

## Sample Opening Prayer For A Meeting

This book discusses the utilization of biblical contemplative practice in facilitating neuroplasticity in adults who experience psychological disorders. It examines psychological disorder from four perspectives, these are: spiritual faculty, physiological faculty, psychological faculty, and relational faculty. These four faculties are the foundation of the mind. Having chaos or rigidity in any one faculty will lead to disintegration in the central nervous system, which inevitably leads to mental distress. This book demonstrates from scientific research how to use prayer and Biblical meditation to heal the brain from psychological distress, such as trauma, anxiety, depression, and addictions. In addition, the following areas are covered in the book: "The mind:God's design", "parent-child relationship and its impact on brain development", "insecure attachment and how it affects the brain", and "God, attachment and the brain". It looks at how God changes the brain through the process of neuroplasticity.

Rev. James Turner takes his job seriously. As pastor of Lindenport Christian Church, he makes sure his congregation are spiritually fed and that their needs are met, especially during the holidays. Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas Eve services are a mainstay to the Christian faith. At Lindenport Christian Church, it's no different. The Thanksgiving community dinner and decorating committees have the church decked out for the holidays. Pastor James' faith is challenged when a beautiful female parishioner confides in him about her past, putting both of them and their loved ones in danger. The magical beauty and wonder of Christmas Eve is a perfect backdrop for remembering God's continued protection through adversity.

This versatile collection provides a wealth of supplementary material to help you customize Common Worship services for any locality, age group, special occasion or festival. It offers:

- Advice and guidance on planning, preparing and structuring services.
- Over 250 pages of prayers and liturgy, conveniently organised by function, e.g. Gathering and Greeting, Praise and Thanksgiving, Action and Movement.
- 22 easy-to-adapt sample services for eucharistic, non-eucharistic, all-age worship and seasonal services.

The contents of this message upon prayer should be read alike by preacher and teacher, evangelist and intercessor. Its pages contain an appeal to every "worker together with Christ," and stimulate the desire for prayer in the varied relationships of Christian life. The appeal deserves a wide circulation amongst members of Prayer Circles and Prayer Unions, and, indeed, amongst all who are looking for a revival of true religion in our land, and an exodus of ambassadors for Christ to heathen and Moslem populations. -- Albert A. Head.

A Hawaiian judge is in the throes of manic depression due to the tragic loss of his pregnant wife and supposed unborn child. He tries anything to get over his despondency-even opium. The judge then finds out about a fountain of youth located in a church basement on the Big Island of Hawaii. Once he drinks of the

precious blood, he becomes seemingly immortal. However, one drink of eternity is insufficient-periodic boosters are required for the immortality to be permanent. The judge will do anything to protect his font of eternal existence, even by coercing his pastoral flock-who call him the Prophet-to bludgeon law officers that attempt to interfere with their perpetual salvation. Years later, after a successful prison break, the judge makes fast friends with the King of Hawaii. They smoke opium while sitting in the royal thrones, tour the catacombs and tunnel systems below the palace-containing treasures and amazing historical artifacts-and then sail over to the island of Molokai where the judge is conferred into the realm of Hawaiian sorcery. He acquires numerous magical powers, which include the ability to slay his adversaries by the power of prayer alone. The judge later attends a Hawaiian secret society meeting-at the royal palace-which is sanctioned by the Freemasons. Later that evening, while taking part in an adult parlor game-which incorporates a ball of Hawaiian twine-a vivacious lady in red nearly debilitates the judge for all eternity. About one hundred and fifty years later, the man-who is now known as The Judge-is exacting revenge on the jezebel's great-grandchildren. He employs the aid of a computer hacker to stalk the woman's present day descendants; The Judge then conducts their eternal souls-via ancient ceremonies-up river to the home of the Hawaiian gods. A homicide detective calls in a professor of Hawaiian anthropology in an attempt to decipher the ritualistic clues at the murder scene; soon afterwards, the expert and his family become the hunted. As they perish, one by one, the professor is goaded into facing The Judge in a midnight showdown at the vacant royal palace.

For those looking to create a personalized wedding ceremony that honors and celebrates the diverse religious, racial, or ethnic backgrounds of the couple and their families, this book provides expert guidance for perfectly blending traditions and faiths. \* Contains insights shared by brides and grooms, interviews and information from other attributed sources, as well as special contributions from Rev. Victor Fuhrman \* Presents exclusive materials designed by the author throughout more than a decade of experience in ministry

Ignatian spirituality is a way to pray, an approach to making decisions, a point of view about God, and a practical guide to everyday life. An Ignatian Book of Days is the only 365-daily reading book written explicitly from the point of view of Ignatian spirituality; it is an invitation to help attune ourselves to the Ignatian conviction that we can find God in all things, that our personal experience can provide authentic knowledge of God, and that we can clearly see, feel, and experience God's presence through an Ignatian lens in our daily lives.

Accessible, inviting, richly rewarding, and filled with insights and reflections from favorite Ignatian leaders, including James Martin, SJ, Pedro Arrupe, SJ, Margaret Silf, and of course, St. Ignatius, An Ignatian Book of Days sees God as actively involved in the world and intimately involved with us in every moment and place. Exclusive Offer - Now Includes 5 Amazing Bonus Titles: 4 More Titles of 100 Most

Powerful Prayers. Plus Full Length Title: Conscious Visualization You will not achieve fulfillment and happiness until you allow God to be the architect of your reality. Imagine that with a few moments each day, you could begin the powerful transformation toward complete control of your own life and well being through prayer. You will be able to release all fear and doubt simply because you know that God gives you the strength. You can utilize this simple, proven technique to regain the lost comforts of joy, love, and fulfillment in your life. God's gift of life is too short to be exhausted on thousands of everyday anxieties and fears. Sadly, the average person will get to the end of their life and realize that more than half of it was spent struggling with these kinds of problems. Because they didn't know what to do, many of these people never found any satisfaction in life. You can and will become bigger than those struggles by enhancing the positive energy that God already has flowing within you. You are exactly who you think you are, and it's up to you to create those thoughts and manifest them as God's creation. No more lack of faith, motivation, and feelings of doubt in your life. No person can find happiness in an environment beyond his or her control. But you can get up, get out, and take control with God. Get what you want and desire from the world like millions of others around the globe using prayer. You are already blessed with the power to assert your own perceptions and transform your thoughts and desires into reality. By using prayer daily, you will unlock that natural potential that God placed inside of you. Prayer starts by creating a cycle of continuous prayers. You must believe and repeat these declarations and prayers each day. If the thoughts and ideas that we affirm are not true in reality, a dynamic tension is created between your perceived reality and your psyche. This presence of dynamic tension causes imbalance between your psyche and perceived reality. Your consciousness will work to get back in tune with the God's vision of the universe to resolve the tension. There are two simple ways to ease this tension. You must work with God's creation in order to make your declarations become true, or you must stop the prayer. As you choose to continue praying, your mind and body will seek to balance this inequality with the universe by transforming your environment to match your declarations of truth. Sooner than later, you will find yourself taking positive and decisive action that you never imagined possible as your perceptions naturally align with your true reality. If you want to see positive change now, you'll find the quickest path to fulfillment with prayer through God's love. There is no time to spend on loss, negativity, and defeat when you can be achieving tangible, historically proven results with minimum time and effort invested. There is no limit to changes that God can make in your life through the power of creating truth with prayer... Read This Book To Change Your Life Today! Also available in ebook Format

A Pattern of Prayer is a guide to prayer based on the daily, weekly, and occasional prayers of an intentional, ecumenical, Christian community called Grace and Main Fellowship in Danville, Virginia. It's designed to cultivate a rhythm to the life of prayer either in groups or by individuals. Providing a structure for morning, midday, evening, and night prayer, it is an excellent devotional aid that also allows the reader, or readers, to pray along with others wherever they may be. Also included are some of the prayers and blessings used in the work of the community, as well as the community's "identity statements" or "little rule." To make use of the prayerbook, all you'll need, in addition to the book, is a Bible.

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Not to be ignored is the warning in Matthew 6:34 that says each has sufficient evils thereof. This book is about the exigencies to bath each weekday in prayer in order to download the day's blessings, pursue destiny, and avoid wickedness. We shall look at names connotations of weekdays and will appreciate better the need for the timeless Christian disciple of Prayer in overcoming adversities and the adversary.

"Hidden Mountain Secret Garden: a theological contemplation on prayer" helps the reader discover the riches of mental prayer in the Catholic Tradition. In fact, the images of the "Hidden Mountain" and the "Secret Garden" are ancient metaphors for contemplative prayer, a kind of prayer that begins and ends in faith. This book is especially for those whose prayer is a search for the loving eyes of One who has conquered death. This kind of prayer beholds the wonder of Christ's living but hidden presence in one's highest thoughts and most noble aspirations as well as in one's instinctual urges and deepest longings. The ecstasy of this kind of prayer extends beyond even the vast unexplored horizons of the human heart and opens to an immensity of such excessive mercy that all else is forgotten -- and only love remains. The whole world needs this love: it is the secret garden, the hidden mountain, the inexhaustible riches only prayer knows and an excess of grace only prayer can make known. This is why Blessed John Paul II told the Church not to be afraid to open wide the doors of our hearts to Christ and it is why He told the young people of the world to be proud to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord. For those brave souls who have faithfully open their hearts to the Lord through this discipline of this kind of prayer, every Christian owes you a debt of gratitude. For those who want to join them, this work encourages you along the way -- for the journey you endeavor is at once the most perilous, the most heart-rending and the most wonderful adventure this world has ever known. "Dr. Anthony Lilles has authored an introduction to prayer that is inspiring and encouraging. For those desiring to pray this is a resource that is full of practical advice - written simply and attractively. This book bears the mark of a man - husband, father and teacher - who is not only imbued with the wisdom of the Saints, but who has also, through his own prayer, learned how all of us can, through prayer, foster faith in and love for Jesus and his Gospel." THOMAS G. WEINANDY, O.F.M., CAP. Executive Director for the Secretariat for Doctrine United States Conference of Catholic Bishops This is a wonderful book. I've taught spiritual theology many years and I wish I had had this text use. In fact, I wish I had written this book. It is scriptural, patristic, historical, theological, mystical, experiential and user friendly. Dr. Lilles takes us through the spiritual journey of prayer, citing Fathers and doctors, saints and even sinners to guide us on our Christian way toward contemplation. Weaving many themes into a harmonious whole, he opens up the life of contemplation for all Christians, our baptismal birthright in a way that is accessible and attractive. This is a book one will read more than once. FR. GILES DIMOCK, O.P., S.T.D University Parish of St. Thomas Aquinas At the University of Virginia In this book we find the real meat of the new evangelization. The church in America will not be renewed by "facts about Jesus" but only through one's choice to let Christ reach the heart and change it from within. It is an ancient message received by only few: Do not be afraid of letting go of what now defines you. Let Christ tell you who you are. Dr. Lilles is one of the ablest guides to lead us through to such a choice. Will I stay with knowledge about Jesus or will I enter the garden of prayer and finally come to know Him!! Do not be afraid to be loved, read this

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Liturgy for the New Millennium

This prayer book is geared towards teaching our children love for self, love for others and to be appreciate of all God's creation. In their formative years, is indeed the perfect time to do so.

Understanding how to cooperate with God's spiritual laws and principles facilitates personal growth, advancement, and success in God's kingdom. Neglecting or violating these truths results in curses, a lack of spiritual growth, and failing to fulfill your destiny. Practical application of the lessons and prayers in this book will help readers function successfully in the kingdom of God. Through faith and obedience, they will be able to break free from being naturally minded into being spiritually minded. They will become empowered by the Holy Spirit to overcome sin, the world, and Satan's plans to detour their destiny. The content and format of *Provoking God's Blessings* provides the reader with a comprehensive approach to studying God's spiritual laws and principles, solid biblical teaching and scripture-based prayers, twelve lessons for use by individuals and small Bible study groups, discussion questions and reflective interaction with the material, Pat's personal illustrations and testimonies from others. Whether you are a new believer or a mature disciple in Christ you will benefit from increased understanding and appreciation for how God's kingdom functions, being set free from past sinful patterns and curses, living the abundant life God offers us in His Word, experiencing personal and spiritual growth in Christ, and learning how to walk in Holy Spirit empowerment. God has invested much in Pat James through both training and life experiences. Pat holds back nothing as she earnestly passes on those lessons to those willing to learn from her. I encourage you to gather in a small group and take the time to absorb and practice what the Holy Spirit has laid out clearly for you in *Provoking God's Blessings*.-Dr. Evelyn Biles, founder and director of Global Mosaic International, adjunct affiliate professor at Regent University

31 full-page, full-color Scripture images complement the short devotions that fill this unique "coffee table" devotional. In its pages, you'll discover that peace can transcend circumstances. "Everyday Praise" explores the practice and blessings of praise through meditations consisting of biblical insights; the author's personal testimonies and observations; probing questions and applications; and heart-felt prayers of praise. The vibrant images pull you into each encouraging word. Reminder phrases accent the point of each message. Each entry in "Everyday Praise" reads quickly but probes deeply, as a catalyst to spiritual growth. Too often we believe we have to endure life. Yet in Christ Jesus, we can find joy and peace even in the midst of difficult circumstances. But that's only possible when our focus shifts from those circumstances to the One who promises to be our strength ... our hope. That's where praise comes in. We all face struggles. Hard times will come. When it does is, we often wonder, "How can I praise God in the middle of this mess?" It's a question I've asked. Maybe you have too. Because praising God comes easy during life's grand moments. Yet, in the difficult ones, glorifying Him can just as easily be forgotten. However, that's precisely the time we need to worship! God deserves praise. God commands praise. Christians need to praise! Reflecting on God's unchanging nature offers a reminder of His faithfulness when storms hit. Singing hymns of truth provides an oasis when you find yourself in the desert. Remembering the promises of God brings daily challenges into perspective. Begin to gain greater peace as you practice praising God with this unique gift book. Two additional sections in "Everyday Praise" will further immerse you into this idea of praise. The first pulls out each reminder phrase for ease of memorization. While the second lists 31 additional Bible verses to incorporate into your daily

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praise habit. Move a little further along the path of peace and contentment as you open the pages of "Everyday Praise," and begin exploring and cultivating the habit of daily praise. (A download link to a free companion journal is also provided in the book.)

"Is it possible to silence the voice of comparison in your life?" In *Over It. Conquering Comparison to Live Out God's Plan*, Kristine Brown takes us on a quest to learn the truth about comparison, and what we can do to quiet that pesky voice once and for all. Through this book, Kristine unearths the stories of three women in Scripture who fell into the comparison trap but learned the key to finding freedom from comparing. Walking through their stories, readers will: Discover deep truths about the struggle with comparison, find contentment in their God-given uniqueness, take easy-to-follow steps toward claiming victory over comparison, and learn how to say, "I'm over it" and mean it. Through relatable personal stories and practical biblical teaching, this book uncovers the solution to a battle all women face. Has the voice of comparison caused you to question whether you measure up next to her? Are you ready to erase comparison and embrace all God has planned for you? Then come along on the quest, friend. This book is for you.

This book was created in my prayer closet. It is a transparent and heartfelt account of the challenges and joys on the path of growing closer to God through marital issues, financial strains and everyday challenges that come our way as women. The pages are filled with the sweet and beautiful whispers of reassurance, renewal and love that God provided on this journey.

ManresaOr, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, for General Use  
New Patterns for Worship (paperback)  
Church House Publishing

This practical book for use in Reformed worship boasts a collection of highly engaging prayers written by current Presbyterian pastors and theologians. Unique amidst most prayer books, the language of these prayers is conversational in tone, rather than formal, and their concerns represent a diversity of approaches. Divided into sections by seasons of the liturgical year, *Let Us Pray* includes prayers of confession, petition, intercession, and thanksgiving, as well as assurances of pardon, litanies, and calls to worship.

This abundant collection of prayers will be helpful to anyone who wants to begin or end a meeting, a school day, or a class with a prayer but does not have time to compose one. The prayers cover many themes central to Christian life.

Albert the Great was born in Swabia, the son of a military nobleman. He was a Dominican priest who taught theology in Cologne and Paris. His most distinguished student was Saint Thomas Aquinas. Albert was called "Doctor universalis" because his breadth of knowledge spanned not only philosophy and theology but all the natural sciences. He was a dedicated student of nature, and although he argued that the physical world can only be known reliably through observation and comparison, Albert distinguished between truths, which are naturally knowable, and mysteries, which cannot be known without revelation. People can only reach God through Himself - that is, by leaving behind the entanglements of earthly things and contemplating Him exclusively. The image and reality of God's incarnation in Jesus gives human beings the opportunity to attain a more perfect knowledge of God through contemplation. Albert refers to the teaching of St. Peter, "Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you."

Veteran politicians' prayer book for Nation Building

Start your own Phobics Anonymous Meeting using this guide. The guide includes Welcome Message, Opening Prayer, Description of the Phobic, The Twelve Steps of Phobics Anonymous, The Twelve Traditions of Phobics Anonymous, The Promises, Notes for Leader, Meeting Guidelines, Questions for PA Step Study, Closing Prayers, Sample Meeting Announcement Flyer and Sample ad to be placed in newspaper.

"Filled with grace, hope, and practical ways forward for every momma." -- Candace Cameron

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Bure, actress and New York Times bestselling author Most days motherhood often looks like bottomless piles of laundry; a sink full of dishes; sleepless nights; and unshowered, nonstop, endless days. If that's all there is, then no wonder "Grumpy Mom" sometimes sneaks into your heart and home. If you can relate, you're in good company--Valerie Woerner gets it and has experienced Grumpy Mom more often than she'd care to admit. In *Grumpy Mom Takes a Holiday*, Valerie shares what she's learned so far about sending Grumpy Mom packing and embracing a joyful, intentional motherhood that is so much better than you thought possible. As you journey with Valerie, you'll be inspired and equipped to find energy in the most unlikely places, pursue your own dreams, be set free from mom guilt, feel content despite unfinished to-do lists, spend purposeful time with God amid the daily chaos, and discover more joyous moments of motherhood. So, take a holiday from Grumpy Mom, and enjoy life as the mom God made you to be.

Content: Sunday Services, The Liturgical Psalter, Daily Prayer, The Church's Year, Pastoral Services, The Ordinal, Supplementary Material.

There is no gainsaying that God's plan concerning every man on earth is that he prospers and be in health. Unfortunately, many people suffer lack, and most times, are not successful in whatever they lay their hands on. This is not the will of God for such people. Satan - the age long enemy of man is responsible for this, using his emissaries to afflict his victims in the kingdom of darkness. This book is specially packaged to put an end to such afflictions from the kingdom of darkness, as it offers over 200 inspired Prayers that will attract money, financial ideas and favor of God and man into your life. The prayers in this book are not meant to be prayed casually, they are highly spiritual. There is no other book like this book. Why? This is because the prayers were released by the Holy Spirit while meditating on over 150 special scriptures that will command financial release over your life. Friend, As I read each passage, by virtue of my gifts of prophecy and healing, the Holy Spirit instantly released those prayers, and I put them down as I heard the Holy Spirit spoke to my spirit. So you can see clearly that these prayers were not formulated or guessed. This is why I'm fully convinced that this book will be of immense blessings to you. The prayers in this book covers all areas of your life, you will only be able to appreciate the book when you go through all the prayers. This is because the prayers are spiritually discerned and arranged. You are to pray the prayers in this book with all seriousness. Pray most of them repeatedly before moving to the next prayer. These prayers would be very great during your special midnight prayers. Furthermore, since these prayers were released while meditating on God's word, you can pray this prayer perfectly even if you don't have access to the Holy Bible during your prayers. I look forward to your arrays of testimonies as you read this book and add the wisdom and Grace in it to your life and family. What is discernment? Who was Peter Faber? Why do the Jesuits exude such optimism? Awareness. Emotions. Love. Work. We use such words every day in normal conversation, but those same words take on special meaning when used in the context of Ignatian spirituality. Other words and phrases, such as finding God in all things, are distinctly associated with the Ignatian approach to spiritual development. Acquiring a general grasp of these terms will prove invaluable to those who desire a better understanding of the Jesuit / Ignatian way of life. With *Ignatian Spirituality A to Z*, Jim Manney has provided a brief, informative, and entertaining guide to key concepts of Ignatian spirituality and essential characters and events in Jesuit history. The lexicon format allows readers to find terms quickly, and the concise descriptions are ideal for those new to the Ignatian story. From Pedro Arrupe to Francis Xavier, from *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* to *Zeal*, this book uncovers the rich language of the Jesuits. It will be an indispensable tool to anyone interested in Ignatian spirituality, to staff, faculty, and students at Jesuit institutions and schools, and to clergy and spiritual directors who advise others about prayer and spiritual matters.

Deepen your relationship with God with this beautiful prayer journal just waiting to be filled!

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Keeping a prayer journal is one of the best ways to deepen your relationship with God and help you navigate your spiritual journey. Each page of this prayer journal contains a verse from the scriptures to inspire your prayers and devotion to the divine. This prayer journal is a writing journal, ideal to write down your conversations with God, your personal prayers, personal thoughts, things you are grateful for, and anything you feel like writing down. Here are some of the journal main features: The journal measures 8-inch wide by 10-inch in length with plenty of writing space. Each page features a scripture quotation to inspire your praying activities. High-quality 55# paper in a light cream color and is perfect for all types of pens or pencils including gel pens, fountain pens, and writing markers. 100 wide lined pages with an inspirational scripture quotation on each page. Glossy cover with a professional finish, flexible paperback. Makes a great gift for family, friends or colleagues. Scroll back up and order your copy today!

*Conflict and Communication* introduces students to important theories, key concepts, and essential research in the study of conflict, along with practical skills for managing conflict in their daily lives. Author Fred E. Jandt illustrates how effective communication can be used to manage conflict in relationships and within organizational and group contexts. Along with foundational coverage of conflict styles, mediation, and negotiation skills, the text also features new and emerging models of conflict management, including chapters examining the challenges of conflict between cultures, a chapter on family and organizations, information on both face-to-face and online bullying, a detailed step-by-step guide for mediation, and more emphasis on online dispute resolution.

This anthology examines the origins, meanings, and enduring power of the powwow. Held on and off reservations, in rural and urban settings, powwows are an important vehicle for Native peoples to gather regularly. Although sometimes a paradoxical combination of both tribal and intertribal identities, they are a medium by which many groups maintain important practices.

Tapping is an activity that many of us engage in everyday without even thinking about what we are doing. We drum our fingers on a desk or table while we wait for something to happen. We tap our forehead while we are figuring out a problem. We stroke our chin or rub our head as we contemplate the issues of the day. Each of these acts is our body's clumsy way of attending to a need for peace or resolution. Tapping prayer is a spiritual practice that intentionally focuses our attention on the rhythmic movement of our finger tips. It directs the energy of God's healing onto specific points on our body that through the practice of acupuncture and reiki, have shown to be conduits of healing. Tapping prayer is the most exciting addition to my spiritual tool belt in 25 years of ministry. It's fun and effective and easy to administer alone, one on one, or in a group. It is very flexible...and did I mention, effective? Tapping prayer is effective in bringing individuals into a one-on-one relationship with God that creates peace, healing, and a desire to share those gifts with other individuals, communities, and Creation. Tapping prayer is an integration of sacred wisdom from the East and West. It is a spiritual practice that blends a knowledge of the Spirit's movement through our body with an understanding of meridian tapping based on the Emotional Freedom Technique created by Gary Craig. Tapping prayer brings balance and peace to individuals who are experiencing spiritual distress. By gently tapping on identified points of entry for the Holy which correspond to meridian end points in acupuncture, while praying for God to attend to a particular pain, we focus God's intention to heal and in most cases actually experience a peace which is not of our own doing. By acknowledging pain instead of

wishing for relief, we recognize God's interest to heal us and indeed, God heals us. This technique can be used for individuals who are seeking peace from a wide variety of issues ranging from: trauma such as a car accident, an abusive parent, a friend killed in battle, a sudden illness, a job loss, a fire, a damaged relationship. Tapping prayer can also facilitate forgiveness and/or letting go. Tapping prayer is effective in praying for others (surrogate prayer tapping focused on an individual who is not present to the prayer tapping), for events (9/11, Sandy Hook, a company leaving a community), or Creation (an oil spill, deforestation, strip mining). Wherever there is a disruption to the peaceful flow of the Holy Spirit, tapping prayer can be applied. When I first learned about the Emotional Freedom Technique as a tool to help veterans in our community, I thought it was weird. The tapping. The repetition. It seemed...odd. This was not how I understood healing from trauma to work, and yet it worked. Clearly, my Western roots were showing. When I got home from the training I began using the technique with members of my community and saw such dramatic results I had to learn more. They also found it strange, but effective. Some folks were uncomfortable with the language of "energies" and "chi," so I experimented a bit and added more traditional faith language to the mix. I dug deeply into my own faith traditions and discovered a theology of healing that accompanied tapping prayer. I found that by invoking God's presence into the act of tapping, people from varying faith experiences were able to connect to the Holy on a deeper level. They began to experience God as very real and very present in their lives. They asked to learn more about this new way of praying. They discovered that by using tapping prayer on a wide variety of issues, their relationship with God grew deeper. If you are ready to draw closer to God's healing love for you, please take responsibility for your participation in tapping prayer, and let's pray! --Todd Farnsworth

"Homilies for Weekdays: Solemnities, Feasts, and Memorials" is a requested and welcome addition to the first two volumes of weekday homilies by Father Don Talafous, OSB. Here, he offers creative homily suggestions for solemnities, feasts, and obligatory memorials that fall on weekdays. Readers will deeply appreciate the faithful representation of the Scripture readings and their practical applications for Christian living. "Don Talafous, OSB, PhD, serves as alumni chaplain for Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. He is author of "Homilies for Weekdays: Year I" and "Homilies for Weekdays: Year II."

This book provides you with the distinct opportunity to tell yourself emphatically whether or not you are praying as God Almighty requires you to pray according to His Holy Word. Before you begin reading, note that this is not a critique of your prayer life.

Hopefully, by the end of this reading, you will have determined whether your prayer life is producing God's desires for your life, or you will know if you need to stop at Heaven's prayer shop for a prayer life tune-up. Don't be shy, test-drive your prayer life!

It is shame that the modern world have lost the edge when it comes to the power of prayer. Prayer is so powerful that in the hand of a righteous person, that a man like us named Elijah prayed earnestly that it will not rain and it did not rain for three and half year. And to show how effective prayer can be, he prayed again and the havens gave rain. The bible shows us time and time again how the less powerful have used prayer to conquer their adversaries. Our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ told us Mathew 17:20, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.

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Why will Jesus give us such an assurance? It is because, the weapon we fight with are not the weapons of the sinful world, we the children of God use divine power of God to tear down the strong hold of the evil one. So we must continue to pray even when you think your answers are not coming as quickly as you wanted. Remember when Martha and Mary send a message to Jesus that Lazarus is sick," his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick" even though the answer took two days to get to the sisters. The most important thing is that Jesus was called and that is when action was put in process and they did not put their request on the righteousness of Lazarus or his status in the ministry or how hard he works or even what he has given to the Church. The appeal was based on the love of Jesus Christ. "The one whom you love is sick," that is our clue; we must always focus our prayers on the love of God. We also have the confidence that God will answer our prayers if they are in agreement with His will. So I know that anything I ask that is according to His will be answered no matter how sinful the person praying may be. Even though we don't always get yes, but His answer are always in our best interest. And we don't have to follow any secret incantation before praying or offer some unnecessary repetition while praying. And the eloquence of our prayer will not make God answer our prayer. That is why in Matthew 6:7-8, Jesus rebukes those who pray using repetitions, "And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him." "The Word of God is full of accounts describing the power of prayer in various situations. The power of prayer has overcome enemies (Psalm 6:9-10), conquered death (2 Kings 4:3-36), brought healing (James 5:14-15), and defeated demons (Mark 9:29). God, through prayer, opens eyes, changes hearts, heals wounds, and grants wisdom (James 1:5). The power of prayer should never be underestimated because it draws on the glory and might of the infinitely powerful God of the universe! Daniel 4:35 proclaims, "All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: 'What have you done?'" So pray and God who loves you first will answer your prayers.

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