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Now with a detailed study guide, this book can be used by Christians everywhere to study the radical message of James and reflect on what it means to be a true Christian. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

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In one of the greatest American classics, Baldwin chronicles a fourteen-year-old boy's discovery of the terms of his identity. Baldwin's rendering of his protagonist's spiritual, sexual, and moral struggle of self-invention opened new possibilities in the American language and in the way Americans understand themselves. With lyrical precision, psychological directness, resonating symbolic power, and a rage that is at once unrelenting and compassionate, Baldwin tells the story of the stepson of the minister of a storefront Pentecostal church in Harlem one Saturday in March of 1935. Originally published in 1953, Baldwin said of his first novel, "Mountain is the book I had to write if I was ever going to write anything else." "With vivid imagery, with lavish attention to details ... [a] feverish story." —The New York Times

Have you ever sensed that you've seen just the foothills of what prayer is about? Do you long for more? Magnificent Prayer points you toward the heights of communion with God. Drawing insights from classic and contemporary pioneers of prayer, Nick Harrison guides you on a year-long devotional course of discovery, application, and growth. Corrie ten Boom, John Bunyan, Amy Carmichael, Oswald Chambers, Charles Colson, Eric Liddell, D. L. Moody, Andrew Murray, Leonard Ravenhill, Charles Spurgeon, Hannah Whitall Smith, Charles Stanley . . . find out their secrets to prayer. Profit from their

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wisdom. Harrison harvests some of their choicest words about prayer, sets them with Scripture, and invites you to reflect on your own prayer life in their light. But this is just the prelude to the true objective: a deepening personal experience of prayer. With daily exercises designed to help focus your prayers, *Magnificent Prayer* equips you to experience firsthand the many dimensions of prayer and the incredible possibilities prayer holds. *Magnificent Prayer* is a vibrant resource for your spiritual walk. Day by day, your prayers will be enhanced as you live in close communication with your true and faithful Guide.

In late medieval Catholicism, mourners employed an array of practices to maintain connection with the deceased—most crucially, the belief in purgatory, a middle place between heaven and hell where souls could be helped by the actions of the living. In the early sixteenth century, the Reformation abolished purgatory, as its leaders did not want attention to the dead diminishing people's devotion to God. But while the Reformation was supposed to end communication between the living and dead, it turns out the result was in fact more complicated than historians have realized. In the three centuries after the Reformation, Protestants imagined continuing relationships with the dead, and the desire for these relations came to form an important—and since neglected—aspect of Protestant belief and practice.

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In *Speaking with the Dead in Early America*, historian Erik R. Seeman undertakes a 300-year history of Protestant communication with the dead. Seeman chronicles the story of Protestants' relationships with the deceased from Elizabethan England to puritan New England and then on through the American Enlightenment into the middle of the nineteenth century with the explosion of interest in Spiritualism. He brings together a wide range of sources to uncover the beliefs and practices of both ordinary people, especially women, and religious leaders. This prodigious research reveals how sermons, elegies, and epitaphs portrayed the dead as speaking or being spoken to, how ghost stories and Gothic fiction depicted a permeable boundary between this world and the next, and how parlor songs and funeral hymns encouraged singers to imagine communication with the dead. *Speaking with the Dead in Early America* thus boldly reinterprets Protestantism as a religion in which the dead played a central role.

This book is about how the time you spend alone with God in prayer will help you dramatically transform your prayer life. It has sixteen chapters. Each chapter opens with a focus scripture that captures the essence, main concepts, and contents. It covers a variety of topics including, what prayer is about, why you pray, how to know the creative will of God, how the Holy Spirit helps you to pray, why pray

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according to Gods will, why pray and wait, how to ask from God, how to plan and put discipline in your prayer, why humble yourself, why spend time alone with God, why pray and not give up, why know and pray the Word of God, how to deal with fear, how to work your faith, and how to release your prayer brakes. It gives you strategies, action tips and principles that will help you transform your prayer life

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“Performance is the missing link between hope and a miracle.” Unanswered prayer has long been a frustration for Christians. They sit idly by waiting for God to respond as they want Him to without seeing the results they’d like. What they don’t realize is that prayer is not an entitlement program. The Bible says you will receive from God based upon your faith and that faith without works is dead. In essence, prayer without works won’t work. So the next time you need a miracle, try following your prayer with the performance of corresponding actions. Roll up your sleeves and earn your miracle! If that sounds theologically crazy to you, read through this book and see real life and biblical examples of its truth. You’ll learn that the road that leads to miracles is paved with your personal performance. Welcome to the full-throttle world of performance-based prayer. You may want to fasten your seat belt: your prayer life is about to go for a ride. www.robertbakkeministries.com

‘If what stands in your way is too high to climb, too hard to dig under or too big to go round – it’s time for mountain-moving prayer!’ – Anthony Delaney, Ivy Church, Manchester

The toughest challenges can be tackled, defeated and shifted aside by faith-fuelled prayer. Relational struggles, financial strangleholds, emotional strife; whatever your mountain, through prayer God’s power can move it. The huge challenges casting shadows across our communities can also be addressed through prayer. ‘God will move our personal mountains, but we mustn’t stop there. His goal is to transform the lives of those around us as well,’ observes Debra. ‘God’s call to me from the very beginning was to focus prayer on the big, specific issues causing social fragmentation: lack of aspiration amongst young people, elderly isolation, family failures, distrust and separation between ethnic groups. These mountains need moving in most neighbourhoods.’ ‘I work with police colleagues of

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many faiths and many of no faith – all are in awe when they witness what can be unlocked in this way.’ – Olivia Pinkney QPM MA, Chief Constable, Hampshire Constabulary Author and popular speaker Debra Green OBE runs ROC (Redeeming Our Communities).

Prayer is a relationship with God. The Prayer Journey Bible is prepared as a guide to help you know God and be transformed continually to be more like Him. Yours is a journey into the spiritual unknown, so be prepared to dig, compare, memorize, repent, and yes-experience God. Remember, prayer is a relationship with God for a purpose. You want to be transformed to be like Jesus. As you read the Prayer Journey Bible, you will find numbers in brackets, i.e. {501}, attached to various verses or events or statements about prayer. The number will guide you to a principle of prayer for a fuller explanation; or if you read these principles of prayer, you will be guided to places in Scripture for further reading. The notes of the Prayer Journey Bible are prepared to help you pray many different ways, with many attitudes, using many methods, concerning many requests. May this Prayer Journey Bible help you touch God; but more importantly, may God touch you.

Throughout history Christians have prayed for the dead. This book challenges Protestants, who seldom pray for the dead, to begin doing so, and Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, who pray only for the Christian dead, to include the unsaved as well. Gould discusses the meaning of prayer for final consummation of all things, growth of the blessed in heaven, purification of the imperfect in purgatory, and salvation of the unsaved in hell--identifying the necessary conception of the afterlife required by each particular prayer. He also reflects on the spiritual value of prayer for the departed--how it enhances faith, builds hope, and sharpens discipleship--and provides some sample prayers for public

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liturgy and private devotion. In essence, *Practicing Prayer for the Dead* offers an outline of theology from the perspective of death, arguing that prayer for all the departed is one aspect of a tightly knit web of doctrines. The argument, while revisionary in some respects, is orthodox, ecumenical, and integrative, engaging a range of academic disciplines so as to be biblically accurate, historically informed, and philosophically reasoned.

It was reported that a doctoral student at Princeton once asked Albert Einstein, "What is there left in the world for original dissertation research?" He replied by saying, "Find out about prayer. Somebody must find out about prayer." Since Einstein's day, a great deal has been written on the topic of prayer in general. However, relatively little has been written about prayer in John's Farewell Discourse in particular. Therefore, this analysis not only seeks to understand the relationship between Johannine and Jewish, Greco-Roman, and Christian prayer traditions, but also seeks to discern the unique function and application of prayer as it is prescribed in the Farewell Discourse.

A good number of Christians shy away from praying because of misconceptions and fears they have about prayer. Most are inundated with misinformation and false beliefs about what qualifies as a good prayer. This book was birthed out of a deeper desire and hunger for each believer to recognize the power of prayer that they can institute and practice independently. Prayer itself, as well as the approach to prayer and attitude towards prayer, are simplified in this book, granting readers the freedom to pray. Prayer, when rendered to the Holy Spirit, produces more. Among the key topics that are discussed in this book are: Aspects of prayers Common misconceptions about prayer Benefits of prayer Holy Spirit led prayer (the role of the Holy Spirit in prayer) Praying from a victorious position in spiritual warfare How to pray while

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waiting for the answer How to incorporate prayer in daily routine All of these have been shared so as to free the reader to simply talk to God.

This unique commentary on James by an outstanding New Testament specialist, David B. Gowler, provides a broad range of original perspectives on how people have interpreted, and been influenced by, this important epistle. The author explores a vast array of interpretations extending far beyond theological commentary, sermons, and hymns, to also embrace the epistle's influences on literature, art, politics, and social theory. The work includes examples of how successive generations have portrayed the historical figure of James the Just, in both pictorial and textual form.

Contextualizing his analysis with excerpts from key documents, including artistic representations of the epistle, the author reviews the dynamic interactions between the James and Jesus traditions and compares James's epistle with those of Paul. The volume highlights James's particular concern for the poor and marginalized, charting the many responses to this aspect of his legacy. Drawing on sources as varied as William Shakespeare, John Calvin, Charles Schultz's Peanuts, and political cartoons, this is an exhaustive study of the theological and cultural debates sparked by the Epistle of James. James Through the Centuries is published within the Wiley Blackwell Bible Commentaries series. Further information about this innovative reception history series is available at www.bbibcomm.info.

M. R. James was born in Kent, England in 1862. James came to writing fiction relatively late, not publishing his

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first collection of short stories – Ghost Stories of an Antiquary (1904) – until the age of 42. Modern scholars now see James as having redefined the ghost story for the 20th century and he is seen as the founder of the 'antiquarian ghost story'. We are republishing these classic works in affordable, high quality, modern editions with a brand new introductory biography of the author. The simple message of this book is that prayer works. Some people are "prayer plodders": They pray not because prayer comes easy but because they believe in its power. Others are "prayer professionals": they are gifted in the practice of prayer; prayer seems to flow authentically and effectively from their hearts. Whether you are a plodder or a professional, you can be a prayer warrior—one whose prayers are powerful and effectual—even efficient. Even if prayer doesn't always come easily or your prayers aren't always answered as you'd hoped, you will come away from this book convinced that God rewards genuine prayer. Open the pages of this book and see for yourself what happens when God answers prayer!

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The key to seeing all your prayers answered is simple—pray the words of Scripture back to God. Since the Bible is God's Word and it reveals God's heart, you will become closer to the Lord as you pray the timeless truths of Scripture when talking to God. You are actually praying His Word back to Him. With the Scripture presented in a fresh, contemporary version, The Paraphrase Prayer Bible will show you how to pray based on the Word of God. Throughout these pages, you

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will find verses that help you direct your prayers toward God in: Offering praise Making specific prayer requests Communion and intimacy Worship And more... The Prayer Bible will help you connect with God in a powerful new way as you pray the Scripture back to Him, learn how to personalize the Bible, and watch the Word of God come alive like never before!

A body is found at the scene of a carefully staged murder. In a sealed chamber deep in the heart of Gilmerton Cove the victim has undergone a macabre ritual of purification. Inspector Tony McLean knew the dead man, and can't shake the suspicion that there is more to this case than meets the eye. The lack of forensics at the crime scene is not the only thing that McLean will find beyond belief. Teamed with the most unlikely and unwelcome of allies, McLean must track down a killer with the darkest compulsions, who answers only to a higher power.

Dangerous Prayer offers a strategy for fostering prayer and spirituality in mission that focuses on neighbourhood transformation and global needs using the Lord's Prayer as a radical blueprint. Sustainability in mission is not possible without prayer; vibrancy in prayer is not possible without mission. Christians on mission need a vibrant life of prayer in order to be effective yet to have a vibrant prayer life they need an outlet in mission. The Lord's Prayer offers a radical inspirational framework to help move Christians beyond praying just for themselves and to have their imaginations captured by the mission of God and concern for global needs. Jesus' words guide us to pray for God's Kingdom on earth, for restoration,

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for food for all who are hungry, for people to experience forgiveness and all that really is good news about Jesus. It is a dangerous prayer because of its counter-cultural and radical stance, and because it invites us to be, in part, the answer to our prayers. This book offers inspiring and practical approaches for unleashing the whole people of God for missional prayer and prayerful mission.

Throughout history, Christians have prayed for the dead - both for continual growth of the faithful and for their advancement from purgatory, and sometimes, even, for the deliverance of the unsaved from hell. Understanding Prayer for the Dead defends all three kinds of prayer. It challenges Protestants, who seldom pray for the dead, to begin doing so - and Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, who pray only for the Christian dead, to include the unsaved as well. James B. Gould addresses the biblical credentials of prayer for the dead and provides a historical overview of such prayers from ancient Christianity to the current practice of the three main branches of the Church. He also discusses the logical assumptions prayer for the dead requires - that prayer is effective, that the dead are conscious, and that the afterlife involves change - and lays out a theological framework for such prayers. Prayer for the departed raises the most basic of theological questions, matters that go to the centre of God's purpose in creating spiritual beings and redeeming sinful humankind. The argument, while revisionary in some respects, is orthodox, ecumenical, and integrative, engaging a range of academic disciplines so as to be biblically accurate,

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The final book of the Bible, Revelation prophesies the ultimate judgement of mankind in a series of allegorical visions, grisly images and numerological predictions. According to these, empires will fall, the "Beast" will be destroyed and Christ will rule a new Jerusalem. With an introduction by Will Self.

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This is the extended and annotated edition including * an extensive biographical annotation about the author and his life John Calvin begins this classic treatise on prayer by giving us a definition of prayer, emphasizing its necessity and use. He addresses the objections that some people have when it comes to prayer, such as, that prayer seems useless, because God already knows our wants. He then outlines four rules to be observed in prayer: reverence to God, a sense of our want, the suppression of all pride, and a sure confidence of being heard. He gives a good overview of different kinds of prayers: vows, supplications, petitions, thanksgivings. After he gives some guidance for the use of prayer in public worship, he gives a wonderful exposition of the Lord's Prayer. While certain of Calvin's arguments are addressing issues faced at the time of the Reformation, the modern reader will discover timeless truths, solidly

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based on God's Word, detailing the necessity and benefits of persevering in prayer (citation from ministryformation.com.au).

In raw, poignant alternating first-person narratives, interspersed with e-mails, gay chat-room exchanges, and other fragments of a youth laid bare in the age of social media, *The Lost Prayers of Ricky Graves* unravels the mystery of a life in all its glory: despair and regret, humor and wonder, courage and connection. A heartbroken and humiliated Ricky Graves took the life of a classmate and himself. Five months later, the sleepy community is still in shock and mourning. Ricky's sister, Alyssa, returns to confront her shattered, withdrawn mother and her guilt over the brother she left adrift. Mark McVitry, the lone survivor of the deadly outburst sparked by his own cruelty, is tormented by visions of Ricky's vengeful spirit. Ricky's surrogate older brother, Corky Meeks, grapples with doubts about the fragile boy he tried to protect but may have doomed instead. And Jeremy Little, who inadvertently became Ricky's long-distance Internet crush despite never having met, seeks to atone for failing to hear his friend's cries for help. For those closest to the tormented killer, shock and grief have given way to soul searching, as they're forced to confront their broken dreams, buried desires, and missed opportunities. And in their shared search for meaning and redemption, Ricky's loved ones find a

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common purpose: learning to trust their feelings, fighting for real intimacy in a world grown selfish and insincere, and fearlessly embracing all that matters most...before it's gone from their lives.

Prayer Warrior describes Gail Appels quest to learn how to obey Gods admonition to pray without ceasing. As Gail began seeking Gods heart in prayer, He showed her how to pray effectively, using a clear method of searching Scripture for specific themes and verses and defining each term to determine Gods will in prayer. The result is a comprehensive, topical study of four hundred different prayer needs. As Gail submitted herself to Gods instruction, her horizons began to expand, and her relationship with God deepened. She learned to pray with power, trust, and joy. Prayer is every believers privilege as well as duty. Prayer makes joy possible under all circumstances as we make our requests known to God and listen to His still, quiet voice.

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