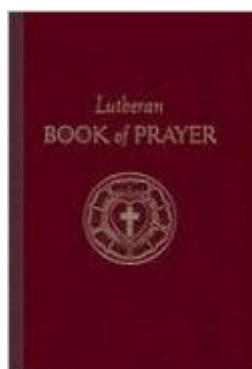


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First, let me say that I am not Lutheran. A few of the prayers have specific petitions on behalf of Lutheran pastors and congregations. I generally skip over those when I pray those prayers. Naturally, the prayers do reflect a Lutheran take on matters of doctrine. As I am considerably Lutheran in my understanding of a wide variety of doctrines, that is not a problem, but a benefit for me. For other Christians, it may be a detriment. With those caveats out of the way, I find the prayers in this book to be very moving and serious. They focus my prayers on whom I am, a sinner, and what I need, Christ. There are morning and evening prayers as well as prayers for special times in the Christian Year, special life events (e.g., births, marriages, deaths), special relationships (e.g., spouse, parents, children) and for God's work in the world. I cannot recommend highly enough this

small, portable volume.

Though I'm not currently Lutheran, I have over the last few months been rapidly moving toward Lutheran theology. I bought this book with the hope that it would give me a glimpse of what prayer looked like to Luther. In short, my prayer life has been positively transformed through the prayers of this little book. Each prayer begins with a reminder of our standing before God, and moves into recognition of the awesomeness of God. I have left each prayer session with a renewed sense of my weakness and God's greatness. For those who are concerned that scripted prayers seem too contrived, I would provide a bit of advice. Don't simply read the prayers, but think about what you're saying as you read. Our Heavenly Father places far more stock in a sincerely offered pre-written submission than an off-the-cuff prayer that is devoid of any substance or humility.

I bought my first copy of this book nearly a year ago, and have used it almost daily since. It is a fabulous resource for both laity and clergy, providing well articulated and orthodox prayers for daily, and not so daily life. The daily prayers are sequenced in three, one week blocks, which helps minimize predictability. The prayers for more pointed times or events are easily referenced in the back for quick locating. Also included are the three great creeds, and some very important (Lutheran) commentary on Baptism and the Eucharist. I recommend this little book very highly, and will be purchasing them for my Confirmation classes from here on out.

An excellent inspirational prayer book which guides all ages, even a young adult, in talking with God. Numerous prayers available for all holidays, special occasions, troubles, etc. I received this book as a Confirmation gift over 20 years ago and I now am buying this book for my niece for her confirmation.

This small, compact book is a very useful tool for not only Lutherans, but anyone of the Christian faith, who wants a closer walk with the Lord. Included are four weeks of Morning and Evening prayers, prayers for our Worship Life, and prayers for the different Festivals of the Church Year. There is a section of prayers for the Church and Her Work, and for every conceivable human situation. There are also suggestions of Psalms to read to give encouragement. Several Creeds are also included. The book is a comfort, and a reminder that God wants us to communicate with Him. It is money well-spent!

This prayer book is great if you are looking for prayers for specific people-- i.e. for lawmakers, for those who work in agriculture, for the mentally ill, etc. It also has two sets of weekday prayers. However, some of the prayers belie the 1970 publication date-- for example, there is a lot more about nuclear war than most of us probably feel pressing on our hearts at this time. This book does not represent Lutheranism's beautiful liturgical tradition, nor is it all that widely used by Lutherans (although it is frequently given as a confirmation gift!). So if you are looking for a guide to the liturgical life of prayer, buy a hymnal/service book or other resource instead.

This book is a wonderful resource for folks that visit the sick in hospitals or the dying...for praying with a friend going through difficulties. many times we don't have the words and this book helps you in your prayer life to become more disciplined with prayers for others, for ourselves, for our country. Many of the prayers meet the heart of those facing the loss of a loved one or someone overcome with the cares of the world. A great resource for counselors, pastors, teachers, prayer warriors.

This is a nice volume to have simply because it has prayers used in various Lutheran denominations. It is also of good quality for price paid.

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