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The Upper Room Disciplines 2020

The word discipline stirs up many feelings—
anxiety or anticipation, dread or excitement.
Yet spiritual disciplines (or practices) can give structure to our

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Christian life and help us grow spiritually. The practice of setting aside a regular time to spend with God—reading scripture, praying, meditating on God's message for us—is one of the most helpful disciplines Christians can undertake. Let The Upper Room Disciplines help strengthen your daily walk with Christ. This award-winning daily devotional guide features 53 writers from various Christian traditions and locales. Writers for 2016 include Elaine Stanovsky, D. J. del Rosario, Mary Donovan Turner, Thomas R. Hawkins, Linda Douty, Juan Huertas, Chanequa Walker-Barnes, and Heather Murray Elkins. The Upper Room Disciplines offers us the annual gift of deciding to be disciplined—to schedule and practice daily attention to God. We can choose whether to accept this invitation. When we do, Disciplines grants us the opportunity to meet the living presence of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—the one who creates, redeems, and sustains us through all the seasons of our lives.

God Every Day

Prayer beads provide a way to be still, focus on God, and become more comfortable with praying. Many Protestants have discovered the benefits of prayer beads through Kristen Vincent's best-selling book *A Bead and a Prayer In Another Bead*, Another Prayer Vincent collaborates with her husband to create a collection of 28 scripture-based devotions for use with prayer beads. The book begins with a brief explanation of Protestant prayer beads for readers who are unfamiliar with her previous book. Four

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chapters are structured around these types of prayer: Praise, Confession, Intercession, and Thanksgiving. The book includes a small-group guide and instructions for making prayer beads. **KEY FEATURES** Wide variety of prayers to use with beads Instructions for making prayer beads Includes a Leader's Guide for group

Practicing Compassion

Many of us long to hear God's voice, yet we often overlook the great wisdom God gave us in our bodies. There is a deep connection between our bodies and spirits. What might happen if we listened more deeply to the wisdom of our bodies? How might listening with our whole selves change the way we listen to God? A stroke at age 31 forced Whitney Simpson to slow down and listen more deeply to her body. In the process she discovered how to listen more deeply to God. During her journey of healing and wholeness, Whitney explored ancient practices that she found helpful in connecting her body and spirit, including: lectio divina (meditative reading of scripture) yoga breath prayer aromatherapy Listening to God with the entire body, not simply with our ears, may seem like a strange concept. Yet God created the body and the breath as gifts for us to explore. Most important, we don't have to experience a crisis to learn to listen to God's activity in and around us. Each of us can slow down and listen for God just as we are—in breath, body, and spirit. This 40-day guide to holy listening offers daily meditations that can be completed in as little as 30 minutes. Each meditation includes

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scripture, yoga postures, a breath prayer, suggested essential oils, and reflection questions. The book provides descriptions and simple illustrations of yoga poses and suggests seated poses as modifications for all poses, making it accessible to both experienced yoga practitioners and those new to yoga. Allow this book to invite you on a journey of holy listening as you explore ancient tools and new ways of experiencing the presence of God.

Why This Jubilee?

This book, the fourth in The Upper Room's bestselling "Guide to Prayer" series, offers a simple pattern of daily prayer built around weekly themes and organized by the Christian church year. Each week follows this pattern: Affirmation Psalm Psalm Prayer Daily Scripture Readings Silence Daily Reading Reflection (Silent or Written) Prayers Offering of Self to God Blessing The daily readings are drawn from the history of Christian spirituality and feature such writers as Francis of Assisi, Teresa of Avila, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Henri J. M. Nouwen, Sue Monk Kidd, Douglas Steere, Jan Richardson, Trevor Hudson, Wendy M. Wright, and many others. Beautifully bound in a leather-like cover, A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God makes a perfect gift and a reliable companion for anyone seeking to deepen a steady life of prayer.

The Upper Room Disciplines 2003

Now in its forty-second year, The Upper Room

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Disciplines continues to appeal to international Christian readers who look to its outstanding meditations for spiritual growth and enrichment. Disciplines engages both mind and heart as its 53 writers who come from a variety of backgrounds, geographical locales, and denominations enrich our lives with their words of inspiration and challenge. Each daily meditation includes suggested scripture readings for reflection. Disciplines 2001 is an excellent way to listen to God's comforting, challenging word in the midst of our daily lives.

God's Best for My Life

The God We Can Know is a 7-week study designed for the entire congregation to explore the "I Am" sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Perfect for Lent or any time of year, this series will help you find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, "Who do you say I am?" One by one, Jesus' statements grab our imagination, reveal more about his identity and purpose, and connect us to the God of Moses, who spoke the first "I Am." These significant yet ordinary images (bread, light, shepherd, vine, and more) give us insightful ways to experience Jesus and point us to a God who wants to be known. The DVD, filmed on location in the Holy Land, allows you to travel with Rob Fuquay and actually see the places where Jesus stood when he disclosed his true identity, and in what context he spoke each "I Am." The book, DVD/study guide combo, and online support work together to provide one of the most meaningful, transforming initiatives

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your church can provide for the entire congregation. Weekly themes include: Introduction to "I Am"—Knowing God I Am the Bread of Life—Knowing God's Satisfaction I Am the Light of the World—Knowing God's Guidance I Am the Good Shepherd—Knowing God's Care I Am the True Vine—Knowing God's Power I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life—Knowing God's Way I Am the Resurrection and the Life—Knowing God's Possibilities

The Upper Room Disciplines, 2001

The sensational small groups series Companions in Christ is now being offered in a new 5-piece participant book set as well as the traditional 1-piece participant book set. With the same great daily devotional material and group conversation, the two different participant book styles allow each group to create a study that best fits their members. The new 5-piece participant book set will allow groups to take initial breaks between modules. The new Leader's Guide will allow the leader to facilitate Companions groups that use both types of participant books. The Leader's Guide will also include the "Getting Started" guide as a part of the appendix and the Weekly Needs at a Glance will be added to beginning of the text. It is our hope with these new resources, past Companions in Christ participates will feel encouraged to lead their own groups in a way that is both challenging and comfortable.

What We Need Is Here

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Where denominational hymnals feature beloved, traditional hymns, the Upper Room Worshipbook is a wellspring for newer or previously unpublished ecumenical selections. A rich source of versatile liturgies, psalm settings and prayer songs, this new edition of Upper Room Worshipbook is ideal for use at retreats, with choirs, and by individuals who want to enrich their personal devotional practices. The fresh collection is an essential resource for congregations who are experimenting with classical worship forms such as Evensong or Taizé. Each section contains suggestions for using music and for introducing liturgies into the worship experience of a community. The book features inclusive language and a music index.

Companions in Christ

Justice in Everyday Life, a Lay Servant Ministries advanced course, takes an in-depth look at the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church — the church's attempt to speak on contemporary issues with which it is confronted today. The book covers topics such as the following: Natural World, Social Community, Economic Community, Political Community, Biblical Foundations of the Social Principles, and Teaching the Social Principles. It is not only for Lay Servants but is for anyone interested in studying the Social Principles in greater detail. The Participant's Book, Social Principles of the UMC 2013-2016 is available through Cokesbury.

Children Worship!

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Music is such an important part of Advent and Christmas. Can you imagine Advent without "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"? How about Christmas without carols like "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Silent Night," and "Joy to the World"? It pleases the Lord Jesus when we sing of his coming with carols we know by heart. It pleases him even more when we think about the words we are singing. In 24 reflections on well-known carols and Christmas songs, James Howell explores the birth of Jesus. He ponders the meaning of certain phrases from these songs and relates them to our daily lives. The four weeks of devotions are arranged by topic: The Place The Men (Joseph, shepherds, magi) The Mother The Child A guide for weekly discussion is included. Join Howell in this rich remembrance for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Upper Room Worshipbook

Give your children the greatest gift of all—pass on your faith. In *Passing It On*, Kara Lassen Oliver provides a practical guide to help parents, grandparents, and other concerned adults nurture their children's faith. For four weeks at a time, she offers easy-to-follow suggestions for families during the seasons of Advent, Lent, summer, and back to school. This book features plans for weekly Family Gatherings with age-appropriate activities symbols to remind family members of the week's spiritual emphasis a suggested daily practice and prayer for each week a Leader's Guide for parent groups studying this book together The most valuable legacy we can pass to our children, grandchildren, and other children is a

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spiritual heritage. Kara Oliver shows us how to do just that.

Stewardship in African-American Churches

How important is it to have a daily spiritual routine? The habit of reading and reflecting on God's Word daily can bring a much-needed respite from the grind of everyday life. "We sometimes experience seasons in our lives when our faith seems dormant," Junius Dotson wrote in the 2018 edition of *The Upper Room Disciplines*. "It's especially important to practice the daily discipline of scripture devotion in our seasons of winter," he remarked. "When we engage in daily spiritual formation, we deepen our roots . . . and grow our capacity to handle any season of life." Daily devotional reading is essential to our spiritual growth, and it helps keep our faith alive. *Disciplines* invites readers to spend unrushed time with God, reading a lectionary-based scripture passage, reflecting on the author's insights, and thinking about how to apply the truths from the readings to their daily life. This devotional book features 53 authors from diverse backgrounds, including some of the leading Christian thinkers of our time. Among the writers for 2021 are J. Dana Trent, James A. Harnish, Enuma Okoro, George Donigian, Beth A. Richardson, Kenneth H. Carter Jr., D. L. Mayfield, Stephane Brooks, Rachel Hackenberg, Rosalind Hughes, Memory Chikosi, Liz Magill, Charity Kiregyera, Joe Pennel, and Beth Taulman Miller.

The God We Can Know

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We have all had the experience of being at church and hearing the pastor say, "And now with the confidence of children we are bold to pray, 'Our Father . . .'" but before we know it we are saying "for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen." In the very moment of intimacy when we are given the privilege of entering the presence of our heavenly Father, our minds have drifted off. We speak the words of the prayer, not from our hearts, but from the autopilot of memory. This is mere recitation, not prayer. If in relationships familiarity breeds contempt, in the case of the Lord's Prayer, familiarity breeds thoughtlessness. The Lord's Prayer: Confessing the New Covenant is not a Bible study in the traditional sense. It challenges us to think about the Lord's Prayer anew by understanding it as a confession of the New Covenant that Christ makes with us when we are made children of God in baptism. In hearing these familiar words afresh we learn to remember our baptismal covenant so that we might live more fully into that new relationship with God and with one another.

Mornings with Jesus 2020

Children Worship! offers planned experiences that help children understand what is expected in worship, how to participate, and what our words and actions mean. This thirteen-session worship education resource helps congregations incorporate young children into the worshipping community. Sessions focus on the six actions of worship and cover the following topics: Gathering, Giving, Praise and Thanks,

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Praying, Proclaiming, Responding, and Sending.

Building Spiritual Muscle

“Walking into Advent can be like walking through the wardrobe.â€ With its enchanting themes of snow and cold, light and darkness, meals and gifts, temptation and sin, forgiveness and hopeâ€and even an appearance by Father Christmasâ€C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* fits naturally into the Advent season. As the reader seeks a storied king and anticipates the glorious coming of Christmas, these twenty-eight devotions alternate between Scripture and passages from the novel to prompt meditation on Advent themes. Each devotion also includes questions for reflection. The book also provides several resources for churches, including four sessions for small group discussion and ideas for creating a “Narnia Nightâ€ for families. Readers will ultimately come to know God better while journeying through Narnia.

God Is Still Speaking: 365 Daily Devotionals

The Upper Room Disciplines 2021

Now available in enlarged print, *Soul Feast* has equipped and inspired tens of thousands of readers to lead a spiritual life. Marjorie Thompson offers a framework for understanding the spiritual disciplines and provides instruction for developing and nurturing

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those practices. Many new additions, including a new chapter on keeping the sabbath, make this newly revised edition of Soul Feast a must-have for individual reflection and group study. (Publisher)

The Upper Room

This six-session Bible Study and discipleship resource designed for youth will help work out their spiritual muscles and build their faith. Included in this resource are scripts for training and coaching the adult group leaders, as well as links to video clips of key speakers from the Youth 2015 event. The brief video clips will guide discussion for groups, with individuals setting their own learning and spiritual growth goals. This resource will help strengthen its users' faith and develop leaders.

Passing It On

Five marks confirm our identity as genuine and fruitful followers of Christ: 1. A Methodist Loves God 2. A Methodist Rejoices in God 3. A Methodist Gives Thanks 4. A Methodist Prays Constantly 5. A Methodist Loves Others This brief book, suitable for sharing with others, provides a meditation on each of these characteristics. Prayerfully apply them to your journey with Jesus. If you are part of the worldwide Methodist or Wesleyan family, these five marks will grant a greater knowledge and appreciation for why and how you follow Jesus. If you are located in another part of the body of Christ, you can emerge with a solid foundation to keep your spiritual house

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standing strong. Christians marked by these five habits, when taken together, have character. Each chapter ends with questions for reflection or discussion. “Steve Harper goes to the very heart of faithfulness as he describes and then calls upon all those who follow Wesley to live. It is lives of integrity that are the result of following these marks. Harper rightly says this will give the ring of truth to our daily living. He then goes on to identify the “marks” or “practices” that when followed will result in a life of righteousness, goodness, peace, and joy. It is a way of living in God’s gracious presence that he encourages for everyone, and it is a way of living I choose for myself.” —Rueben P. Job, author of *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*

How to Pray

Faithful readers of *The Upper Room Disciplines* know that the practice of reading and reflecting on scripture nourishes and transforms the spirit. This best-selling devotional guide offers daily, lectionary-based scripture readings and reflections. Each week of devotions focuses on a particular theme and engages readers with the lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. The 2020 edition of *Disciplines* features 53 writers who contributed to *Weavings* journal, another beloved publication of *The Upper Room*. *Disciplines 2020* contains all-new material from these writers. Writers for 2020 include Kathleen Flood, Luther Smith, J. Barrie Shepherd, Wendy Wright, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, Roberta Bondi, Michael Downey, Rachel Hackenberg, Don Saliers, Jan Johnson, Kristen Vincent,

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Gerrit Dawson, Marilyn McEntyre, Mark Burrows, Deborah Smith Douglas, and others.

Disciple I Revised Adult Study Manual

Many Christians identify daily time spent with God as their most valuable spiritual habit. The short yet thoughtful meditations in The Upper Room Disciplines can help you feel God's presence and strengthen your faith. Fifty-three writers share insights on scripture and guide you to spend time reflecting on God's messages for you. Each simple one-page devotion includes a selected Bible reading a meditation on the scripture passage a prayer or suggestion for reflection. Nourish your spirit, find daily inspiration, and discover the joy of friendship with God with these devotions.

Soul Feast

Based on the major themes found on the most active Facebook page in history, JESUS DAILY is a 365-day interactive devotional that goes beyond even the fan page to create a deeper experience and cultural movement that celebrates your redemption in Christ. JESUS DAILY presents a devotional thought but also challenges you to respond to each daily reflection using a variety of social media tools. JESUS DAILY is a worldwide revolution in how you can connect, share, and worship the Father personally and with other believers.

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Don't miss your daily dose of inspiration! 365 Days of the Stillspeaking Daily Devotionals is a collection of devotionals for the person who thinks they devotionals are too religious; who wonders if God has anything to say about what they face each day; who isn't interested in a lecture or simple-minded inspiration. These are devotionals for the person who isn't always sure that the Bible has much to tell them, but is curious and willing to find out. Whether as a thoughtful gift or a personal resource, this book will encourage, inspire, and strengthen anyone's Christian journey.

A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God

Life crises threaten our spiritual stability. Losing a loved one—whether or not you expect their death—is always traumatic. The trauma of adjusting to the new identity of widow while facing a multitude of questions and urgent decisions can be overwhelming. In this book of 60 meditations, Nell Noonan candidly shares her experiences in the 26 months after the death of her husband. She describes her journey in grief as packed with blessings and brokenness. Despite the low points, she managed to find God in the midst of bereavement. Noonan acknowledges that each person's grief journey is unique. "My writing is not meant to tell anyone what or how or when to do anything," Noonan says. "The devotions are only meant to be messages that I want to hold your hand, feel our pain, and hopefully we will be able to inch slowly, step-by-step into being more whole, less

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broken—into new, peace-filled life." This book will help widows, whether they choose to read it alone or with a group. A good resource for grief support groups, and an appropriate gift to show your concern for any woman grieving the loss of her husband.

Advent in Narnia

"Prayer is not an occasional exercise to which you turn now and then; it is a life attitude. It is the will to cooperate with God in your total life. " E. Stanley Jones This reissue of a popular booklet and primer on prayer by renowned evangelist E. Stanley Jones brings his excellent and practical advice to a new generation. Topics include the steps of prayer, the time and place for prayer, how prayer brings us into a deeper relationship with God, and more. New to this edition, Tom Albin expands on key elements of prayer and provides background information about Jones and his ministry.

Justice In Everyday Life

In a borrowed or rented banqueting room atop some shop or large family dwelling in Jerusalem, the drama unfolded. The events and teaching recorded in John 13-16, commonly known as the Upper Room Discourse, reveal some of the most poignant and powerful promises for believers in all of Scripture. Jesus and His disciples were standing on the precipice of the darkest night in the history of the world. The Lord of glory was about to be betrayed and murdered. The disciples would be scattered, and the boldest of

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them would deny even knowing Him. The Lord knew full well that He Himself would soon undergo an unimaginable deluge of woe. He would be spit on and mocked by evil men. He would bear the sins of the world. He would be cursed with the wrath of God for others' sins. He would feel as if His Father had utterly abandoned Him. Any other man in that situation would have been in such a state of uncontrollable agitation that He would never have been able to focus His attention on the needs of others--but Jesus was different. He wanted His followers to know the peace of the One who has overcome the world. During those final hours before Jesus' betrayal, He gave His disciples--and consequently, all believers throughout history--His parting promises, His last will and testament. It is the inheritance of every believer in Christ. In *The Upper Room*, pastor John MacArthur takes us back to that night and the glorious hope we have in Christ. This is vintage MacArthur--an exposition of the text that resonates with devotion to the Lord and love for God's people, calling us to know and love the One who loved us to the end.

A Guide to Prayer for All God's People

Mornings with Jesus, an annual, 365-day devotional, delights devotional readers with daily entries that include a Scripture verse, reflection on Jesus's words, and a faith step that inspires and challenges. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) Spend the year following Jesus, reflecting on daily devotions that show us His

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unchanging love and faithfulness. In *Mornings with Jesus 2020*, you can read one all-new devotion each day that will encourage you to embrace Jesus's love, to lay down your worries and abide in Him, and to focus on Him as Redeemer, Friend, and Faithful One. Lifting up their voices in heartfelt gratitude, thirteen writers consider the character and teachings of Jesus and share how He enriches and empowers them daily and how He wants to do the same for you. Every day you will enjoy a Scripture verse, reflection on Jesus's words, and a faith step that inspires and challenges you in your daily walk of living a Christ-like life. In just five minutes a day, *Mornings with Jesus 2020* will help readers experience a closer relationship with Jesus. It's full of inspiring and lasting motivation and spiritual nourishment that fill readers with hope and direction.

A Widow's Prayer

The Upper Room Disciplines is a meditation guide and commentary in one volume. Each week a different writer guides readers through the designated readings from the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year journey through the Bible. By using *Disciplines*, readers become part of an international community that is considering the same Scripture passages each week. Writers, pastors, preachers, and scholars from a wide variety of backgrounds contribute to *Disciplines*, offering a diversity of perspectives on scripture. A best-selling resource for over four decades, this "portable pastor" can serve as a spiritual guide throughout the year.

The New International Lesson Annual 2015 - 2016

Praise for Practicing Compassion Everybody believes in compassion, but nobody tells you how to practice it. Until now. Frank Rogers turns compassion into a doable, daily practice—as simple as catching your breath and taking your pulse. If you want to read a book that actually has the capacity to change your life (and the world), beginning today, this is the book to read. —Brian D. McLaren

Author/speaker/blogger/activist (brianmclaren.net) If you want clear, practical guidance on how to cultivate the inner resources to become a healing presence and force of good for the world, there is no better book than this and no better guide than Frank Rogers. —John Makransky Professor of Comparative Theology, Boston College Author of *Awakening through Love* Compassion is more than a sympathetic feeling—it's the bond of human connection. Most religions lift up compassion, yet few people actually teach how to practice it. Through rich and moving stories of people from various faiths, Frank Rogers shows ways to incorporate compassion in our daily lives. His interfaith perspective on mercy, kindness, and caring for one another trains us to Pay attention, Understand empathically, Love with connection, Sense the sacredness, and Embody new life (PULSE).

Another Bead, Another Prayer

The Upper Room Disciplines 2015 is a devotional guide for Christians who want to delve deeper into

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scripture and apply it to their daily lives. Fifty-three writers from diverse Christian backgrounds share messages of hope, challenge, and joy. Each daily reading includes a focal scripture passage from the Revised Common Lectionary, a meditation related to the scripture, and a prayer or suggestion for reflection. Writers for 2015 include Trevor Hudson, Marjorie Hewitt Suchoki, Michael W. Waters, Eileen Campbell-Reed, Paul Lynd Escamilla, J. Dana Trent, James Howell, Kristen Vincent, Thomas Thangaraj, and more.

The Upper Room Disciplines 2017

A resource for both newcomers to the United Methodist Church and those who have been members for decades, *Our Membership Vows* is a wonderful reflection on the vows each member takes upon joining the church. Members make covenant to uphold the vows, and each one is discussed in this easy-to-read booklet. A great gift idea for churches to give to new members.

The Upper Room Disciplines 2016

Are you seeking a deeper, more authentic experience of God? Maybe you've attended retreats, read dozens of books on spirituality, or even consulted a spiritual director and found yourself still wanting more. Did you know that God has given you everything you need to live and flourish in a life with God? You can stop your restless searching and rediscover the gifts God has already given you. In *What We Need Is Here*,

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Roger Owens calls you to return to 7 basics of Christian spirituality: Reading the Gospels Praying the Psalms Making friends with silence Finding Jesus in church Meeting Jesus through Holy Communion Embodying your spirituality Being with the poor Writing in a style that is honest, accessible, and at times humorous, Owens weaves his own stories of struggle with insights from the history of Christian spirituality to help you receive and open yourself to these 7 "givens." This book includes practical exercises and questions for reflection and discussion, making it ideal for individuals and groups.

Holy Listening with Breath, Body, and the Spirit

A compilation of scripture, prayers, and spiritual readings, this inexhaustible resource contains thematically arranged material for each week of the year and for monthly personal retreats. Its contents have made it a sought-after desk reference, a valuable library resource, and a cherished companion. Includes excerpts from such writers as Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, Carlo Carretto, Evelyn Underhill, Albert Schweitzer, Eugene Peterson, Esther de Waal, Thérèse of Lisieux, and many others. 1. Second in the series. 2. Uses Common Lectionary 3. Daily arrangement is as follows: Invocation, Psalm, Reading and Reflection, Daily Scripture Reading, Reflection (silent and written), Prayers (for church, others, self), Hymn, and Benediction 4. The "Readings for Reflection" reach back to early Christian classics and include voices from contemporary spiritual

writing.

Pauses for Lent

Daily Guideposts, America's bestselling annual devotional, is a 365-day devotional from the Editors of Guideposts that will help readers grow in their faith every day of the year. Daily Guideposts 2020 centers on the theme "He Performs Wonders," based on Job 5:9, and is filled with brand-new devotions from fifty writers. Each day readers will enjoy a Scripture verse, a true first-person story told in an informal, conversational style, which shares the ways God speaks to us in the ordinary events of life, and a brief prayer to help focus the reader to apply the day's message. For those who wish for more, "Digging Deeper" provides additional Bible references that relate to the day's reading. Enjoy favorite writers like Debbie Macomber, Edward Grinnan, Elizabeth Sherrill, Patricia Lorenz, Julia Attaway, Karen Barber, Sabra Ciancanelli, Mark Collins, and Rick Hamlin. In just five minutes a day, Daily Guideposts helps readers find the spiritual richness in their own lives and welcomes them into a remarkable family of over one million people brought together by a desire to grow every day of the year.

Scrambled Starts

"When the church embraces the responsibility of living as faith managers of God's vast resources [as Psalm 24:1 teaches], the community of faith will prosper." So begins this practical and theological

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study of stewardship, both in the context of the African-American church tradition and beyond. After all, a systematic approach to stewardship undergirds the ministry and mission of the church universal. A stewardship consultant, Amerson draws upon his experience to help churches develop a theology of generosity; define stewardship leadership roles; celebrate the offering each week; and establish endowment giving. While recognizing still-relevant traditions, he also points to newer tactics and strategies convenient to both members and congregations—including electronic giving, contribution statements, and year-end giving. A highlight of the book is Amerson's explanation of the development of a narrative budget/narrative spending plan. He also writes about stewardship education at multiple levels. This book is a solid resource for financial stewardship education.

Our Membership Vows in The United Methodist Church

We all need fresh grace each day, says Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie in his bestselling *God's Best for My Life* (more than 150,000 copies sold). Now available in a lovely padded hardcover with an attached ribbon bookmark, this daily devotional by the former chaplain of the United States Senate offers 365 days of insight, encouragement, and hope. Each devotional offering reveals how God can bring His best out of each believer's circumstances. Readers will find: friendship with God that overcomes fear and loneliness strength when the going gets rough lasting peace that

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provides serenity and security Perfect for gift-giving, this version is attractive, comforting, and practical to help make quiet time with the Lord an essential and liberating part of the day for every reader.

The Lord's Prayer

Do you long to teach your children to pray? How do you build a prayerful family when everyone is running in different directions? In *Scrambled Starts*, Youngman shares honestly from her family's journey as she tried to build prayer into their daily lives. This encouraging book for parents and families includes: prayers for mealtime and bedtime prayers for specific occasions and ordinary times prayers for all ages scriptures to memorize help for starting a family devotion time Benefit from Youngman's experiences with her family, and discover how to make prayer the heart of your own family!

Five Marks of a Methodist

Sometimes a pause is good for the soul. It gives us the chance to regroup, reflect, and refocus on God. In *Pauses for Lent*, Trevor Hudson offers a beautifully minimalist book in which he focuses on one word for each day of Lent. You are invited to pause, focus on the word, read a scripture and a brief meditation related to the word, and then offer a prayer. Pausing in this way will help you carve out time for God and refresh your spirit even in the midst of a busy life. You may find yourself sensing God's presence in a new way and discovering that God wants to meet you in

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the midst of your life as it is, muddles and all.

Daily Guideposts 2020

In his dynamic daily devotional, *God Every Day*, pastor and author Mike Lutz provides readers with a spiritually energizing and uplifting start to their day. *God Every Day* is a contemporary and practical daily devotional that will have you waking up eager to hear from God

Jesus Daily

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