Books about Prayer for Children


Brown, Susan Taylor, and Garin Baker. *Can I Pray with My Eyes Open?* New York: Hyperion for Children, 1999. Print. In rhyming text, a child wonders how and when and where is the perfect way to say a prayer and realizes that there is no wrong time or place for prayer.


Cotner, June. *Baby Blessings: Inspiring Poems and Prayers for Every Stage of Babyhood*. New York: Harmony, 2002. Print. Baby Blessings highlights the wonders of babyhood with classic and new poems, lullabies, and blessings for every stage of baby’s life, from pregnancy to infancy to the toddler years. Featuring contributions from such well-known names as Dr. Spock, Brahms, and Rami Shapiro, Baby Blessings also
includes special sections for baby-naming ceremonies, christenings, and other precious moments.


Goble, Paul. *Song of Creation*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans for Young Readers, 2004. Print. The song of praise recorded in the Book of Daniel, which is included in both The Liturgy of the Hours and The Book of Common Prayer is illustrated to relate to life in the natural American landscape.


Griessman, Annette, and Mary Anne Lard. *Jenny's Prayer*. Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Pub., 1998. Print. Jenny wants a kitten from the pet store but when she doesn't receive it after saying a prayer, she questions whether God is listening.


Hummon, Marcus, Steve Johnson, and Lou Fancher. *Anytime, Anywhere: a Little Boy's Prayer*. New York: Atheneum for Young Readers, 2009. Print. As he prays one night for everything from the tiniest ladybug to the mailman with a broken leg, Isaac asks his weary father about such things as whether everyone prays to the same God, and how a bedtime prayer can be said by someone who has no bed.


Joslin, Mary, and Gail Newey. *Our Father: the Prayer Jesus Taught*. Chicago: Loyola, 2000. Print. This illustrated book features the powerful prayer that Jesus shared with the world. Each phrase is reflected upon, and paired with an appropriate Bible verse.


London, Jonathan, and Gregory Manchess. *Giving Thanks*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick, 2003. Print. A boy's father celebrates the interconnectedness of the natural world through his daily words of thanks and assures his son, who finds it a little embarrassing to thank trees and such, that it becomes a habit and makes one feel good.


O'Neal, Debbie Trafton., and Nancy Munger. *Thank You for This Day: Action Prayers, Songs, and Blessings for Every Day*. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg, 2000. Print. A collection of prayers old and new, this family activity book contains poems, finger plays, songs, paraphrased Bible verses, and of course, prayers. Suited for the different parts of a child’s day, the prayers also address times when children are sick, frightened, happy, or sad. And
there are prayers about the weather, the seasons, the Bible, schooldays, birthdays, and other special occasions.

Reinhard, B. J. *Our Place in Space*. Bloomington, MN: Bethany Backyard, 2001. Print. Sixty readings introduce the physical sciences and the wonder of God, covering such topics as the formation of clouds, magnetism, and electricity and including devotional thoughts, Scripture verses, and activities.


