer.

Choy, Leona. Andrew Murray: Apostle of Abiding Love. Fort Washington, PA: Christian Literature Crusade, 1978. 276 pp.

The Scottish Murray (1828-1917), who wrote about 240 books and tracts, several of which are on prayer and abiding, held pastorates in South Africa in the Dutch Reformed Church. He was a tender husband and father of eight. Choy has shown in Murray's life humility triumphing over pride, dependence in faith, doing God's work God's way, surrender, Christlike holiness, effective prayer, fellowship, brotherly love, the power of the Spirit, waiting on God, and other aspects.

Christenson, Evelyn. What Happens When God Answers? Waco, TX: Word, 1986. 188 pp.

This sequel to What Happens When Women Pray?, listed below, stresses that "God **never** intends that an answer to prayer be an end in itself. He expects us to be prepared to act or to be acted upon by His answer . . . ." The book, which uses many Scriptures and illustrations, is a call to repent, be reconciled to God and others, make restitution, even restore others, and have a thankful heart.

Christenson, Evelyn. What Happens When Women Pray? Wheaton: Victor Books, 1981. 144 pp.

A widely used, practical help based on the author's prayer seminars. She seeks to show that changes when prayer is a transforming thing in the church. Simply written, refreshing, with illustrations, the book argues that we fully need God's help through prayer to see great things His power accomplishes. Praying comes before human planning, and six "S's" are vital: pray subject by subject (one at a time), be short, simple, specific, with silent periods at times, and pray in small groups. There is good emphasis on being righteous and asking according to God's will, choosing a place and time, being forgiving toward others, phone prayer chains, and other aspects.

Coburn, John B. Prayer and Personal Religion. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1957. 96 pp.

Coburn seeks to help lay people in prayer. "Prayer for many is like a foreign land. When we go there, we go as tourists . . . feel uncomfortable and out of place . . ." (p. 8). He writes on prayer as response to God, beginning where you are, then when, where, and how, the life of engaging in adoration and other aspects of prayer, practicing God's presence, prayer as a rule of life, and other matters. The approach is simple, the occasional illustrations helpful, and the practical advice geared for beginners. It is a good book but not one of the best.

Cox, Enos Kincheloe. Where is the Lord God of Elijah? Chicago: Bible Institute Colportage Association, 1929. 127 pp.

Cox was pastor of First Baptist Church, Gloster, Mississippi. He seeks to arouse lethargic believers into a revival for God by underscoring the need and accomplishments of prayer. Using Elijah's prayer life, he challenges saints today. Later he writes at length of prayer in the lives of Moses, Samuel, Hezekiah, and Jesus, and issues a call (ch. 10) for coming alive in the church, with pastors taking the lead. The book is simple and stirring.

Crump, David. Jesus the Intercessor. Prayer and Christology in Luke-Acts. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992.

This, originally a doctoral thesis at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, is the best scholarly work (quite readable for the most part) on key passages about Jesus praying for others. Some of the texts are Lk. 10:21-24, 22:31-32, 23:32-49, etc. In Acts, Crump looks at 77:55-56, among others. He even discusses texts not in Luke-Acts, e.g. Rom. 8:34, Heb. 7:25 and I John 2:1. He shows awareness of a vast array of scholarly writings, and many facets of intercessory prayer.

- D -

Dawson, David M. More Power in Prayer: How to Pray Effectively. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1942. 162 pp.

The author was pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Jose, CA. There is an urgency about the book for praying more, having power, how not to pray, how to pray, praying through, compromise, revival, and the ministry suffering can be. Simplicity and practicality are here.

Demaray, Donald E. How Are You Praying? A Manual on the Practice of Prayer. Grand Rapids: Francis Asbury Press, 1985. 172 pp.

This is a revision of the 1965 book, Alive to God Through Prayer, by a professor of preaching at Asbury Theological Seminary. His focus is on

cultivating a pattern of prayer about specific needs, how to pray with the family, how to lead a prayer group, and practical tips on how pastors can lead in enhancing a richer prayer life in their church. There also are chapters on how to pray for revival, healing, and the Spirit's fullness. Demaray always has a heart for specific ways to do what he says.

Deyneka, Peter. Much Prayer--Much Power! Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1968. 89 pp.

This is by the founder and director of the Slavic Gospel Association, Inc. From his own travels and prayers Deyneka tells how God answers to stir others. He deals simply with Christ's need to pray and His command to us to pray, challenges to unceasing prayer, answers to prayer, how to lead prayer meetings, how to encourage others to pray, hindrances, revival through prayer, and living victoriously by prayer. The book is easy to read and earnestly stimulates readers to pray.

Doughty, W. L., ed. The Prayers of Susanna Wesley. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1984. 59 pp.

These are short meditations by a remarkable lady, the mother of John and Charles Wesley, who kept up prayer times from her late teens to age seventy-two (p. vii). She gave birth to eighteen or nineteen children, only ten of whom lived past infancy. Without money for servants, she did the chores and educated her children, even writing textbooks. She kept up a wide theological reading and consistent life of prayer through many trials. Sources of the prayers are listed on pp. 58-59. The prayers reflect deep submission and trust, refreshing the spirit on many aspects of life.

Duewel, Wesley. Mighty Prevailing Prayer. Grand Rapids: Francis Asbury Press, 1990.

In 44 chapters, readers meet with such topics as: the importance of prevailing prayer, Christ who prevailed in prayer, the dynamic of desire, fervency, persistency, faith, uniting in prayer, being led by the Spirit, etc., how to increase faith, agreeing in prayer, perseverance, God's will, fasting, how to bind Satan, using Jesus' name, etc. The book at times has a "charismatic" theological focus, but has many good things about earnest prayer.

Duewel, Wesley L. Touch the World Through Prayer. Grand Rapids, MI: Francis Asbury Press, 1986. 255 pp.

Here is a faith-stretcher for Christians who want to grow to change the world by intercessory prayer. Duetel was a missionary to India for twenty-five years, former president of Oriental Missionary Society (now OMS International), and a man of prayer who gives helpful lessons and some great answers to prayer. He edited for many years Revival Magazine, calling believers to repentance, prayer, and revival. The book is a motivator for new or mature Christians, and offers many helps. Bill and Vonette Bright, leaders of Campus Crusade for Christ International, have written the foreword. A few titles of the stirring chapters are: "Your Indescribable Power", "Your Enthroned Prayer Partner", "You Can Deepen Your Prayer by Fasting", "Your Praise Can Rout the Devil", "Your Prayer Can Reap World Harvest", "How to Hold a Personal Prayer Retreat", and "How to Prepare Prayer Lists". The book ends with "My Prayer of Commitment to Intercession". An excellent book.

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Eastman, Dick. A Celebration of Praise. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1984. 165 pp.

Eastman is founder and director of Change the World Ministries and sponsor of the Change the World School of Prayer, a prayer training effort contacted via Change the World Ministries, P.O. Box 5838, Mission Hills, CA 91345. The book stimulates desire to praise God. In several brief sections, Eastman looks at God as the object of praise--His reality, unity, self-sufficiency, immutability, and other aspects. Then he suggests a seven-week series of praise based on forty-nine specific praise words such as loving, timeless, present, glorious, holy, strong, wise, just, beautiful, faithful, merciful, truthful, victorious, good, etc. He even gives his own prayers of praise to God for these qualities, saturating these with verses that express them. The section is a guide to a series of daily times praising God for a different quality each day. Eastman also gives many choice quotes from famous writers such as S. D. Gordon, A. W. Tozer, J. I. Packer, and others.

Eastman, Dick. The Hour That Changes the World: A Practical Plan for Personal Prayer. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1978. 174 pp.

This book uses Matthew 26:40, "Could you not watch with Me one hour?", suggesting one hour a day for prayer in twelve five minute segments. Chapters elaborate on the segments, giving the sprinkled with great quotes on prayer and illustrations. The prayer segments are, in order: praise, waiting before God in an attitude of "I love You", confession, using Scripture to elicit prayer, watching in mental alertness, intercession, petition, thanksgiving, singing worshipfully, meditation, listening, and again praise. The book is simple, rich, very well written, quite motivating, and practical.

Eims, Leroy. Prayer: More Than Words. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 1982. 163 pp.

Eims probes the necessity of the believer's life being right with God if he is to have power in prayer. What we are opens the way for what we do to be effective. Eims writes simply and illustrates well. For power in prayer, essentials are a son's relation to the Father, harmony with the Bible reverence, obedience, humility, faith, a burdened heart, praise and gratitude, oneness of heart, and perseverance. Eims has a chapter on each, and these make sense from those wanting practical, frank, common sense help.

Essays on Prayer. Chicago: InterVarsity Press, 1968. 91 pp.

Selected articles by A. W. Tozer, T. C. Hammond, Raymond Ortlund, and others in His Magazine over the years. Quite profitable on praying God's way, thanksgiving, group prayer, overcoming difficulties, unanswered prayer, and prayer related to God's unchanging character and will, among others.

Evans, Louis H. Can You Really Talk to God? Waco, TX: Word Books, 1982. 116 pp.

This popularly-written book has many illustrations and answers to questions about prayer. Evans, who died in 1981, had more than fifty years of pastoral experience and was senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, CA.

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Farrar, F. W. The Lord's Prayer. New York: Thomas Whittaker, 1893. 279 pp.

A one-time archdeacon of Westminster preached most of these eighteen sermons in Westminster Abbey, London. Prayer, he says, is the main means by which we can appropriate forgiveness through Christ's sacrifice and strength from the Holy Spirit for faithful living (p. 12), the book is like a pantry, stocked with blessed thoughts and quotes on prayer. The chapter "After This Manner Pray Ye" is outstanding on prayer which misuses God, which cannot be granted, distinguished from prayer that avails with Him. Like many older books, this one can probe the heart and feed the spirit in depth. Frequent illustrations enhance the reading and target the points into the daily walk. It is a rewarding book.

Finney, Charles G. Autobiography of Charles G. Finney. Westwood, NY: Revell. 477 pp.

Much on praying for revival of the saved and the salvation of the lost, and seeing great answers.

French, Ivan H. The Principles and Practice of Prayer. Lincoln, NE: Back to the Bible, 1983. 179 pp.

A course at Grace Theological Seminary by this pastor led to the book. Warren Wiersbe says in the foreword that this is "one of the finest studies of prayer that I have ever seen" (p. 4). French brings Scripture soundly to bear on prayer and gives us a brief but carefully thought out and practical digest that challenges. Some of his chapters deal with what prayer is, how the Bible and prayer relate, the prayer life and teaching of Jesus, praying with faith, praying in the Spirit, fasting, hindrances, unanswered prayer, how to pray an hour, how to observe a day of prayer and fasting, how to prepare and use a prayer notebook. The discussion is an outline on the various facets, but a handy one.

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Garrett, Constance. Growth in Prayer. New York: Macmillan, 1950. 156 pp.

This woman is frank about the things that will lead a sincere Christian to develop in prayer, and the difficulties, failures, and successes of this development. The authoress is quite helpful in showing how to learn the basics and increase in effective prayer. A person willing to practice the steps, not merely think or talk about them and fizzle, will find much help and stimulation. At the ends of several chapters she gives a number of examples, as on prayers of adoration, thanksgiving, and repentance.

George, Alfred Raymond. Communion With God in the New Testament. London: Epworth Press, 1953.

A professor in Wesley College of Leeds, England, contributed this deeply studied work on piety. This is a fine survey of all the main aspects relating to the believer's fellowship with God.

Getz, Gene. Nehemiah: A Man of Prayer and Persistence. Glendale: Regal, 1981.

A detailed study of Nehemiah's prayer life during a great work of building and reform.

Getz, Gene. Praying For One Another. Wheaton: Victor, 1987. 132 pp.

Following the emphasis of most prayers in Acts, Getz deals with corporate praying. He shows how the early church prayed, helping on matters such as first focusing on God and not on our needs, and how to praise God (ch. 4), how a spirit of unity aids prayer (ch. 5), prayer as a pastor's priority (ch. 7), fasting (ch. 9), etc.

Goforth, Mrs. Jonathan. How I Know God Answers Prayer. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, n.d. 142 pp.

An encouraging presentation of amazing answers to prayer, written by a missionary wife.

Gordon, A. J. Quiet Talks on Prayer. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1984. (Reprint of a 1904 book by Revell.) 234 pp.

Gordon has several great thoughts.

Gossip, Arthur J. In the Secret Place of the Most High. New York: Scribner's, 1947. 210 pp.

A very direct, refreshing catalyst to a devotional life, citing among others William Law: "He who has learned to pray has learned the greatest secret of a holy and happy life" (p. 5). Chapter 3 is a benefit on "Axioms and Postulates of Prayer", stimulating believers. Chapters deal successively with confession, adoration, intercession, and petition and its problems. Gossip has an interesting writing style and often cites choice words and experiences from some of the well-known saints. Much in this book is an inspiration to pray.

Greeven, Heinrich et. al. "New Testament Words for Prayer [euchoimai, aiteo, etc.]", Theological Dictionary of New Testament Words, ed. G. Kittel, trans. and ed. by Geoffrey W. Bromiley, vol. II. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1964, pp. 775-808.

This is an excellent survey of Old Testament and New Testament prayer and prayer in the Greek world. Higher critical ideas appear at times but can be spotted by the discerning and trained reader.

Griffith-Thomas, W. H. Life Abiding and Abounding: Bible Studies on Prayer and Meditation. Chicago: Moody, n.d. 79 pp.

A famous Bible expositor and author (Genesis, Acts, Romans, etc.) devotes one section to meditating on **God's Word** as "more than my necessary food" and a second part to **prayer** as "the Christian's vital breath". This is the life of abiding (p. 5), and he is seeking to show how. The book is one of the most articulate brief helps on the strategic relationship between God's Word and prayer in abiding and the power that flows in fruit from this. In the author's pattern, points are systematic, clear, and drawn potently from God's Word. W. H. Griffith-Thomas was one of the strategic figures in the early days of Dallas Seminary.

Grubb, Norman. Rees Howells, Intercessor. Ft. Washington, PA: Christian Literature Crusade, 1952. 263 pp.

Howells of South Wales was one of the unusually great examples of a powerful prayer life, surrender, and revival (in Africa). He lived in 1879-1950. He preached to large audiences with wonderfully powerful results, saw many answers to persevering prayer, and was instrumental in the founding of a Bible college in Wales, for which God supplied funds without Howells making a plea for money. His was a life that stretches the faith of others.

Hallesby, O. Prayer. Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1931. 176 pp.

Recommended above any other book on prayer by W. Bingham Hunter (The God Who Hears, p. 208. Much in the book encourages us on prayer, as his discussion of our helplessness (pp. 16-26), faith (pp. 27-34), difficulties (pp. 35-60), prayer as work (pp. 61-86, excellent).

Hallimond, John G. The Miracle of Answered Prayer. New York: The Christian Herald, 1916. 248 pp.

The author gives many answers in various kinds of situations, illustrating specific principles in prayer. This is one of the longer and better books on answers.

Harkness, Georgia. Prayer and the Common Life. New York: Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1948. 224 pp.

The world desperately needs "an upsurge of vital, God-centered, intelligently grounded prayer" (p. 13). She discusses what prayer is, elements such as adoring praise, thanksgiving, confession, petition, intercession, commitment, assurance. Her chapters on hindrances, ways of praying, and private devotions (chs. 6-8) are eminently beneficial. Under hindrances, she writes of attitudes, social pressures that distract (lack of aloneness), nervous tension, and spiritual dryness.

Harrison, Norman B. His in a Life of Prayer. Minneapolis: The Harrison Service, 1927. 96 pp.

In the "His" series, this book is a simple, direct plea for a life of prayer, seven reasons for such a life, God's provision for it, hints to make it work, results, etc. The book is convicting about prayerlessness and the impotence in many churches and individuals. For lay people it is very read-able, well-organized, and filled with references to and direct quotes from the Bible. The part on examples is helpful (Jesus, Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Daniel, Cornelius, and Peter, pp. 44-50). Chapter 4 on God's peace through prayer is also quite encouraging, as are pp. 79-94 on illustrations of answered prayers in a variety of situations.

Haskin, Dorothy. A Practical Primer on Prayer. Chicago: Moody, 1951. 127 pp.

The authoress seeks to help the young Christian by basic, practical answers to the ABC's of praying. She is simple, direct, and down to earth. A very helpful little book on the successful quiet time.

Hastings, James, ed. The Great Christian Doctrines: The Doctrine of Prayer. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1915. 448 pp.

One of the best thorough, comprehensive books on the various facets of the subject, well-organized and systematic. The reader can learn much about prayer here. Some of the sections include the proof of prayer, the aspects, basic principles, personal demands prayer makes on us, helps for prayer, answers to scientific and philosophical objections, value, hindrances, encouragements to pray, perplexities such as no answer or deferred or delayed answer, expecting answers, prayer in relation to the trinity, the times for prayer, the posture, the form whether extempore or liturgical, the length, etc. Many rich illustrations and documented citations from devotional words add to the value of the discussions. A truly good book.

Herman, Nicholas (Brother Lawrence). The Practice of the Presence of God. Westwood, NJ: Revell, 1948. 64 pp.

A classic about a layman of Paris, saved at eighteen in the 1600's, who washed dishes and continually talked with God in a sweet fragrance of communion in all he did. His conversion came when Nicholas gazed at a tree stripped of all leaves, bare against the winter. He gave serious reflection to the tree being renewed, sprouting with leaves and flowers, and bearing fruit. In this he saw his own need for the God of providence who could renew him. Another man made notes from conversations with Brother Lawrence and compiled letters he wrote. The book, much used of God, is very eye-opening and challenging as to how we, also, can walk lighted by a constant sense of God and of being conformed to His image.

Hiebert, D. E. Working with God through Intercessory Prayer. Greenville, SC: Bob Jones University Press, 1991.

This is a little book of real quality (129 pp.) by a fine author of Bible commentaries. Readers find good chapters on working by prayer, the power of prayer, prayer-sent laborers, the church's prayer ministry, empowerment through intercession, Jabez, Epaphras, God seeking for a man to stand in the gap (Ezek. 22), and Daniel.

Hinten, Marvin D. God is Not a Vending Machine . . . So Why Pray Like He Is? Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1983. 126 pp.

Hinten has some good ideas on prayer in a Christian home, in a divided home, in group prayer, and alone.

Houghton, Frank. Amy Carmichael of Dohnavur. Fort Washington, PA: Christian Literature Crusade, 1988. 390 pp.

Amy was a shining light in her missionary labor of nearly sixty years in southern India (1895-1951), rescuing little children from idolatrous temple dedication. She also was a great woman of prayer, which was the secret of many victories. Chapter 36 gives details of her unusual prayer ministry. Cf. also Elisabeth Elliot's recent biography of Amy (A Chance To Die. Old Tappan, NJ: Revell, 1987).

Hubbard, David A. The Problem With Prayer Is . . .. Wheaton: Tyndale, 1972. 91 pp.

A lucidly readable practical discussion of various problems--why pray, what do I say, how to overcome not feeling like praying, why I should pray for enemies, how can I pray more, etc. The book is helpful to those who don't pray or pray little because of various hang-ups, which Hubbard helps the sincere resolve! There is much profitable use of Scripture. Such discussions as prayer helping us grow in commitment and opening our lives to hear **God's** Words (p. 51) are quite nourishing.

Huegel, F. J. The Ministry of Intercession. Minneapolis: Bethany Fellowship, Inc., 1971. 74 pp.

A missionary for fifty years in Mexico and other lands, Huegel presents intercessory prayer as the greatest ministry in which Christians can engage. He writes on how it fits in the Christian's life and how and when to intercede before God's throne. Good illustrations flavor the reading and clarify points. The book is simple, direct, and has a spirit that keeps motivating the reader to become an intercessor at all cost, or a better one. Unlimited possibilities for one's life open up as he follows a great prayer warrior through these pages.

Huegel, F. J. Successful Praying. Minneapolis: Bethany Fellowship, Inc., 1967. 96 pp.

A missionary to Mexico who authored Bone of His Bone and other perceptive devotional books writes here on prayer as work and then various laws relating to prayer. These are the law of the atonement (coming in **Christ's** merits), of position in Christ, of faith, of right relations with others, of God's will, of the Spirit's direction, of praise, of the right motive, of a right diagnosis, and of warfare.

Hughes, H. Trevor. Prophetic Prayer: A History of the Christian Doctrine of Prayer to the Reformation. London: Epworth Press, 1947. 132 pp.

Hughes traces attitudes within the church to aspects of prayer to try to help people see the relevance of prayer for weekdays as well as Sundays. He has chapters on such topics as primitive prayer, prayer in the Old Testament and

apocrypha, in the New Testament, in the early church, in monasticism, in the Eastern church, Augustine, Aquinas, and the reformers.

Hughes, R. Kent. Abba Father: The Lord's Pattern for Prayer. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1986. 117 pp.

In a popular, pastoral vein this is a standout book along with MacArthur's. Hughes, pastor of the Wheaton College Church, treats the prayer warmly and responsibly a phrase at a time. Hughes is well informed, writes compellingly, is ever practical, and has good illustrations. Readers gain much help in this prayer for disciples which "remains the model and the challenge" (p. 15).

Hunt, T. W. The Doctrine of Prayer. Nashville: Convention Press, 1986. 159 pp.

This book, from the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, looks at several facets: the God who cares, the foundation of prayer; Jesus as the example; the Spirit as our helper; the main parts of prayer (adoration, etc.); some main questions about prayer; hindrances; developing effective prayer, etc.

Hunter, W. Bingham. The God Who Hears. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1986. 224 pp.

This is by the present Academic Dean of Talbot School of Theology, a former student at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. It is a popularization that grew out of his Ph.D. thesis on prayer in the Gospel of John at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, and out of teaching two courses on prayer at Talbot for several years. Hunter relates prayer as more practical by showing us that it relates to the attributes of God, what He is like as holy, all-knowing, sovereign, Spirit, good, and Father. Christ is our example.

Hybels, Bill. Too Busy Not to Pray: Slowing Down to Be With God. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1988. 156 pp.

The pastor of Willow Creek Community Church, which reaches the unchurched in the Chicago area, has written this excellent book. He deals with God's willingness and ability, how to pray, unanswered prayer, slowing down to pray, how to listen, and other aspects. "The greatest fulfillment in my prayer life has not been the list of miraculous answers . . . . The greatest thrill has been the qualitative difference in my relationship with God" (p. 9). "Prayerless people cut themselves off from God's prevailing power . . . feeling . . . overwhelmed, overrun, beaten down, pushed around, defeated" (p. 13). He discusses several Bible passages in a provocative style.

Ironside, H. A. Praying in the Holy Spirit. New York: Loizeaux, n.d. 61 pp.

This great expositor of the past seeks to explain Jude 20 (cf. Ephesians 6:18), "Praying in the Holy Spirit". He deals with "Why Should We Pray?", hindrances (chs. 3-4), praying according to God's will, praying "in My name" (ch. 7), and other subjects. His illustrations often are excellent.

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Jeremiah, David. Prayer, The Great Adventure. Sisters, OR: Multnomah, 1997.

A graduate of Dallas Seminary, now a pastor in the San Diego area, wrote this highly readable book, giving good illustrations. It is particularly helpful in its good flow for lay readers, and deals with a number of the basic issues, encouraging prayer.

Johnson, Lois Walfrid. Either Way, I Win. Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1979. 192 pp.

The authoress was growing in prayer and researching to write on it when breast cancer rocked her world. After that she grew even more in prayer and its commitment of the whole life. From her perspective of personal peril she offers help to Christians who are in crises, and also to others.

Johnstone, Patrick. Operation World: A Day-To-Day Guide to Praying for the World. Waynesboro, GA: Send the Light (STL of Operation Mobilization), 1978. 501 pp.

The book lists nations, leaders, statistics, and needs, and is a carefully organized digest of pertinent matters for intercession at the time of writing. Many relevant facts on the particular situation of each part of the world help the Christian who desires to engage in an expanding intercessory ministry. However, since the book keeps being updated, many specific details change, and it is important to get the most recent revision. Duewel's book, cited above, is strategic on the challenge and methods, and Johnstone provides detail on specific areas. Bryant contributes help on prayer in groups that touches the world, and has much challenge also in both of his books. This work is periodically updated, so see the most recent edition.

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Keller, W. Phillip. A Layman Looks at the Lord's Prayer. Minneapolis: World Wide Publications, 1976. 155 pp.

A rancher from British Columbia who authors and lectures wrote this book of twelve chapters. Billy Graham used it as a special Crusade gift. It is a very lucid

discussion that any needing a simple, almost conversational style will follow easily. A brief discussion of the father-son relationship in Luke 15:11-32 leaves the impression that the two sons represent those who are, spiritually, sons of the Father, i.e. saved, and simply need to receive forgiveness as the saved (pp. 20-22). Not all interpreters will agree with Keller that Luke 17:21 means the kingdom of God "is within you" (pp. 60, 67). Many interpret it to refer in its context, to the kingdom being, not within people but "among you" or "in your midst." This is an open, unmistakable reality at the Second advent of that Son of Man. Keller appears to be so concerned about inward aspects of kingdom life that it is difficult to find in his lengthy discussion an unequivocal developed reference to the kingdom as future on earth as so often in the prophets (Daniel 2:35; Zechariah 14:9ff.) and in the Book of Revelation (5:9, 10; 20:4-6). However, he writes with readable clarity and a picturesque flare for description. A large part of what he says is quite refreshing.

Kelly, Douglas E. If God Already Knows, Why Pray? Christian Focus Publications, Ltd., Geanies House, Fearn, Ross-shire, IV20, 1TW, Scotland, 1995.

The basic thrust of this fairly good book is in explaining how God's sovereignty relates to believers praying.

King, Guy. Prayer Secrets. London: Marshall, Morgan & Scott, 1955. 119 pp.

This famous devotional writer gives twenty-six chapters organized clearly in homiletical points. Some of these are: The Invitation, "ask . . . seek . . . knock"; The Presence, "there am I" (Matthew 18:20); The Threshold, "by the blood"; The Atmosphere, grace; The Address, "Our Father"; The Key, "in My Name"; The Guarantee, "anything according to His will"; The Instructor, "the Spirit also helps our infirmities"; The Riches, "His riches in glory" (Philippians 4:19). King characteristically sprinkles the book with choice illustrations that speak to the heart.

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Laney, J. Carl. "A Fresh Look at the Imprecatory Psalms", Bibliotheca Sacra, 138 (Jan.-March, 1981), pp. 35-45.

A helpfully organized and insightful study on this aspect of prayer.

Lavender, John A. Why Prayers Are Unanswered. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 1967. 77 pp.

He clearly articulates and gives illustrations for twelve reasons God does not answer prayer as we might expect. Some are not usually mentioned, e.g. a disregard for natural law; a disregard for others (who also have needs we would upset); a lack of action on our part (as a man praying God will bless his sermon,

but the man does not prepare diligently when he can); misreading God's kindness and calling it a "no" when God may deem it best to answer the **spirit** of the prayer but in some different way or form than our limited understanding fixes upon, etc. Frequent poems and illustrations give a useful pointedness and value to this small book by a pastor.

Lawson, J. Gilchrist. Deeper Experiences of Famous Christians. Louisville: Pentecostal Publishing Co., 1911. 283 pp.

The book surveys Old and New Testament characters, other early saints, and then has chapters on such believers as Madam Guyon, Fenelon, George Fox, John Bunyan, John Wesley, George Whitefield, John Fletcher, Charles Finney, Billy Bray, George Mueller, Francis Ridley Havergal, A. J. Gordon, D. L. Moody, and General William Booth (Salvation Army). At the end, Lawson has survey sketches on other famous Christians such as Thomas a Kempis, Adam Clarke, William Bramwell (Methodist), David Brainerd, and Edward Payson (great Congregational preacher in New England). The book brings out many secrets behind the power of God in these lives.

Lewis, C. S. Letters to Malcolm, Chiefly on Prayer. New York: Harcourt, Brace, and World, 1963.

Stimulating at times.

Lindsell, Harold. When You Pray. Wheaton: Tyndale, 1969. 182 pp.

This is one of the most useful survey books about main aspects pertaining to prayer. Lindsell is better known for his Battle For the Bible and The Bible in the Balance, defending the inerrancy of Scripture. He has many good statements, quotes, and examples.

Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn. Studies in the Sermon on the Mount. 2nd ed. (2 vols. in one). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1971. 657 pp.

In sections on prayer in Matthew 6 and 7, this great preacher of London is perceptive and practical in his grasp of what is vital for the Christian walk.

Lockyer, Herbert. All the Prayers of the Bible. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1959. 281 pp.

A long list of Bible prayers is followed by many refreshing comments on the episodes as they occur successively in Scripture in various situations. Lockyer, in his "All" series (miracles, parables, women, etc.), has a beneficial survey that allows a reader to turn to a discussion on a particular prayer. Comments are often useful in sermons, Bible studies, and Sunday School lessons.

Lockyer, Herbert. How I Can Make Prayer More Effective. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1953. 125 pp.

Lockyer reminds readers that the holiest, most successful witnesses for Christ and the greatest preachers and missionaries come the most often and linger longest in prayer (p. 6). He writes of the privilege, nature, necessity, habits, agony, power, problems and other aspects relating to prayer. He shows the ancient use of prayer and cites Samuel Zwemer's "Non-Christian Prayer and Missions" in Taking Hold of God, that there is no people that does not pray (p. 13). Prayer ranks first among the privileges God's people now have (p. 16). Chapter 3, "The Nature of Prayer", is excellent on the many things prayer is. There are many arresting statements in this well-written book, such as: "There is a Dead Prayer Office as well as a Dead Letter Office" (p. 35). Chapter 7 on the place, posture, time, and phases of prayer has much help, including fine examples from some eminent Christians. All in all, this is one of the more often helpful books.

Lohmeyer, Ernst. "Our Father." An Introduction to the Lord's Prayer. New York: Harper & Row, 1965. Trans. by John Bowden from the German Das Vater-Unser (Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, 1952). 320 pp.

Lohmeyer has furnished one of the most detailed scholarly works on this subject. He was Professor of New Testament at the University at Breslau and held other positions. One will learn more scholarly detail about the prayer from this book than from most works since this is one of the monumental scholarly efforts.

Lutzer, Irwin. Coming to Grips with Unanswered Prayer. Chicago: Moody, 1990.

This miniature book of only 46 pp. is by the senior pastor of Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, and a popular speaker. Lutzer emphasizes God's sovereignty, His will, and faith.

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MacArthur, John, Jr. Jesus' Pattern of Prayer (The Lord's Prayer). Chicago: Moody Press, 1981. 141 pp.

This is one of the top practical expositions on the Lord's prayer and has much that is vital on prayer elsewhere in the Bible. The author sees the two ultimate tests of true spirituality as the study of God's Word and prayer. Study comes first because in it we learn about God and His will, which is to direct our prayer according to the truth (p. 13). MacArthur brings out the richness by alliterated points--God's paternity, priority, program, purpose, provision, pardon, protection, and preeminence. A section tells the various things God as "Father" meant to Israelites in Old Testament passages (pp. 28-29), another what this means to us

(pp. 31-33). Readers learn much on scriptural prayer, packed as chapters are with explanation, use of other passages, and quotes.

Magee, John. Reality and Prayer. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1957. 239 pp.

A Methodist minister and professor of philosophy at the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington wrote this from an in-depth preparation. Some will find special stimulation in the chapter "Science, Law, and Prayer", and most will learn much from "The Problem of Unanswered Prayer". Several chapters deal with adoration, confession, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and meditation. The book is well-phrased, has good and frequent illustrations, and reflects the author's broad grasp of his subject based on twenty years of study and experience. The flow is simple and easy to read.

Main, Keith. Prayer and Fasting. New York: Carlton Press, Inc., 1971. 110 pp.

Main wrote this out of three years of study at New College, Edinburgh, Scotland. He discusses fasting in the teaching of Jesus and Paul, and relates fasting at length to eternal life, forgiveness, and prayer.

Maltz, Betty. Prayers That Are Answered. New York: Signet, 1980. 147 pp.

Short, practical examples that encourage prayer from a lady who has had a great prayer ministry in Oklahoma, North Dakota, etc.

Manschreck, Clyde. Prayers of the Reformers. London: Epworth Press, 1958.

A good survey on the praying lives and customs of leaders in the Reformation.

Marshall, Catherine. Adventures in Prayer. Old Tappan, NJ: Revell, 1975. 119 pp.

The authoress of A Man Called Peter writes simply of prayer, helplessness, seeing dreams come true, waiting on God, surrender, the secret place, asking for blessing (cf. 1 Chronicles 4:10), and claiming God's promise. She particularly stresses how to run to the Father (p. 3). Illustrations and a good writing style make the book very readable for most, and there is frequent use of Scripture. A very good book, this is especially attractive for women and young girls.

Martin, Roger. R. A. Torrey: Apostle of Certainty. Murfreesboro, TN: Sword of the Lord, 1976. 300 pp.

A son-in-law of John R. Rice wrote this carefully documented work, the most thorough book on this famous author, teacher, evangelist, and man of prayer (1856-1928) who was close to Moody. Among the many stirring lessons his life teaches, trustful prayer to God is foremost.

McConkey, James. Prayer. Pittsburgh: Silver Publishing Co., 1953. 133 pp.

The author wrote several books such as The Surrendered Life and The Three-fold Secret of the Holy Spirit, and many booklets. As a ministry, he gave them out without price. They have helped Christians grow.

McCord, David. Let Us Pray: A Guide to Public Prayer. Cincinnati, OH: Standard Publishing Co., 1986. 64 pp.

This book gives samples of invocations, prayers for offerings, special days such as Mother's Day, etc. Those leading public prayer can profit from this even if they learn to pray spontaneously out of a life of personal reality and faithful preparation.

McGaw, F. A. Praying Hyde. Chicago: Moody Press, n.d. 64 pp.

This servant of God in India and England prayed for many, who came to know Christ. He engaged in much prayer and many fastings and became famous for the answers.

McGraw, Louise H. Does God Answer Prayer? Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1941. 219 pp.

A missionary who lived the prayer life writes this simply and powerfully out of that crucible of experience. It is basic and practical about developing a life attitude and practice. She tells how to get ready to pray, what to pray as each new day begins, how to be a victor over the enemy, how to blend the Bible with prayer, praying for the salvation of people, how to be sure our prayer is in God's will, praying with a partner, how to face "no" answers, the benefit of answers, praise, etc. The book is vitally profitable in nourishing a desire to pray and appeals to the heart as well as the mind. It is the kind of book Christians ought to read early in their Christian lives, then read again at intervals as they develop in a life attitude that prayer is absolutely essential.

Miller, Basil. George Mueller: The Man of Faith. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1941. 159 pp.

Miller traces Mueller (1805-1898) from his youth lost in sin to his conversion, learning to pray, mastering lessons on trust, entering on his life work in Bristol, England, his example of trusting God to supply, trials of faith, old age, and death after sixty-three years in a work by faith. Mueller testifies that fifty thousand specific prayers were answered in his lifetime, for he kept a notebook noting the petition and date and the answer and date (p. 47). Often gifts came at the very instant of prayer, and there was scarcely anything left from one day to the next, so that often money had to be prayed in before breakfast or dinner (p. 56). Miller gives many examples of this man's faith and

God's answers, as well as describing the various qualities of George Mueller's God-glorifying life.

Miller, Samuel. Thoughts on Public Prayer. Harrisburg, VA: Sprinkle Publications, 1985. 306 pp.

This book, originally issued in 1849, is by a professor of Princeton Theological Seminary. Miller rejects idolatrous prayer, as to Mary, and gives profitable suggestions on posture, content and other facets relating to public prayer.

M'Intyre, David M. The Prayer Life of Our Lord. London: Morgan & Scott, Ltd., n.d. 147 pp.

A much-acclaimed book, this has chapters on successive steps in Jesus' life, before calling the Twelve, after feeding the five thousand, the high priestly prayer, in Gethsemane, on the cross, etc. Each study is organized well, giving the occasion and lessons for us that embrace many down-to-earth problems such as finding privacy for prayer (p. 33). How much one learns of prayer in reading these chapters meditatively, and how much of the Christ of prayer!

Mitchell, Curtis C. "The Holy Spirit's Intercessory Ministry", Bibliotheca Sacra, 139:555 (July-Sept., 1982), pp. 230-42.

The Holy Spirit helps Christians by praying along with them, "supplementing their pitiful prayers". But the mechanical mouthing of items on a prayer list, without earnestness and urgency is not really Christian praying and does not have the Spirit's help. A well-studied, documented article that proves stimulating on a great text.

Mitchell, Curtis C. Praying Jesus' Way. Old Tappan, NJ: Revell, 1977. 156 pp.

This popularly-written, practical book grew out of a doctoral dissertation at Grace Theological Seminary, and is by a popular speaker and long-time Bible professor at Biola University. He studies Jesus' habits in prayer and draws helpful principles from His main prayers and teachings.

Moody, Dwight L. Prevailing Prayer and What Hinders It. Chicago: Moody Press, n.d. 127 pp.

This is a profitable book with chapters on each of the main elements in prayer--adoration, thanksgiving, confession, petition, etc. It contains several out-standing illustrations that add flavor.

Morgan, G. Campbell. The Practice of Prayer. London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1906. 127 pp.

For the most part this is not one of the great expositor's more direct and inspiring books, but the patient serious reader finds nuggets that help here and there.

Muck, Terry. Liberating the Leader's Prayer Life. Carol Stream, IL: Christianity Today, 1985. 203 pp.

Muck, editor of Leadership Journal, has written this book to help leaders experience a freeing and victorious habit of prayer. It is intensely practical on the problems, purpose, process and practice. He draws on helpful tips from dozens of interviews with church leaders about ways that work "where the rubber meets the road". Muck deals with things that keep leaders from praying, prayer as a must, the main aspects of prayer, making a commitment to change and become a person of prayer, developing a plan, over-coming obstacles, and experiencing the joy of prayer. A very good book.

Mueller, George. Answers to Prayer from the Narratives of George Mueller. Compiled by A. E. C. Brooks. Chicago: Moody Press, 1987. 126 pp.

Mueller had some remarkable provisions of God in answer to prayer as he headed an orphanage for children in Bristol, England. Some of the answers are recorded in this book. This book also contains a section on how to ascertain God's will (p. 6). "Never since the Orphan work has been in existence have I asked one single human being for any help for this work; and yet . . . simply in answer to prayer . . . donations have come in . . ." (pp. 98-99). He discusses "Five Conditions of Prevailing Prayer" (p. 116), the value of carefully and consecutively reading God's Word (pp. 117-21), and the proving of God's will (pp. 122-26).

Mueller, George. The Autobiography of George Muller. Springdale, PA: Whitaker House, 1984.

This gives certain rich selections from Mueller's (his name is spelled both ways) own work testifying to his prayer life, My Life of Trust, the main source but long out of print. Readers can be encouraged by examples of faith and God's great answers.

Mueller, George. The Life of Trust. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell & Co., 1898.

Mueller never made an appeal to any man for help; he simply talked to God and depended on Him. Mueller tells of his early dishonesty and dissolute life, conversion at age twenty (1825), commitment to missionary service a year later, how the Word of God helped him grow, learning to trust for daily bread, and prayer. He began an orphanage at Bristol in 1835-36, and for the next sixty-three years prayed, trusted, grew in holy obedience, and saw about fifty thousand

recorded answers from God. The account abounds in trials that exercised his faith, thanksgiving, descriptions of opening further orphan houses, joy in answers to prayer, humility, etc.

Murray, Andrew. The Ministry of Intercession. Springdale, PA: Whitaker House, 1982 reprint. Originally published in 1897. 204 pp. Same book in edited version, The Ministry of Intercessory Prayer. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1981. 155 pp.

Murray shows we should not become so busy in work that we do not give priority to prayer. As in Acts, we should depend on God to do His work in and through us. He uses Luke 11:5-8 to stress our need of bread to help others, our perseverance in prayer, and God's rich help. Abraham (Genesis 18), Jacob (Genesis 32), Moses (Exodus 32-34), and Elijah (1 Kings 18-19) are examples of intercession. We must see to our character as people who abide (John 15:7) if we are to have intercessory power. Several chapters deal with our dependence on grace, not on our own efforts to be good enough to minister, letting Jesus make us whole by surrender in faith, expecting in faith that God hears, Paul's habits of prayer, helps to intercession, and a suggested thirty-one day guide on what to pray and how to pray each day (pp. 162-200; in 1981 ed., pp. 125-55).

Murray, Andrew. The Prayer Life. Springdale, PA: Whitaker House, 1981. 156 pp.

"Prayer is the very pulse of the spiritual life", and everything depends on prayer, says Murray. He begins with the sin of prayerlessness and shows how to fight and win. He discusses obedience and the victorious life; hints for the time of prayer; how the Word relates to prayer; our Lord and Paul, and then George Mueller and Hudson Taylor as examples; the taking up of the cross; and other subjects. Chapter 6, "The Holy Spirit and Prayer" is a priceless help to those beginning in prayer and a valuable reminder even to veterans in prayer. So is Chapter 9 with its strategic suggestions on just what to do in the inner chamber. Murray's books have been a great help to the growth of many Christians.

Murray, Andrew. With Christ in the School of Prayer. Westwood, NJ: Revell, n.d. 274 pp.

The chapters are lessons of perceptive depth and heartwarming tone on how Christ schooled His disciples to pray as they desired to learn when they cried, "Lord, teach us to pray . . ." (Luke 11:1). Murray expounds the model prayer Jesus gave the disciples in Matthew 6, phrase by phrase, and then goes into other passages. He deals with such matters as the certainty of an answer, the Fatherliness of God, the giving of the Holy Spirit, asking in faith, being definite, fasting, forgiving, praying unitedly, persevering, glorifying God, having His Word abiding in us, praying in Jesus' name, Christ's prayer for us, and others.

Nee, Watchman. Let Us Pray. New York: Christian Fellowship Publishers, Inc., 1977. 88 pp.

Nee has chapters on What is Prayer?, God's will, prayer and God's work, praying through until we are sure God has heard, resisting Satan by prayer, pointers on prayer, and Satan's wearing-out tactics. Among his pointers, Nee discusses trust, the help of the Spirit, how to resist Satan's attacks on our prayer life, participating in corporate church prayer, and keeping in mind the central object--to prepare for Christ a glorious church conformed to Him. Nee believes that the prayer of faith involves the Spirit giving a Christian, in certain situations, an inward assurance causing him to know God's will in the case (p. 76). He feels Acts 9:40 shows this. He has more detail in The Prayer Ministry of the Church, listed below.

Nee, Watchman. The Prayer Ministry of the Church. New York: Christian Fellowship Publishers, Inc., 1973. 128 pp.

The famous Chinese speaker and author deals with the prayer ministry, how to pray (Matthew 6; Luke 11; etc.); praying in the name of Jesus, authoritative prayer, and the need to watch and pray. Many subjects in the church receive comment--praying in times of sin and discipline, for harmony, finding God's will, etc. Comments are simple, practical, and often illustrated.

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Owen, John. "A Discourse on the Work of the Holy Spirit in Prayer", section in The Works of John Owen, vol. IV, ed. William Gould. London and Edinburgh: Johnstone and Hunter, 1852, pp. 236-338.

As usual, Owen is richly instructive in detail.

Owen, John. "The Imprecatory Psalms", Bibliotheca Sacra, 14 (1856), pp. 551-63.

This perceptively reasons God's valid rights for a punishment on all who spurned Him, and the rightness of men praying that God's will be done. Such prayer is in a commitment siding with God who is holy, not capricious against men.

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Palmer, B. M. Theology of Prayer. Harrisburg, VA: Sprinkle Publications, 1980. 352 pp.

Of Puritan ancestry, Palmer (b. 1818) was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in New Orleans for thirty-six years. The book, first published in 1894, refutes skeptics' objections to prayer. Palmer deals with adoration, petition,

thanksgiving, confession, intercession; with such objections as prayer having no place in a government of law, answers being withheld (i.e. there are disappointments in urgent times), and prayer leading to fanaticism and mysticism. He also discusses benefits of prayer, how prayer relates to God as Father, Son, and Spirit, and other matters. The book is wordy and ponderous, yet yields good insights for the patient, serious reader.

Parkhurst, Louis G., Jr. Charles G. Finney's Answers to Prayer. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1983. 128 pp.

As compiler and editor, Parkhurst gives many answers from the great evangelist's ministry, then a biographical sketch of Finney (1792-1875). Finney's prayer list often had requests for whole towns, and the answers God gave in a variety of situations are encouragements to faith.

Payne, Thomas. Prayer--The Greatest Force on Earth. Chicago: Moody, n.d. 190 pp.

Simple chapters on such subjects as Abraham's prayer for Sodom, Jacob in wrestling with the angel, Moses' success, Hannah's prayer, and also the prayer life of Elijah, Daniel, our Lord, the apostles, Christians praying for Peter's release (Acts 12), and Epaphras (Colossians 4:12). The book can quicken a Christian's desire to set out on a more intense practice of prayer. Payne has some moving illustrations and draws from scriptural people the kinds of prayers God grants. This is a very good book on enhancing a motivation to prayer and to do it God's way.

Phelps, Austin. The Still Hour or Communion With God. Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust, 1984 (reprint from 1859). 91 pp.

Publishers say this is "the most notable treatment of Christian prayer known to the publishers. In directness, frankness and deep spirituality it is outstanding" (back cover). Though the book does at times have clear, refreshing thoughts, the estimate of the publisher quoted above will be puzzling to some who endeavor to figure out what Phelps is getting at and wonder why he cannot express it in simpler, more direct ways. He is not always easy to follow.

Pierson, A. T. George Mueller of Bristol. Westwood, NJ: Revell, n.d. 462 pp.

This book shows we should take God's promises seriously, believe that God does answer, and pray. It is very motivating and encouraging in laying hold of God's willingness to bless, as Mueller's life testifies.

Pink, A. W. A Guide to Fervent Prayer. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1981. 221 pp.

This is a rich focus on certain prayers of the apostles, and is in addition to Pink's book Gleanings from Paul: Studies in the Prayers of the Apostle (Chicago: Moody, 1967). Pink feels he can contribute in an area often neglected by writers. He has good insights on several passages (Hebrews 13:20, 21; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 5:10, 11; 2 Peter 1:2, 3; Jude 24, 25; Revelation 1:5, 6). Many statements arrest the reader. Pink says, "Unless the sermon be the product of earnest prayer we must not expect it to awaken the spirit of prayer in those who hear it. . . . It is our privilege and duty to retire to the secret place after we leave the pulpit, there begging God to write His Word on the hearts of those who have listened to us, to prevent the enemy from snatching away the seed, and to so bless our efforts that they may bear fruit to His eternal praise" (p. 15).

Pratt, Richard L., Jr. Pray With Your Eyes Open. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1987. 193 pp.

Pratt is the Assistant Professor of Old Testament at Reformed Seminary. He deals with how to pray in the light of who and what God is, making God the center rather than one's own desires. He shows how to relax and pray more freely. Some problems he discusses helpfully are: "Why pray when God will do what He wants anyway?" and "Can we get anything we want if we ask God in Jesus' name?"

Prime, Derek. A Christian's Guide to Prayer. New York: Revell, 1963. 63 pp.

Briefly Prime writes on what prayer is in terms of asking, surrendering the will, and being with God; praying by the rules of God; prayer's aspects (adoration, etc.); intercession; prayer at its best, with reverence, humility, boldness, consistent with God's Word, definiteness, intelligence, earnestness, persistence, submission, and fasting; the Spirit as our helper; practical details about when, where, posture, etc.; the prayer meeting; problems such as unanswered prayer; how to deal with difficulty in prayer. The book is a concise and practical guide.

Prince, Derek. Shaping History Through Prayer and Fasting. Old Tappan, NJ: Revell, 1973. 160 pp.

Prince is president of Christian Growth Ministries in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He seeks to show that we can help shape history by praying for our government, fasting as a help to deliverance and victory, guidelines for fasting, the pilgrims and fasting, public fasts proclaimed in America's history, etc.

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Radcliffe, Lynn James. Making Prayer Real. New York: Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1952. 254 pp.

A rather thorough, well-outlined discussion of the need for a spiritual awakening, a way to disciplined success in prayer, the discipline of being alone with God as a rule of life, how God answers prayer, practicing a devotional life in God's presence, mental prayer (meditation), sharing the purpose and spirit of Christ's cross in praying, growing to new heights in prayer, and related subjects. It is a lengthy book but written well out of careful thought and study. It offers rich dividends to the more serious reader.

Rainsford, Marcus. Our Lord Prays for His Own. Chicago: Moody Press, 1950. 476 pp.

This is the greatest classic on Jesus praying in John 17, verse by verse. One pastor says, "To me, this has been the most helpful book on prayer. I read it through every year, and as I do I often find myself in tears." First published in 1895, the book has gone through several editions. Rainsford, who died in 1897, was one of the finest expositors of the nineteenth century, much sought after by men such as D. L. Moody. Rainsford, originally from Ireland, pastored London's St. John's Church (Belgrave Chapel) from 1886 to 1897. The book is a gold mine of rich spiritual ore.

Ravenhill, Leonard. Revival Praying. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1962. 176 pp.

The disciples did not ask Jesus, "Teach us to preach", but "Teach us to pray" (p. 141). Samuel Chadwick said that "the crying sin of the church is her laziness after God", and Ravenhill urgently calls for praying that leads to revival. Ravenhill uses many exhortations and illustrations.

Ravenhill, Leonard. Why Revival Tarries. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1984 reprint of 1959 edition.

Intellectual, well-studied preachers without power are a dime a dozen. We need praying preachers. "We have many organizers, but few agonizers . . ." (p. 23). Ravenhill pleads for "Spirit-inspired, hell-shaking, world-breaking prayer . . ." (p. 25). Unction in the pulpit leads to action in the pew. Ravenhill, like A. W. Tozer and Vance Havner, has a provoking style that convicts and challenges readers to change every way that is an affront to God, and now.

Rees, Paul S. Prayer and Life's Highest. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1956. 128 pp.

Rees deals with some of Paul's prayers in the epistles (Ephesians 1:15-19; :14-19; Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:9-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:11, 12; 3:5, 16). He is perceptively stimulating in a devotional vein, warm, and very readable expositionally, priming the preacher and others.

Rice, John R. Prayer: Asking and Receiving. Murphreesboro, TN: Sword of the Lord, 1942. 328 pp.

This is one of the best books giving examples of answered prayer in many situations. There is much good discussion of facets relating to prayer. This book had a deep influence helping me to grow in my early Christian days. The chapters on hindrances to prayer are convicting, and many things said about prayer are quite apt, often relating to a passion to see people saved and God's Word obeyed.

Rinker, Rosalind. Praying Together. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1968. 128 pp.

Rinker shows the hang-ups people have on prayer and discusses why they fear to pray aloud with others, why they stay away from prayer meetings, and how some learned to join in group praying. She disturbs those who feel that the church prayer meeting as it sometimes has been known is the only way, and writes of other opportunities for group prayer that help some believers.

Ruscoe, Doris M. The Intercession of Rees Howells. Fort Washington, PA: Christian Literature Crusade, 1983. 125 pp.

This is a firsthand account of Howells' leading in intercessory prayer at the Bible College of Wales, Swansea, in 1933-1950. Miss Ruscoe was headmistress of the school there for missionary children. Howells spent much time in the Word and in prayer, and he led others in steps of greater intercession during the turbulent Hitler era and later.

Ryken, Philip G. When You Pray. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2000.

This 206-pp. pb is on how to make the prayer Jesus taught His disciples one's own. It is fairly perceptive and readable on prayer in Matt. 6 and Luke 11, working in other scripture. It contributes in its focus on approaching God as Father and finding encouragement in what Jesus teaches.

Ryle, J. C. A Call to Prayer. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1976.

This book on basics is the result of profound study, reflection, and experience, and will pay dividends to the reader. It is one of the helpful old books on prayer reprinted. He deals briefly with subjects such as: "do you pray?", "a habit of prayer is one of the surest marks of a true Christian", the neglect of private prayer, prayer's encouragement, prayer as the secret of holiness, neglecting prayer is one great cause of backsliding, if a person does not pray he is not a Christian (p. 48), and principles of prayer such as reverence, humility, perseverance, earnestness, boldness, faith, fullness, particularity, intercession, thankfulness, and watchfulness.

Sanny, Lorne. How to Spend a Day in Prayer. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, n.d.

This is a very practical booklet of 22 pages on what to do and what to include in a special day set aside for prayer.

Sanders, J. Oswald. Prayer Power Unlimited. Minneapolis: World Wide Publications, for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1977. 160 pp.

Prepared as a crusade edition, the book grew out of a series of messages. It stresses adoring worship of God, thanksgiving, confession, petition, intercession, Jesus Christ as the greatest example in prayer, pleading God's promises (a way of saying "Amen" to His "Yes", or cashing a check He has signed, p. 39), praying in the Spirit and counting on His guiding us into God's will by illumining Scripture to us and stimulating our minds, persistence in prayer as God makes us more fit to receive the answer (men would grab the fruit of prayer while it is green, but God wisely lets the fruit become ripe, after a delay), reasons for failure in prayer (Have we substituted faith in prayer for faith in God? Have our prayers been the outlet for unbelief or despair rather than of faith?), etc. Sanders uses many outstanding illustrations, documents quotes from famous people of prayer, and writes with very readable clarity. His chapters on praying for missionaries and for revival are helpful too. This is one of the most helpful books on prayer for the general reader.

Savage, Robert. Pocket Prayers. Wheaton: Tyndale, 1983. 160 pp.

This little book takes some Bible books and goes through them, listing verses and framing prayers based on them that we may pray so as to be truly biblical. Savage uses Matthew, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Timothy, Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, Jude, and the Psalms. He also has pages with arresting remarks, quotes or illustrations on prayer. Some of his topics are how to pray for others, what people in churches pray for the most (ailments and accidents), how earthquakes move people to pray, what our number one request is, prayer used to get one's own will done, bodily positions in prayer, long or short prayers (Solomon's temple dedication in 1 Kings 8 is the longest recorded prayer in the Bible, about three to five minutes), praise, praying while driving, praying without ceasing, our laziness, definitions of prayer, etc. Much here is usable in preaching, Bible studies, Sunday school lessons, and individual life.

Scott, E. F. The Lord's Prayer: Its Character, Purpose, and Interpretation. New York: Scribner's, 1951. 126 pp.

Scott looks at the prayer from a critical and historical point of view. He wants to help Christians make it more than a pious routine they mechanically repeat in a

vain repetition that Jesus Himself condemned (p. vi). This book, well-written and well thought out, provokes a serious reader to think in many rich ways about the facets of prayer Jesus taught on the background, originality, each petition, and the implications. In all the unfolding of the prayer, Scott points to two things: "an answer to our petitions" and "a living fellowship with Christ" (p. 124).

Scroggie, W. Graham. Method in Prayer. London: Marshall, Morgan, & Scott, Ltd., n.d. 143 pp.

Well-stated on the main elements of prayer with chapters on adoration, confession, petition, inter-cession, and thanksgiving. Chapter VII surveys prayer in the Bible through ten periods from Genesis 4:26 through Revelation.

Scroggie, W. Graham. Paul's Prison Prayers. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1981 reprint of 1921 ed. 78 pp.

A master expositor shows highlights in the prayers of Ephesians 1 and 3, Philipians 1, and Colossians 1.

Searle, Walter, ed. David Brainerd's Personal Testimony. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1978. 117 pp.

Prayer permeates the book, as it did Brainerd's life. Chapter 1, "The Praying Student", shows the direction of the missionary's heart even before he went to the Indians. Searle pulls Brainerd's own statements out of his diary.

Sergio, Lisa, ed. Prayers of Women. New York: Harper & Row, 1965. 227 pp.

Here, chronologically, are some prayers of women through the past nineteen centuries. We see Mary's magnificat, then Agnes of Rome (4th century), and others. The themes are many: "receive my soul"; "do not desert me"; "O Fire of God, the Comforter"; "Prayer at the Stake" (Joan of Arc); "Last Prayer" (John Calvin's wife, Idelette, at the point of death); "From a Prison Cell" (Madam Guyon); "Prayer to the Wisdom of God" (Susanna Wesley, mother of nineteen, among them the famous John and Charles); "Comfort" (Elizabeth Barrett Browning); "Aspiration" (Louisa May Alcott, who wrote Little Women); etc. Among other famous names are Frances Ridley Havergal, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Florence Nightingale.

Shaw, S. B. Touching Incidents and Remarkable Answers to Prayer. Chicago: S. B. Shaw, 1897. 319 pp.

A gold mine of answers drawn from sources such as John Wesley, George Mueller, John Knox, Martin Luther, D. L. Moody, Charles Finney, C. H. Spurgeon, etc. We read of prayer for church revival, a mother's pleading for her son, victory over theft, care for a widow and orphans, a would-be murderer being

turned from his deed as he heard a minister praying, provisions when all seemed hopeless, miracles of healing when doctors said a problem was incurable, a deliverance of the Roman Marcus Aurelius' army when Christians prayed, children's prayers, the night some people prayed before Jonathan Edwards' famous sermon "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" (p. 153), brutal men being converted after people prayed, etc.

Simpson, A. B. The Life of Prayer. Harrisburg, PA: Christian Publications, Inc., 1979. 122 pp.

Jonathan Goforth, a famous missionary to China, called this book a "classic on the prayer life" (p. 7). Here is a reprint. Simpson's own unusual life of prayer allows him to show the spirit of his subject. Chapter 1 discusses "The Pattern Prayer" (Luke 11:2-4), pointing out key principles; ch. 2 is one "Encouragements to Prayer" (Luke 11:5-13); ch. 3 is "In His Name", ch. 4 is "The Prayer of Faith"; and ch. 5 is "Hindrances". Illustrations flavor the book.

Simpson, Robert L. The Interpretation of Prayer in the Early Church. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1965.

A wealth of information from the historical standpoint.

Spear, Wayne R. The Theology of Prayer. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1979. 93 pp.

This was Spear's Master's thesis at Westminster Theological Seminary. Carefully arranged, it looks at a definition of prayer; the Old Testament prayer; prayer and God (as all-knowing, all-powerful, and sovereign); the object of prayer (normally to the Father but acceptably to the Son and the Spirit, with perfect unity in the Godhead, p. 30); Christ's teaching; prayer in His name; His high priestly ministry; the Holy Spirit's motivation, guidance, and intercession (Romans 8:26-27, pp. 44-47); qualifications in the believer (reverence, sincerity, submission, faith, obedience); the content of prayer; the necessity and efficacy of prayer; and the true place of prayer in theology. In the last discussion Spear says the importance of prayer is such that it deserves more of a place in systematic theology than a mere fragmentary consideration; it belongs to the discussion of sanctification (p. 93).

Sproule, R. C. Effective Prayer. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale, 1986. 80 pp.

A very effective communicator, Sproule is Professor of Systematic Theology and Apologetics at Reformed Theological Seminary. In vivid simplicity he asks, "What is Prayer?" and "Why pray?" and deals succinctly with prayer's purpose, place, pattern, practice, prohibitions, and power. He is helpful on the issue, "Why pray when God knows everything?". He follows the model prayer in Matthew 6, explaining each phrase, and then discusses adoration, confession, thanksgiving,

and supplication. On the topic of prohibitions, he deals with verses that say God will not grant prayers conceived in sin (Psalm 66:18; 109:7; Proverbs 15:29; 28:9; John 9:31; etc.).

Spurgeon, Charles H. Effective Prayer. London: The Evangelical Press, n.d. 20 pp.

This is based on Job 23:3-4, Job's desire to come to God, order his cause before Him, and fill his mouth with arguments. Spurgeon reasons that we should come to God with our suit well-prepared, with premeditation and preparation, clear about what we desire to obtain. He admits that in peril and distress we may fly to God just as we are. At other times we need to fill our mouth with arguments not because God is slow to give or needs to be informed, but because this sharpens our own sense of the importance of what we seek, and other reasons that benefit us. We need to pray being aware of God's attributes and promise, His great name, sorrowful concerns of others who need His help, remembering God's past help and our unworthiness but also the cross, and the merit and intercession of Christ. Finally, Spurgeon emphasizes praise and thanksgiving.

Spurgeon, Charles H. Twelve Sermons on Prayer. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1971.

These, from London's Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit (1865-1890), are deeply rich on such texts as Jeremiah 33:3; Psalm 147:9; Job 23:3-4; Psalm 70:5; Hebrews 4:16; Luke 11:9, 10; Nehemiah 2:4; James 4:2, 3; Psalm 50:15; Joel 2:32; etc. Spurgeon has much to feed the serious believer who patiently meditates on these messages, which will not be as quick, simple, and lucid as some other books on prayer.

Stanley, Charles F. Handle With Prayer. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1987. 120 pp.

Simple, helpful chapters by the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He writes soundly on praying with authority, fasting, a prayer burden, intercessory prayer, the warfare of prayer, waiting on God, etc. The book, while good, is no special contribution over dozens of books that deal with the same basic aspects.

Stanley, David M., S.J. Boasting in the Lord. New York: Paulist Press, 1973. 192 pp.

This discusses the prayers of Paul in scholarly detail based on vast research. The student ready for more mature study can learn much about prayer in Paul. Good indices of authors, passages, and topics are provided.

Stedman, Ray C. Talking to My Father: What Jesus Teaches About Prayer. Portland, OR: Multnomah, 1975. 183 pp.

A graduate of Dallas Seminary, who has long pastored Peninsula Bible Church, Palo Alto, California, shows how to talk to God the Father. In a very read-able fashion, he says Jesus prayed in thanksgiving, seeking counsel, intercession, and communion (pp. 42-44). We should pray as a child, in surrender, and in desire for God's kingdom as in Luke 11:2-4 (Chapter 4). Stedman discusses briefly other gospel passages such as Luke 11:5-7, Matthew 18:18-20, John 14-16 (Upper Room Discourse), and John 17.

Steer, Roger. George Mueller: Delighted in God! Wheaton, IL: Harold Shaw, 1975. 351 pp.

A well-researched, readable book. Mueller's life became saturated with God's presence and power to provide for His work.

Stoddard, Janet. Private Prayer in Christian Story. New York: Doubleday, 1928. 304 pp.

The book shows how prayer has been a vital, history-shaping force in the lives of eminent Christians such as Monica, her son Augustine, certain monks, Bernard of Clairvoux, Francis of Assisi, Luther, Melancthon, Calvin, John Knox, George Fox, John Bunyan, John Wesley, Thomas Chalmers, William Gladstone, certain missionaries, great Americans and Russians, etc. Thoughts deal with beginning a day with God, various things about which to pray, the battle of prayer, prayer at death, prayer without ceasing, prayer and revival, habits of prayer, and many others. A lengthy index at the end helps locate names. This is a gold mine of examples and illustrations, leaving a mighty challenge to us to pray.

Strauss, Lehman. Sense and Nonsense About Prayer. Chicago: Moody Press, 1974. 123 pp.

C. C. Ryrie says this is "the best single volume I have read on prayer" (cover). He gives a lot of sense on prayer and unconfessed sin, selfishness, faith, an unforgiving spirit, the will of God, thanksgiving, giving, the marriage relationship, fasting, a survey of Jesus praying, and answers to some questions about prayer.

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Taylor, Howard and Mrs. Taylor. Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret. Chicago: Moody, n.d. 256 pp.

A classic on God's faithfulness and the faith of Hudson Taylor (1832-1905) of England, who founded the China Inland Mission, now called Overseas Missionary Fellowship. The book is by the two who did a two-volume biography of Taylor. In eighteen chapters they show Taylor's exchanged life, his soul growth, many steps of faith, and overflow. Much like Mueller, Taylor set out to trust God, yield

his life to God, and let God live through him. This is one of the greatest devotional classics God has given.

Taylor, Mrs. Howard. Behind the Ranges: Fraser of Lisuland Southwest China. London: China Inland Mission/Lutterworth Press, 1944. 253 pp.

This tells the missionary story of J. O. Fraser (1886-1938), a mighty example of prayer in the pattern of David Brainerd, Henry Martyn, and "Praying Hyde." Chapter 12, "The Prayer of Faith," can profit the reader who returns to it again and again. But the whole book shows Fraser's most prominent feature to be intercession. Chapter 18, "Blood of His Own," lets us see Fraser digging in for his struggle to overcome weakness of spirit and prayerlessness that meant defeat. The account has many examples of a growing passion for God's will, trusting God to work, and seeing His definite answers to intercessory prayer. Fraser himself writes at length in Chapter 12 of lessons he learned in seeking through God's Word to know God's will so that his intercessions might receive yes answers to His glory. "We must get our prayers from God, and pray to know His will" (p. 111). The book is one of the truly stimulating ones on a prayer ministry that counts for eternity.

Thomson, James G. S. S. The Praying Christ: A Study of Jesus' Doctrine and Practice of Prayer. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1959. 155 pp.

Thomson was Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. Chapters 1 and 2 discuss characteristics and aims of prayer in Jesus' teachings, the method in prayer, and elements of prayer in Jesus' life such as thanksgiving, counsel with the Father, intercession, and communion, as well as key questions about His practice of prayer. Chapter 3 analyzes John 17 to see Jesus' preoccupations and concerns in prayer. Chapter 4 shows Christ's details in the model prayer (Matthew 6:9-11; Luke 11:2-4). This is richly helpful. Chapter 5 pertains to Christ's present prayer as our Great High Priest, with practical significance for us. Chapter 6 looks at the Old Testament phrase "wait on the Lord", showing the attitude and commitment of prayer. Thomson has much detailed teaching and stimulating comment.

Tippit, Sammy. The Prayer Factor. Chicago: Moody Press, 1988.

A popular primer for prayer that refreshes and motivates to a fuller spiritual awakening. Tippit is founder and president of God's Love in Action, an international ministry in evangelism. He has provoking chapters on praise, intercession, supplication, confession, and warfare. There is a good focus on the relation of praise to spiritual awakening, and good illustrations.

Torrey, Reuben A. How to Pray. Chicago: Moody Press, n.d. 126 pp.

Torrey gives many basic words on prayer--its importance, obedience in

relation to prayer (1 John 3:22), thanksgiving, hindrances, the place of prayer before and during revivals, and other aspects.

Torrey, Reuben A. The Power of Prayer and the Prayer of Power. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1980. 191 pp.

Here are many excellent examples of answers that encourage definite, believing prayer. He is helpful on the power of prayer, what can be gained for God's cause, how to pray effectively, and prayer related to revival.

Tozer, A. W. Thomas Haire: The Praying Plumber of Lisburn. Harrisburg, PA: Christian Publications, Inc., n.d. 38 pp.

Tozer tells of a humble preacher, evangelist, and plumber in the Episcopal Church of Ireland (the evangelical wing "disestablished" by the Anglicans). At age sixteen, shortly after he became a Christian, Tom began to pray four hours a day; he later added one whole night a week, then two, and then three. He fasted for his spiritual benefit, not because he felt he gained merit in doing this (p. 9). The book refreshes with pointed lessons not only in prayer, but in the whole Christian life. It is one of the finest testimonies of a prayer-changed life.

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Unknown author. The Kneeling Christian. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1983. 133 pp.

This is one of the best practical and readable books, winsome in teaching a lot of sense about prayer, cultivating a desire to pray, and giving many excellent illustrations.

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Wallis, Arthur. Jesus Prayed. Fort Washington, PA: Christian Literature Crusade, 1966. 31 pp.

This booklet focuses on intercession as one key to bringing the contemporary church back to apostolic Christianity. Wallis is disturbed by our selfishness in praying mostly for ourselves. Illustrations flavor the book, and Wallis has a number of very helpful lessons to instruct Christians from Jesus' example.

Watt, Gordon B. Effectual Fervent Prayer. Los Angeles: Biola Book Room, 1927.

Here is a simple, direct, stimulating book of value on different aspects of prayer, prayer in the Holy Spirit, hindrances, the battle of prayer, how the Word of God relates, revival, an ideal prayer life, etc. Many choice quotes on prayer from others are sprinkled throughout and many excellent illustrations flavor Watt's book.

Watters, Philip. The Prayers of the Bible. New York: Phillips & Hunt, 1883. 336 pp.

This is a thorough digest of the passages themselves, well-indexed, on how to pray, who prayed (listed consecutively), what to pray for, grounds, God's willingness, times, places, conditions, objects, encouragements, how God answers, why prayer is forbidden, prayer denied but answered later, and other topics. The compilation is an exhaustive analysis.

Whiston, Charles F. Teach us to Pray: A Study of Distinctively Christian Praying. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1972.

Whiston was Associate Professor of Moral Theology in the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California. He directed schools of prayer for years. His concern is that lay people, ministers, and seminary professors neglect prayer and need to be taught to pray. The book is a help for those who do not know how to pray.

White, John. Daring to Draw Near: People in Prayer. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1977. 162 pp.

White has chapters on Bible people in prayer—Abraham for Sodom and Gomorrah, Jacob wrestling with God; Moses with the shining face, David when he sinned, Daniel, Hannah, Job, Jesus, Paul, etc. Each episode White selects is treated with vivid description that brings out lessons and confronts us in our predicaments. As the Bible people change, we can also.

Whyte, Alexander. Lord, Teach Us to Pray. New York: Doran, ca. 1900. 292 pp.

Many regarded Whyte as the greatest Scottish preacher of his time. He is especially known for his work on Bible Characters. He preached each of the twenty-three sermons in this book on prayer in 1895 through 1906, using Luke 11:1 as a take-off point for every message, which then dealt with other, related passages. He has chapters on such subjects as Jacob's wrestling with God, Elijah, Job, Jesus in Gethsemane, Paul in Ephesians 3, the Midnight Knocker (Luke 11:5-8), concentration in prayer, and the forgiving spirit in prayer. There is much insight that stimulates.

Wiersbe, Warren W., compiler. Classic Sermons on Prayer. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 1987. 159 pp.

This volume contains fourteen chapters selected from great preachers such as Clarence Macartney, Dwight L. Moody, Charles Spurgeon, R.A. Torrey, John Henry Jowett, William Sangster, and others. The excellent selection gives the reader some great teachings on various aspects related to prayer.

Wiersbe, Warren W. Famous Unanswered Prayers. Lincoln, NE: Back to the Bible, 1986. 116 pp.

This is a fascinating book with perceptive reasons in the contexts for God's "no" answers.

Wiersbe, Warren W. Listen! Jesus is Praying: An Expository Study of John 17. Wheaton: Tyndale House, 1982. 144 pp.

The writer shows how the greatest prayer ever prayed is relevant today. Rainsford has a classic work on this prayer, and Wiersbe's effort is briefer showing modern-day applications and examples for Christian life. By seeing that priorities Jesus puts up front we can test our own and line up with His will. Wiersbe does not do a detailed exposition as Rainsford did, but makes his a look at chief themes and what they can mean in getting the church back on course willing to pay the price of discipleship. The book is eminently readable, explains verses, utilizes potent quotes that are timely, and has a spirit of urgency that calls believers to live the fundamentals of inward genuineness.

Winward, Stephen F, Teach Yourself to Pray. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1961. 191 pp.

Another simple guide on why we should pray, and how to learn to do it. This is a basic digest of a practical nature, and quite helpful in many parts.

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Zodhiates, Spiros. Why Pray? Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 1982. 176 pp.

This well known Greek evangelist and teacher of the Bible has twenty-six chapters expounding Luke 11:5-13 in detail. He writes in stimulating fashion, using insights from word study, theology, and practical experience. The book contains good illustrations.