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Praying With The Earth: A Prayerbook For Peace



Synopsis

We as Jews, Christians, and Muslims share a common spiritual descent, yet painful divisions between us lie at the center of much conflict and war in the world today. *Praying with the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace* articulates the deep longings for peace that unite these great spiritual traditions. For each morning and evening of the week, John Philip Newell provides strikingly beautiful and profound prayers that call us to be the people Jesus named blessed: "those who know their need, those who weep, the humble, those who hunger for earth's oneness, the forgiving, the clear in heart, and the peacemakers." Whether prayed alone or with others, these richly illustrated, simple liturgies invite and inspire us to live as those whose hearts yearn for peace.

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Customer Reviews

This is a great little prayer book that is very user friendly. With morning and evening prayer, it fulfills the soul. With scripture from the Old and New Testament and the Koran, it gives new meaning to praying for peace on the earth. I highly recommend this book.

Although this book is subtitled a prayerbook, it is not invasive with wordiness. The art work and scriptures, culled from the three major religions, invite quiet meditation for anyone who likes to begin and end each day of the week reflectively, with Newell's own reflections providing a gentle nudge.

This non-denominational book presents a weekly programme of spirituality for busy people. It is intended to afford the reader an opportunity to undertake a quest in search of the human soul as much as contemporary life with its distractions allows. The author claims that the spiritual life sought through these meditations transcends the limiting factors often found in Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions. The format of the little book facilitates this process and its pages are illuminated with artwork that emphasizes the spiritual themes that emerge from these distinct spiritual traditions. To my mind the book presents an opportunity for the seeker of spirituality in a secular age to engage in an activity of spiritual development that ultimately will spill over into the world. In the author's concluding remarks, he says: "If as nations and religious traditions we were to follow the wisdom of artists, if we were to remember what they seem never to forget, then we would know the themes that underlie the human soul are deeper than the patterns that distinguish us."

I found a certain peace in this book through an awareness of unity. No matter one's faith tradition, we hold a unity within us yet to be discovered. Division holds no truth, other than it's being false. Each reflection offers a deep awareness that unity, forgiveness and communion are rooted deeply within all of creation. This book gives one a glimpse of genuine community through all that is and ever will be. A new day is dawning for all that exists to experience renewal. We live in a time of transformation. I found a way to pray with new eyes. This is a welcomed book into one's search for God who is still creating...all of humanity included. A way to begin and end each day in reflection and consciousness

I treasure J. Philip Newell's book, and go back to it often. The prayers in the book are earth/universe oriented and deeply prayerful and bring a sense of peace. It has the potential to unite people of all religious persuasions.

This little book is a real gem! I like that it uses Old Testament, New Testament and the Koran in the daily prayers. I recommend this book for those interested in getting a jump start with daily prayer as well as his other two prayer books.

I find this little book to be an enduring and authentic prayer book. J. Phillip Newell is one of the treasures of our time. It is well arranged and the plates of various works of art-all contemplative in nature add an interesting dimension.

Simple, yet profound. The use of Christian and Islamic scripture greatly enhances my prayer experience. The artwork, likewise, invites one to ponder and become prayer.

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