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Acts 29 Fifty Days of Prayer to Invite the Holy Spirit: Dr. Terry Teykl Acts 29 is based on ten powerful chapters from the book of Acts. Imagine gang members, drug dealers, racists and sex offenders being transformed by the Gospel. Imagine politicians, judges and other influential leaders taking stands based on the Word of God. Imagine hundreds and even thousands of people being saved in a single church service! Imagine the unimaginable. It all happened in the pages of Acts, and it can happen again if you are willing to pay the price. This prayer journey equips you to set the stage for the Holy Spirit to work dramatically in your community just as He did following Pentecost. **(Library # 226.6 TEY) Prayer Point Press**

Articles - on Prayer (Folder)

Discovering Prayer: Andrew Knowles - God loves us. His motive in making us was love. His greatest longing is that we should get to know Him, come to love Him, enjoy His company. And when we talk to God or list to Him, head to head, heart to heart, this is prayer. Everyone prays, at least occasionally. But what are we doing when we pray? This book is to help people understand prayer. It is a guide to effective and enjoyable ways of praying. **(Library 248.32 KNO) Lion Publishing, Belleville, MI \$4.95**

Essays on Prayer - by A. W. Tozer & Others: These essays on prayer are selected articles from HIS magazine, published by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. **(Library 248.3 TOZ) Inter-Varsity Press, Downers Grove, IL**

Finding Your Prayer Personality - by Ruth Fowke - Pray as you can-don't try to pray as you can't. These wise words form the basis of this book, which aims to set you free to express yourself in prayer-in the way that best suits your personality and outlook. God has chosen to create us different from one another. And yet, in our communication with God, we often feel constricted or unfulfilled by what seem to be standardized, artificial, imposed patterns of prayer. But prayer doesn't have to be like that! *Finding Your Prayer Personality* attempts to give you both the framework and the freedom to explore new ways and new possibilities in prayer best suited to your personal-and sometimes changing-needs. To pray effectively, each of us must find the prayer pattern that is most suited to our individual character; and in so doing, we can develop a living, vital, and honest relationship with God, complete with the specific individual facts that make our personalities unique. **(Library 248.3 FOW) Abingdon Press, Nashville**

A Guide to Prayer for All God's People: Rueben Job & Norman Shawchuck. This book was prepared out of our own joy in finding the living God as a faithful, loving companion in our lives. It is sent forth in the hope that it will assist you in your own search for a deeper, more consistent walk with Christ. Every scripture, prayer, and writing has been used for our own journey. We have pondered the scriptures and writings and have prayed the prayers. We have given ourselves to the daily discipline and monthly retreats. Through it all we have discovered God to be an extravagant giver, a loving parent, whose every desire is to delight us and beckon us toward an ever closer walk with Christ. The labor which has gone into this book is one way we wish to say, "Thank you, God, for life-constantly surprised by joy." **(Library 242 JOB) Upper Room Books, Nashville, TN**

How Prayer Shapes Ministry: by John E. Biersdorf. Many clergy say their greatest struggle is with the spiritual side of their ministry. Discover how you might connect your spiritual life with tasks of ministry in this book. An ordained UCC minister and former executive director of the Department of Ministry of the National Council of Churches, Biersdorf explores ministry as an expression of prayer rather than prayer as just a resource for ministry. He explains how a spiritual life takes shape in the diverse tasks of ministry, and provides different approaches for different personalities and life situations from the experiences of the many ministers he has nurtured and counseled. A theology and praxis for a life of prayer, this book will help you bring a new dimension to living your calling. **(Library # 248.3 BIE) Alban Institute**

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How to Pray (Teacher's Guide): Francis Reinberger - How to Pray is a short-term course in the school of religion for use with high school youth. This is an elective course that can be offered for interested pupils at any time during the week when they can come together for intensive study. (The class should be limited to twelve or fifteen pupils.) The three units of the course are planned for use in ten 50 to 60-minute sessions, as follows: 1) Knowing About Prayer-a three-session unit which stresses the nature of the relationship between God and the pupil. 2) Practicing Prayer - A three-session unit which provides the pupil with a series of situations in which he has the opportunity to pray, using the tools of prayer and knowing that the teacher's experiences and guidance are available to direct him. 3) Living with Others in Prayer-a four-session unit which leads the pupil to joyful corporate prayer life through study of the prayer life of Jesus, of great Christians throughout the ages, and of the church of the fellowship in communication with God. **(Library 248.3 REIt) Lutheran Church Press, Philadelphia, PA**

How To Pray: Francis Reinberger **(Library # 248.3 REI) Lutheran Church Press, Philadelphia, PA**

How To Pray: R. A. Torrey One of the greatest needs of the present day is men and women who will not only start out to pray for things but pray on and on and on until they obtain that which they seek from the Lord. What was true in Torrey's day still applies today. His practical pointers clearly unfold the conditions God has established for intelligent, effective prayer that brings His answers, emphasizing the purpose and importance of prayer. **(Library 242 TOR) Moody Press, Chicago, IL \$3.99**

How To Pray After You've Kicked the Dog, by Terry Teykl This is a practical, readable, enjoyable & insightful book about personal prayer. With honesty and courage, Terry has taken on some of the common misconceptions about prayer and not only provided a wonderful book on prayer, but on the reality of life and struggles that we as Christians face. He communicates with humor and compassion the simplicity of relating to God in prayer. **(Library 242 TEY) Prayer Point Press \$14.00**

Hush! Hush! It's time to pray-but how?: Jill Briscoe Many Christians have problems with prayer-not with the idea of prayer, the meaning of prayer, or the advantage of prayer, but with the matter of just getting around to doing it. Some time ago, Jill Briscoe began an exploration of prayer with a group of volunteers who invested in an hour a week studying the subject and doing what they studied. Since then, over five hundred people have gone through the learning and practicing experience of prayer in Jill's workshop, and there are still people waiting in line! Now anyone can have the opportunity of this experience, for Jill has put this material and approach to prayer into book form. This creative and imaginative study of prayer, with practical and personal applications, takes prayer out of the realm of piety and into the world of reality. **(Library 248.3 BRI) Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, MI**

If God Already Knows, Why Pray?: Douglas Kelly Questions about prayer have confused Christians for centuries. What happens when I pray? How should I pray? What should I pray? Does prayer have any affect on what eventually happens? In this book, Dr. Kelly answers these questions-and many more just like them. He will first lead you through a sound understanding of what the Scriptures say specifically about prayer. Then he'll give you a Biblical overview of the theology of prayer. This book reveals what prayer is-and what it is not. If God Already Know, Why Pray? is an invitation to open the door of your life to the presence of the Risen Christ. To invite Him to come into your human situation, with all your needs, and flood even your spiritual deadness with His resurrection power. This book is full of stories and illustrations, helping you to clearly understand and apply Scriptural principles of prayer. **(Library 248.3 KEL) Wolgemuth & Hyatt, Publishers, Brentwood, TN**

The Lord's Prayer (Covenant Bible Studies): Mary Sue Rosenberger We often say the Lord's Prayer without thinking about what it means. This phrase-by-phrase study of the Lord's Prayer revives the powerful meaning of the Christian's most holy prayer. In study and meditation, the prayer becomes a vital spiritual resource and a tool of faith. **(Library # 226.96 ROS) Brethren Press/Faith Quest \$3.95**

Lord, Teach Us The Lord's Prayer & the Christian Life: William Willimon & Stanley Hauerwas The

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Lord's Prayer-the prayer taught by Jesus himself that unites Christians throughout the world-is dissected phrase by phrase in this very readable book by two eminent theologians. From "Our Father" to "Amen," Willimon and Hauerwas apply this ancient prayer to the whole of the Christian experience so that we come to see our life in Christian community as a reflection of these very words. Persons who want to have a better understanding of their Christian faith will benefit from this book, as will those who say this prayer regularly and by heart but who have never reflected closely on what it means to join in community and raise these petitions as Jesus instructed. *(Personal Property of Georgia Markey)* **Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN \$7.95**

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself (Blessing Your Neighborhood through Love & Prayer): Mary Lance V. Sisk Love Your Neighbor as Yourself is a vital part of the Mission America Lighthouse Movement curriculum. This book is user-friendly and gives many simple suggestions on how to start reaching out to your neighbors through love and prayer. It also offers you a variety of ideas and a doable plan to put into action right on your own street. **(Library 248.5 SIS) Published by Mary Lance V. Sisk**

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A Place To Pray - Reflections on the Lord's Prayer, by Roberta C. Bondi - ..."In many ways the Lord's Prayer is the most fundamental of all Christians' prayers. It was given to us by Jesus in response to the disciples' explicit request that He teach them to pray, and throughout the period of the early church, along with the creed, it was regarded as a basic catechetical text. For so many of us in our own period, however, praying this prayer is fraught with difficulties. Apart from the problems caused by its very familiarity, some cannot get past the first-century language to pray it in the present. Some cannot separate it from oppressive childhood experience. Others struggle in themselves against painful images of God and power which the language of the prayer evokes for them. Others, still are simply bored. It is my contention, however, that Christians are called to love God and our neighbors as ourselves, and the Lord's Prayer, prayed honestly from the places in which we really are, is a basic tool to help us do it... *A Place to Pray* is drawn from my own life experience, from theological reflection on what I believe the early church has to say to us, from mulling over what seem to me to be certain key passages of scripture, and from the experience of my own prayer. Each chapter is written in the form of a letter to a friend...I try to find a way to pray the prayer as a means for healing our abilities to love God, the neighbor, and ourselves" - from the Preface **(Library 226.9 BON) Abingdon Press, Nashville**

Prayer: by George A. Buttrick Combining dynamic testimony with Biblical scholarship, the author honestly confronts the doubts of those who question the power of prayer in a world of science and technology. He concludes by showing how to pray, both privately and with a prayer group, offering hope and assurance in a troubled age. **(Library # 248.3 BUT) Abingdon Press, Nashville**

Prayer: Conversing With God: by Rosalind Rinker. A special edition for the "Under-21 Crowd"... because young people want a book of their own and have repeatedly asked for one. Part II contains specially prepared material adapted from youth groups who were transformed as they learned to pray together. **(Library 248.3 RIN) Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, MI**

Prayer and Temperament - Different Prayer Forms For Different Personality Types: Chester Michael & Marie Norrisey - During the past decade with its emphasis on personal growth and fulfillment, a good amount of interest has been generated concerning the relationship between one's temperament or personality and one's style of prayer and spirituality. During many workshops, seminars, retreat experiences, and in the spiritual direction of numerous persons, the authors have been experimenting with the theory that there is a relationship between one's temperament and the kind of prayer or spirituality that is practiced by different persons. Furthermore, in 1982, 457 persons from all over the country were recruited to engage in a year-long project to discern the value of various prayer forms for the different psychological types of human personality. Of those taking part in the project, 98% testified to the value of choosing a method of prayer which was compatible to their temperament. **(Library 248.3 MIC) The Open Door, Inc, Charlottesville, VA**

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Prayer - Walking (A Simple Path to Body-and-Soul Fitness): Linus Mundy Prayer-Walking comes

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straight and clean from the heart of someone who has walked and prayed and whose prose has the rhythm of that leisurely, prayerful walk we all intend to take but rarely get around to. (*Personal Property of Georgia Markey*) Abbey Press, St. Meinrad, IN \$4.95

Prayers for the Seasons of God's People (Worship Aids for the Revised Common Lectionary Year B): B. David Hostetter. Pastors and worship leaders know that we encounter God through the reading of Scripture in worship. They sometimes encounter difficulty, however, in integrating the day's readings from the lectionary with the other elements of worship. While we usually meet the biblical text fact-to-face in the sermon, shouldn't we attune ourselves to what the Word would tell us throughout the whole of worship? This book is for those who believe we should. It will assist pastors and other worship leaders to weave the themes of the day's lections throughout the service of worship. Employing a use of language that is inspiring and poetic, Prayers for the Seasons of God's People will provide valuable help to all who lead in the worship of the gathered people of God. (*Personal Property of Georgia Markey*) Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN \$15.00

Prayers For Our Times: Edited by John Cumming & Paul Burns - This inspiring collection of modern prayers, many of which have been specially commissioned for this volume, provides a valuable selection for use both in public worship and private devotion. The prayers are structured in seven sections, based around: The Church's Year; Feast Days; Occasions of Life; Litanies, Blessings, Traditional Prayers; All Sorts and Conditions of Men and Women; Personal Petitions; and Various Prayers. (*Personal Property of Georgia Markey*) Crossroad, NY \$6.95

Prayers For Public Worship: Edward Ziegler - This small collection of prayers for use in public worship grows out of a deep concern about the quality and dignity of spoken prayers in a congregational worship setting. Leading an assembly of believers in honest, meaningful prayer requires discipline and careful preparation. Planning for periods of prayer is as important to worship as singing or preaching. (*Personal Property of Georgia Markey*) Brethren Press, Elgin, IL

Prayers of Blessing and Praise For All Occasions: Hugo Schlesinger & Humberto Porto - Prayer starts within the person. It is a bridge from the human heart to God, whose call changes that heart. Prayer is daily action in word and gesture, continuing a relationship rooted in the very beginning of creation: person and God, community and God, in fraternity and peace. Prayer renews spiritual life as well as the experience of God's presence. The present selection of prayers was prepared for joint Christian-Jewish recital of prayers entailing fervor and spirituality. (*Personal Property of Georgia Markey*) Twenty-Third Publications, Mystic, CT \$9.95

The Praying Church Idea Book: Douglas A Kamstra. It's designed to provide practical helps to church leaders who want to build praying churches. This is not a book that anyone is going to sit down and read from beginning to end. Instead it will serve as a reference tool that pastors and other church leaders will turn to again and again. Prayer leaders will want to peruse the forty prayer methods in the "Prayer Formats" section. Pastors will be challenged and encouraged by the section on the "Leader's Personal Prayer Life." Ministry leaders will find help among the fifty-five items under the heading "Prayer Ministry Ideas." There are even sections for small group leaders, for worship leaders, and for evangelism/mission leaders. So wide is the potential use of this book within a local congregation that churches may want to own several copies. (**Library 248.3 KAM**) Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI

A Praying Congregation, by Jane Vennard (**Library 248.3 VEN**) Alban Institute - Learn how to be in the presence of God and stop trying to do prayer right. For an adventure in prayer with the God of love, this book helps congregations who are eager to experience prayer.

Praying Like Jesus-The Lord's Prayer in a Culture of Prosperity, James Mulholland Praying Like Jesus is an invitation to rediscover the life we are called to as Christians - a vow to transform our culture and world. The early Christians prayed like Jesus and were legendary for their acts of compassion and service. Mulholland believes this can and should be the commitment of Christians today. (**Library 242**

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MUL) Harper Collins Publishers \$14.95

Teaching P.R.A.Y.E.R. - Guidance for Pastors and Church Leaders, by Brant D. Baker - A commonly held belief is that prayer should come naturally to people of faith. In truth, an overwhelming number of people secretly harbor concerns about communicating with God either privately or publicly. More often than not, they feel discomfort when attempting to talk to God, and they have little knowledge of recognizing the ways in which God speaks to them. Brant Baker in *Teaching P.R.A.Y.E.R.* offers an introductory primer for pastors, teachers, and small group leaders that is aimed at helping to dispel the fears that many believers have concerning prayer. Through the use of the acronym P.R.A.Y.E.R. (Psalming, Reconciling, Adoring, Yielding, Entreating, and Realizing), Baker provides 8 lessons that teach adults how to communicate with and listen to God. Each chapter shares background information on a specific aspect of prayer and concludes with a lesson related to the chapter topic. Also included are informational charts and tables for leaders, as well as experiential exercises and activities and reproducible handouts and worksheets for class or group participants. **(Library 248.3 BAK) Abingdon Press, Nashville**

A Voice Over The Water (An Invitation to Pray): William Breault - A Voice Over the Water is not a book to read from beginning to end. Rather, it is hoped that the reader will be inspired to stop, to wonder, and to pray. In both his content and style of presentation, Father Breault helps his readers to slow down, to pause, to make room for prayer in their lives. In narratives that invite stillness-listening-reflection, he develops 29 themes that are rooted in scripture. Through them we gain insights to Jesus, to his attitudes toward fear, prayer, death, decisions, and the true self. **(Library 248.3 BRE) Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN**

The Ways of Prayer: Michael Francis Pennock. *The Ways of Prayer* is a solid introduction to the spiritual life, a rich resource for beginners, for those wanting to revive their practice of prayer, and even for the more experienced prayers who will benefit from its variety and encouragement. It is a practical book, with advice on how to get started, how to find the time and place to pray, how to relax, how to listen for the Lord, and how to deal with distractions. Pennock provides illuminating discussions of traditional methods of praying - including meditation, contemplation, the Rosary - and methods taught by such popular saints as Benedict, Francis of Assisi and Therese of Lisieux. He offers ample reflections and exercises to help the reader experience various prayer forms, and places special emphasis on the eucharistic celebration to show the importance of praying with others. **(Library 248.3 PEN) Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN \$4.95**

Creating a Community Prayer with Children - Folder / Article

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