

Books about Prayer for Children

Baring-Gould, S., and Preston McDaniels. *Now the Day Is over*. Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Pub., 2001. Print. Preston McDaniels uses his wit, wisdom, and talent to help children understand the deeper meaning of this 1865 Baring-Gould song.

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.

Children's Prayers for America: Young People of Many Faiths Share Their Hopes for Our Nation. Flagstaff, AZ: Rising Moon, 2001. Print. A collection of children's prayers and pictures made in response to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Cooper, Robert. *A World of Wonders: Prayers and Pictures*. New York: Church Pub., 2003. Print.

Cotner, June, and Jan Palmer. *Amazing Graces: Prayers and Poems for Children*. New York: HarperCollins, 2001. Print. A collection of prayers and poems for reading in the morning, at meals, at bedtime, or anytime.

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 infant hood 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.

Cronin, Gaynell Bordes. *Friend Jesus: Prayers for Children*. Cincinnati, OH: St. Anthony Messenger, 1999. Print. Illustrated prayerbook offers ninety-nine prayers that help children discover the friendship of Jesus in all that they do.

Edelman, Marian Wright., and Bryan Collier. *I'm Your Child, God: Prayers for Our Children*. New York: Hyperion For Children, 2002. Print. A collection of contemporary multicultural prayers, written for this book and intended to provide strong inner anchors and spiritual grounding.

Elkins, Stephen, James Rebecca. St, and Ellie Colton. *The Jabez Prayer Collection: 30 Life-changing Prayers from the Bible for Children*. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman, 2001. Print. Short, illustrated prayers taken from the Bible, each introduced with a simple explanation and followed by an affirmation, encourage children to pray.

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.

Gold, August, and Diane Hardy. Waller. *Does God Hear My Prayer?* Woodstock, VT: SkyLight Paths, 2005. Print. Using simple, everyday examples that children can relate to, young readers are guided towards a personal relationship with God through prayer.

Grandad's Prayers of the Earth. Paw Prints, 2009. Print. The comfortable conversations between a boy and his grandfather become the springboard for exploring ideas about prayer in this poignant picture book.

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.

Grimes, Nikki, and Tim Ladwig. *When Daddy Prays*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans for Young Readers, 2002. Print. In this collection of poems, a child expresses love and affection for Daddy and reflects on the many times Daddy talks to God.

Hopkins, Lee Bennett., and Amanda Schaffer. *All God's Children: a Book of Prayers*. San Diego: Harcourt Brace, 1998. Print. Presents traditional prayers, such as "Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep," and "The Lord's Prayer," as well as prayers from such authors as Lois Duncan, Margaret Wise Brown, and Carl Sandburg.

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.

Huntly, Alyson, and Chao Yu. *The Gentle Dark: Nighttime Poems and Prayers for Children*. Spruce Grove, Alta.: ParseNip, 1999. Print.

I Imagine Angels: Poems and Prayers for Parents and Children. New York: Atheneum for Young Readers, 2000. Print. Presents a collection of prayers, psalms, and spiritual poetry accompanied by thematically related works of art from the collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Jelenek, Frank X., and Ann Boyajian. *Journey to the Heart: Centering Prayer for Children*.

Brewster, MA: Paraclete, 2007. Print. Uses rhyme and illustrations to teach children how to practice prayer of the heart, contemplative prayer, or centering prayer.

Jordan, Deloris, and James Ransome. *Baby Blessings: a Prayer for the Day You Are Born*. New

York: Simon & Schuster for Young Readers, 2010. Print. "This celebration of family life exalts the blessings and hopes a mother and father feel for their new baby. The text consists of the baby's parents' simple declarations of reassurance, love, and inspiration."

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.

Kendig, Ellen J., and Dennis Rockhill. *Children's Book of Bedtime Blessings*. New York: Paulist,

2000. Print. A collection of twenty-nine bedtime prayers, both traditional and modern.

Kitch, Anne E., and Carolyn Conahan. *Bless This Way*. Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Pub., 2003.

Print. A collection of prayer-poems for various daily activities, based on excerpts from Psalms in the Bible.

Knowlton, Laurie Lazzaro. *God Be in My Heart: Poems and Prayers for Children*. Honesdale,

PA: Boyds Mills, 1999. Print. A collection of short prayers and inspirational poems for young children.

Lindbergh, Reeve, and Christine Davenier. *In Every Tiny Grain of Sand: a Child's Book of*

Prayers and Praise. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick, 2000. Print. A collection of inspirational poems, prayers, and other writings grouped, "For the day, For the home, For the earth, and For the night."

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.

Maccarone, Grace, and Sam Williams. *A Child's Good Night Prayer*. New York: Scholastic,

2001. Print. A bedtime prayer in which children express thanks for all the things that are important to them.

Murphy, Elspeth Campbell., and Jim Lewis. *Look What You Made, God!* Bloomington, MN:

Bethany Backyard, 2002. Print. Poems, prayers, and quotations from the Scriptures invite readers to celebrate God's creation.

Odell, Catherine, and Margaret Savitskas. *Loyola Kids Book of Everyday Prayers*. Chicago, IL:

Loyola, 2002. Print. Discusses how, when, and why to pray and offers prayers for many different occasions.

O'Keefe, Susan Heyboer., and Hideko Takahashi. *Good Night, God Bless*. New York: H. Holt,

1999. Print. A child's goodnight prayer, encompassing familiar objects and people.

O'Keefe, Susan Heyboer, and Sofia Suzan. *Angel Prayers: Prayers for All Children*. Honesdale,

PA: Boyds Mills, 1999. Print. A collection of original prayers for young pre-school and early grade children.

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.

Rock, Lois, and Alex Ayliffe. *My Very First Prayers*. Intercourse, PA: Good, 2003. Print. An illustrated collection of 120 prayers for toddlers, divided into such categories as "People I Love" and "Quiet Times."

Rock, Lois, and Liz Pichon. *The Lord's Prayer for Children*. Oxford: Lion, 1999. Print.

Rylant, Cynthia. *Give Me Grace: a Child's Daybook of Prayers*. New York: Little Simon, 2005. Print. Presents seven prayers in rhyme, one for each day of the week.

Staub, Leslie. *Bless This House*. San Diego, CA: Harcourt Brace, 2000. Print. A nondenominational, ecological bedtime prayer celebrating home, family, and all the creatures of the world.

Wilson, Anne. *The Lord's Prayer*. St. Louis, MO: Concordia Pub. House, 2000. Print. An illustrated version of the well-known prayer that Jesus taught His disciples.

Zalben, Jane Breskin. *Let There Be Light: Poems and Prayers for Repairing the World*. New York: Dutton Children's, 2002. Print. An illustrated collection of poems and prayers from various religions, intended to promote unity.