

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

I. Church History, Theology and Philosophy Department

This volume of the *Journal* inaugurates a new feature, namely brief bibliographies covering areas taught within the various departments of Ashland Theological Seminary. Our first installment features works on: Hermeneutics (Dr. Colijn), Christian Theology (Drs. Colijn, Keefer, Stoffer), Historical Theology and Church History (Drs. Keefer and Stoffer), and the more limited topics of Women's Studies (Dr. Watson) and Christian Prayer (Dr. Flora).

**Hermeneutics**

- Cotterell, Peter and Max Turner. *Linguistics and Biblical Interpretation*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1989.  
Offers insights from linguistics in doing biblical exegesis and theology. Addresses meaning in general, word studies, sentence analysis, discourse analysis, and nonliteral language.
- Goldingay, John. *Models for Interpretation of Scripture*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995.  
Explores four models for understanding Scripture derived from the Bible's varied forms: witnessing tradition, authoritative canon, inspired word, and experienced revelation.
- Grant, Robert M. and David Tracy. *A Short History of the Interpretation of the Bible*, 2nd ed. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1984.  
Historical survey beginning with the use of the OT in the NT. Emphasizes periods in which significant new developments in hermeneutics took place.
- Klein, William W., Craig L. Blomberg, and Robert L. Hubbard, Jr. *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*. Dallas: Word, 1993.  
Comprehensive introduction to exegetical and hermeneutical issues from an evangelical perspective. Contains excellent annotated bibliography of exegetical resources.
- McKenzie, Steven L. and Stephen R. Haynes, eds. *To Each Its Own Meaning: An Introduction to Biblical Criticisms and their Application*. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox, 1993.  
Articles by various contributors describe and demonstrate the traditional historical methods of biblical criticism as well as more contemporary literary approaches.
- McKim, Donald K. *The Bible in Theology and Preaching: How Preachers Use Scripture*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1994.

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Discusses the role of Scripture in the development of theology in various ecclesiastical traditions and theological positions. Illustrates each position with a representative sermon.

McKim, Donald K., ed. *A Guide to Contemporary Hermeneutics: Major Trends in Biblical Interpretation*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1986.

Surveys recent development in biblical hermeneutics; presents a variety of approaches, including typological, "precritical," theological, literary, contextual, anthropological, and ideological.

Osborne, Grant R. *The Hermeneutical Spiral: A Comprehensive Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1991.

Evangelical introduction to exegetical and hermeneutical issues informed by linguistics and other contemporary perspectives. Covers general hermeneutics, genre analysis, and contextualization.

Swartley, Willard M. *Slavery, Sabbath, War, and Women: Case Issues in Biblical Interpretation*. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1983.

Presents excerpts from writings on different sides of the four title issues and analyzes the hermeneutics employed by the writers. Proposes his own approach as a response.

Thiselton, Anthony. *New Horizons in Hermeneutics*. Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 1992.

Philosophical hermeneutics by an evangelical in dialogue with contemporary philosophies.

## Christian Theology

Barth, Karl. *Dogmatics in Outline*. Translated by G. T. Thomas. New York: Harper & Row, 1959.

An accessible introduction to Barth's theology, organized as a commentary on the Apostles' Creed.

Bloesch, Donald G. *Christian Foundations*. 3 vols. (Vol. 1: *A Theology of Word and Spirit: Authority and Method in Theology*; vol 2: *Holy Scripture: Revelation, Inspiration & Interpretation*; vol. 3: *God the Almighty: Power, Wisdom, Love, Holiness*). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1992-1995.

First three volumes of a proposed seven; covers prolegomena, Scripture, and God. Reformed perspective, influenced by K. Barth. Aims to balance the Word and the Spirit in doing theology.

Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. Edited by John T. McNeill and translated by Ford Lewis Battles. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1960.

The most important theological work in the Reformed tradition.

- Erickson, Millard J. *Christian Theology*, three vols. combined in one book. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1985.  
This contemporary exposition of systematic theology from an evangelical perspective is distinguished by its clarity of thought. At times the Baptist and mildly Reformed perspective of the author will be apparent to the reader.
- Finger, Thomas N. *Christian Theology: An Eschatological Approach*. 2 vols. Scottsdale: PA: Herald Press, 1985-1989.  
A reconceptualizing of systematic theology starting from the NT conviction that the "last things" have dawned. Moves from God's salvific acts to knowledge of God's nature. Anabaptist.
- Garrett, James Leo, Jr. *Systematic Theology: Biblical, Historical, and Evangelical*. 2 vols. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990-1995.  
Encyclopedic outline of biblical, historical, and dogmatic perspectives on the traditional topics of systematic theology. Carefully researched and copiously documented. Baptist.
- Grenz, Stanley J. *Theology for the Community of God*. Nashville: Broadman, 1994.  
Uses integrative theme of community: the social Trinity, salvation as a restoration of community, the church as eschatological community, etc. Baptist; influenced by W. Pannenberg and sociology.
- Kerr, Hugh T., ed. *Readings in Christian Thought*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1990.  
Excerpts from the writings of representative figures in the history of Christian thought.
- McClendon, James William, Jr. *Systematic Theology*. 2 vols. (Vol. 1: *Ethics*; vol. 2: *Doctrine*.) Nashville: Abingdon, 1986-1994.  
Begins with ethics ("the common life in the body of Christ") and moves to theology ("the common and public teaching that sanctions and supports that common life"). Believers' church perspective. Third volume on "Fundamental or Philosophical Questions" forthcoming.
- McGrath, Alister E. *Christian Theology: An Introduction*. Oxford: Blackwell, 1994.  
Clear introduction to the discipline of theology--its history, method, and topics. Intended for university students. Attempts to avoid theological and denominational bias.
- Oden, Thomas C. *Systematic Theology*. 3 vols. (Vol. 1: *The Living God*; vol. 2: *The Word of Life*; vol. 3: *Life in the Spirit*). San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1987-1992.  
Presents the "consensual theology" of the church, drawing heavily upon insights of the early centuries but using later consistent with this consensus. Methodist; ecumenical.

## Annotated Bibliography

Woodbridge, John D. and Thomas Edward McComiskey, eds. *Doing Theology in Today's World: Essays in Honor of Kenneth S. Kantzer*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1991.

Contributors representing various theological traditions and contemporary perspectives discuss how they do theology in a modern context. Both evangelicals and nonevangelicals are included.

### Specialized Theological Works

Clouse, Robert G. ed. *The Meaning of the Millennium: Four Views*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1977.

An overview of the four main views of the millennium, each written by a major proponent of the view. Each of the four contributors also critique the position of the other contributors.

Driver, John. *Understanding the Atonement for the Mission of the Church*. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1986.

A work that seeks to develop a complete understanding of the New Testament doctrine of the atonement by developing the meaning and significance of the various pictures and images used in Scripture to describe Christ's atoning work.

Miner, Paul. *Images of the Church in the New Testament*. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1960.

A unique work that studies the biblical concept of the church by considering over one hundred images or pictures of the church found in the New Testament.

## Historical Theology

### Historical Theology

González, Justo L. *A History of Christian Thought*. 3 Vols. Nashville:TN: Abingdon Press, rev. ed. 1987.

One of the most thorough, unbiased, and readable overviews of the history of Christian thought.

### Reformation Theology

George, Timothy. *Theology of the Reformers*. Nashville, TN: Broadman Press, 1988.

A summary of the main theological emphases of the leading figures of the Reformation: Martin Luther, Huldrych Zwingli, John Calvin, and

Menno Simons.

### Anabaptism and Pietism Studies

Brown, Dale. *Understanding Pietism*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1978.

One of the best brief introductions to the essential features at German Lutheran Pietism.

Estep, William R. *The Anabaptist Story*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1963.

A well researched introduction to the Anabaptist movement including descriptions of some of the main leaders and a summary of some of the key theological and practical expressions of Anabaptism.

Klaassen, Walter, ed. *Anabaptism in Outline*. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1981.

A collection of primary source materials organized in a systematic theological fashion. Klaassen's selections provide a very good overview of Anabaptist thought and practice.

Spencer, Philip Jacob. *Pia Desideria*. Translated and edited by Theodore G. Tappert. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1964.

A translation of the work that launched the Pietist movement in German Lutheranism.

## **Church History**

### Church History

González, Justo L. *The Story of Christianity*. 2 vols. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1984.

The most popular church history used in higher education today. The author combines scholarship and a style of writing that appeals to a wide audience. His history reflects contemporary sensitivities to race, gender, and ethnicity.

### American Church History

Noll, Mark A. *A History of Christianity in the United States and Canada*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1992.

A comprehensive overview of the American church by a leading evangelical historian.

### Life of John Wesley

## Annotated Bibliography

Rack, Henry D. *Reasonable Enthusiast: John Wesley and the Rise of Methodism*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1993.

Ponderous and a bit costly, it is the most thorough study of Wesley for a scholarly audience.

### Philosophy

#### Christian Ethics

Atkinson, David J., David F. Field, Arthur Holwes, and Oliver O'Donovan, eds. *New Dictionary of Christian Ethics and Pastoral Theology*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1995.

Written for practitioners, pastors and counselors, it provides helpful articles on the thinkers, systems, and issues relating to ethics and pastoral care. It is a handy reference for those who do not have the leisure for extensive research on a topic of concern.

Geisler, Norman L. *Christian Ethics: Options and Issues*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1989.

It serves well as an introduction to ethical systems and methods as well as a helpful range of ethical situations Christians face today. Written from a conservative position, it helpfully summarizes the thought of ethical thinkers who have figured in Western culture.

#### Christian Apologetics

Kreeft, Peter and Ronald K. Tacelli. *Handbook of Christian Apologetics*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1994.

Written from a perspective that integrates Roman Catholic and Evangelical traditions, it treats all the crucial topics in an incisive manner. Readers will appreciate the persuasive appeal of its reasoning on the crucial issues of our time.

### Women's Studies

Bonnidell Clouse and Robert G. Clouse, eds. *Women in Ministry: Four Views*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1989.

In this edited one volume, four committed evangelicals, Robert Culver, Susan Foh, Walter Liefeld, Alvera Mickelsen offer their own viewpoints on women in ministry.

Ada María Isasi-Díaz and Yolanda Tarango. *Hispanic Women: Prophetic Voice in the Church*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1992.

The work is an opportunity for voices of Hispanic women to be heard. It begins to identify the theological understandings of Hispanic women. Included is a synopsis of each chapter in Spanish.

Craig S. Keener. *Paul, Women and Wives: Marriage and Women's Ministry in the Letters of Paul*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Press, 1992.

The work offers insightful expositions of the key thorny Pauline passages. It focuses on the historical, lexical cultural and exegetical details behind Paul's words in his letters about women in the home and ministry.

Rosemary Skinner Keller, ed. *Spiritual and Social Responsibility: Vocational Vision of Women in the United Methodist Church*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1993.

A collection of essays and primary source documents which tell the stories of pioneering women in the ministries in The United Methodist Church. Women of racial and ethnic diversity from the late 18th century through today contribute.

Susan Muto. *Womanspirit: Reclaiming the Deep Feminine in Our Human Spirituality*. NY: Crossroad, 1991.

The work is a spirituality for all women. It challenges churches to examine their treatment of women. Women are called to reclaim the wealth of their heritage of faith and exercise the fullness of their talents and gifts.

Carol A. Newsom and Sharon H. Ringe, eds. *The Women's Bible Commentary*. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992.

The one-volume commentary provides comments on each book of the Bible with gender-sensitive scholarship for a broad audience. The work demonstrates how women's perspectives affect the interpretation of biblical texts.

Carla Ricci. *Mary Magdalene and Many Others: Women Who Followed Jesus*. (trans. Paul Burns), Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1994.

Using as a key Luke 8:1-3, the work rediscovers Mary Magdalene and many other women who comprised an essential component in Jesus' ministry and in the early church.

Ruth Tucker. *Women in the Maze: Questions and Answers on Biblical Authority*. Downer's Grove, FL: InterVarsity Press, 1992.

In an accessible format, the work poses dozens of questions Christians are asking about the role of women in the church and world from Biblical times to the present.

Delores S. Williams. *Sisters in the Wilderness: The Challenge of Womanist God-Talk*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1993.

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The work is a landmark of emerging African-American womanist theology. The author finds in the Biblical figure Hagar a prototype for the struggle of African-American women from slavery to the present.

### CHRISTIAN PRAYER

A. W. Tozer once remarked that life is too short to spend time reading good books--one must read the best books. In teaching a seminary course on prayer, I have assembled a long bibliography of good books for student use. The titles listed here represent the cream of that collection, the seeming best of the multitude that are available.

A second word might be added to Tozer's: one cannot (indeed should not) try to read all of even the finest books. If they are truly the best, a few will suffice through repeated readings over the years to nurture one toward the maturity desired of faithful servants. For in the end, the goal is not to read books about prayer, but to pray.

What follows is a broad-ranging bibliography representing a diverse selection of material on Christian prayer. I have tried to identify correct sources for all items, but with rapid changes in the publishing industry errors are inevitable. And some items are out of print, affording a fine excuse to search the shelves of the nearest used book store.

Need help in where to begin? You might try the entries by Richard Foster, Margaret Magdalen, and Douglas Steere. Those excellent books will steer you toward many others.

Student-friends have helped, directly and indirectly, over several years in assembling this bibliography. Special thanks go to Mrs. Carolyn Cooksey, Dr. Frank Marlett, Rev. Debbie K. Timmons, and Fr. Michael Ziebarth.

Appleton, George, ed. *The Oxford Book of Prayer*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1985.

A treasure indeed, this is a collection of more than 1000 prayers with introductions and indices. Probably the best work of its kind. Highly recommended.

Baillie, John. *A Diary of Private Prayer*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1949.

A morning-and-evening book for one month of personal devotions. Although now rather dated in language, the prayers remain beautiful and powerful. Worth pondering and sharing.

Bloom, Anthony. *Beginning to Pray* [British ed.: *School for Prayer*]. New York: Paulist Press, 1970.

A short, practical work by one of this generation's outstanding Ortho-

dox writers. The central chapter concerns "Going Inward." See also Archbishop Anthony's Living Prayer.

*The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and Other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church Together with the Psalter or Psalms of David.* New York: The Seabury Press, 1979.

The classic Episcopal collection of prayer materials for private and public use. There is nothing else in English quite like it. Highly recommended.

Chariton of Valamo, ed. *The Art of Prayer: An Orthodox Anthology.* Trans. E. Kadloubovsky and E. M. Palmer. London and Boston: Faber and Faber, 1966.

Igumen (Abbot) Chariton spent a lifetime collecting the material published here from the Russian and Greek traditions of prayer. It is a chief source of knowledge for the Orthodox heritage.

*The Cloud of Unknowing and Other Works.* Harmondsworth: Penguin Books, 1965.

An unknown medieval author writes about the prayer of longing love which goes beyond verbal expression. A classic. For a gentle modern approach based on this, see William A. Meninger, The Loving Search for God: Contemplative Prayer and The Cloud of Unknowing (1995).

Day, Albert E. *An Autobiography of Prayer.* Nashville: The Upper Room reprint, 1978.

A nationally known preacher of the last generation shares his very personal story. Good insights, moving language, and many references to literature on prayer. Worthwhile. See also Day's final work, The Captivating Presence (1971).

DelBene, Ron. *The Breath of Life.* Nashville: The Upper Room, 1981.

A simple, attractive introduction to a personal prayer phrase or breath prayer. Worthwhile. See also the author's other books beginning with The Hunger of the Heart (1983).

Foster, Richard J. *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home.* New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 1992.

A well-informed, warmly written introduction to prayer in transformation, intimacy, and ministry. Possibly the best general work in this generation. Highly recommended.

Gordon, S. D. *Quiet Talks on Prayer.* Pyramid Books. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co. reprint, 1967.

One of the best books from a century ago.

Grou, Jean Nicolas. *How to Pray: The Chapters on Prayer from The School of Jesus Christ.* Trans. Joseph Dalby. London: James Clarke & Co., 1955.

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According to Evelyn Underhill, this is "one of the best short expositions of the essence of prayer which has ever been written."

Hall, Thelma. *Too Deep for Words: Rediscovering Lectio Divina*. New York: Paulist Press, 1988.

This tiny gem is an introduction to contemplative prayer through a widely used ancient form. Includes fifty themes for prayer employing 500 biblical texts. Recommended.

Heiler, Friedrich. *Prayer: A Study in the History and Psychology of Religion*. London: Oxford University Press, 1932.

Considered by many to be a near-classic analysis from the early 20th century.

Hinson, E. Glenn. *Seekers After Mature Faith*. Waco, TX: Word Books, 1968.

An excellent historical introduction to classics of Christian devotion, with footnotes by pastoral psychologist Wayne E. Oates. Highly recommended. See also Hinson's [A Serious Call to a Contemplative Life-Style](#).

Holt, Bradley P. *Thirsty for God: A Brief History of Christian Spirituality*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 1993.

This little gem surveys the entire heritage of Christian devotion in only 150 pages. It is broadly conceived, carefully organized, and clearly written with timeline, glossary, and indexes. Almost impossible to praise too much, it is highly recommended.

Huggett, Joyce. *The Joy of Listening to God*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1986.

A well-written discussion of prayer as more than monologue. Worthwhile. See also her [Open to God](#).

Jeremias, Joachim. *The Prayers of Jesus*. Studies in Biblical Theology, Second Series, 6. London: SCM Press, 1967.

A master exegete discusses "Abba," "Daily Prayer in the Life of Jesus and the Primitive Church," and "The Lord's Prayer in the Light of Recent Research." Often cited.

Keating, Thomas. *Intimacy with God*. New York: Crossroad, 1994.

Perhaps the best recent work on centering prayer or contemplative prayer. More advanced than Pennington's introduction (below). Recommended. See also Keating's earlier works such as [Invitation to Love and Open Mind, Open Heart](#) (1992).

Kelsey, Morton T. *The Other Side of Silence: A Guide to Christian Meditation*. New York: Paulist Press, 1975.

"The most important single book on the theology and psychology behind the experience of Christian meditation" (Richard Foster).

Laubach, Frank C. *Channels of Spiritual Power*. Westwood, NJ: Fleming H.

Revell Company, 1954.

Summarizes the prayer teaching of a noted missionary statesman honored by the United Nations for service in teaching literacy. Worthwhile. See also his Prayer: The Mightiest Force in the World, Game with Minutes, and Letters by a Modern Mystic.

Lawrence of the Resurrection. *The Practice of the Presence of God*. Garden City, NY: Doubleday & Company, 1977.

A recent translation of a 17th-century "devotional masterpiece," with a foreword by Henri Nouwen. The easiest of all classics to read, but deceptively simple. A critical edition of Brother Lawrence's works was published in 1994 (ed. Conrad DeMeester).

Leech, Kenneth. *True Prayer: An Invitation to Christian Spirituality*. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1980.

An exposition of the Lord's Prayer which goes beyond usual expectations. This brief work is highly informed and capable of informing. The Anglican author is well versed in Eastern Orthodoxy. Recommended.

Lewis, C. S. *Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer*. New York: Harcourt, Brace & World, 1964.

A fictional correspondence, this is Lewis's last book. Worthwhile.

Loder, Ted. *Guerillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle*. San Diego: Lura Media, 1984.

"Tough, beautiful, earthy, grace-filled prayers to lighten your heart, challenge your thinking, and touch your life." True! Highly recommended. See also Loder's Wrestling the Light. Magdalen, Margaret. Jesus, Man of Prayer. Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity Press, 1987. A competent, respected analysis of the Gospel materials. Very worthwhile.

Merton, Thomas. *Contemplative Prayer*. Image Books. Garden City, NY: Doubleday & Company, 1971.

A hundred pages of lean, spare prose by America's most famous 20th-century monk, an informed and gifted writer. Often cited. Nearly all of Merton's many works are still in print and available.

Michael, Chester P., and Marie C. Norrissey. *Prayer and Temperament*. Charlottesville, VA: The Open Door, 1984.

A pioneering work which attempts to identify "different prayer forms for differing personality types" using the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. Worthwhile.

Murray, Andrew. *With Christ in the School of Prayer*. Old Tappan, NJ: Fleming H. Revell Co. reprint, 1965.

A 19th-century spiritual leader expounds aspects of Jesus' teaching on intercession. Often cited. Murray wrote many other titles on prayer, most of them still available.

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Nouwen, Henri. *The Way of the Heart: Desert Spirituality and Contemporary Ministry*. New York: Seabury Press, 1981.

Meditative chapters on how 4th-century writers can speak to modern ministry about solitude, silence, and prayer. Recommended. See also Nouwen's many other books; for example, Pray to Live (1972).

Pennington, M. Basil. *Centering Prayer*. Garden City, NY: Doubleday & Company, 1980.

A modern version of an ancient prayer form which allows us to open ourselves for the Spirit to pray within us. The standard work on the subject.

*The Philokalia: The Complete Text*. Trans. and ed. by G. E. H. Palmer and others. 4 vols.

A collection of texts written in the 4th-15th centuries by masters of the Orthodox tradition. In the Eastern churches, the most influential written work outside the Bible.

Pipkin, H. Wayne. *Christian Meditation, Its Art and Practice*. New York: Hawthorn Books, 1977.

An easily read treatment containing an excellent section on imagery in prayer. Also has a first-rate annotated bibliography. Worthwhile.

Poulain, Augustin. *The Graces of Interior Prayer*. St. Louis, MO: B. Herder reprint, 1987 [orig. pub., 1911].

Thought by some experts to be one of the finest comprehensive works ever produced. A classic description and analysis.

Rahner, Karl. *Encounters with Silence*. Paramus, NJ: Newman Press, 1960.

Prayer-essays by one of this century's greatest theologians. A surprise for those who find his other writing difficult. Very worthwhile.

Rupp, Joyce. *Praying Our Goodbyes*. Notre Dame, IN: Ave Maria Press, 1988.

Practical methods for healing grief caused by the universal experience of transition and loss. Worthwhile.

Steere, Douglas V. *Dimensions of Prayer*. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1962.

A beautiful, thoughtful little book which enlarges understanding of what prayer can be and should be. Highly recommended. Steere's other works include On Beginning from Within, On Listening to Another, and Together in Solitude.

Teresa of Avila. *The Interior Castle*. Trans. Kieran Kavanaugh and Otilio Rodriguez. New York: Paulist Press, 1979.

The famed 16th-century Spanish Carmelite describes the progress of the soul to God through prayer. A classic available in many editions.

Thomson, James G. S. S. *The Praying Christ: A Study of Jesus' Doctrine and Practice of Prayer*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

Company, 1959.

A standard work on the prayer life and teaching of our Lord. Often cited.

An Unknown Christian. *The Kneeling Christian*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, n.d.

Although anonymous and undated, this simple book has started or inspired many on the journey of prayer. Recommended.

Ware, Kallistos. *The Orthodox Way*. Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, 1979.

An easy, graceful entry into the Christian East which includes a wealth of quotations from Orthodox spiritual masters. A helpful biographical glossary of authors and sources concludes the book. Very worthwhile.

Washington, James Melvin, ed. *Conversations with God: Two Centuries of Prayers by African Americans*. New York: Harper collins, 1994.

A church historian's meticulously documented collection of material almost impossible to find elsewhere. A treasure of faith and courage. The biographical descriptions of contributors (more than 20 pages) are alone worth the price of the book.

*The Way of a Pilgrim* and *The Pilgrim Continues His Way*. Trans. R. M. French. New York: Crossroad Publishing Company, 1965.

Autobiography of an unnamed peasant in 19th-century Russia who sets out to learn what it means to pray without ceasing and how he does so while struggling to survive. Brought the Jesus Prayer to public attention in the West.

Wright, John H. *A Theology of Christian Prayer*. New York: Pueblo Publishing Company, 1979.

A substantial treatment. Worth consulting.

Wuellner, Flora Slosson. *Prayer, Fear, and Our Powers: Finding Our Healing, Release, and Growth in Christ*. Nashville: The Upper Room, 1989.

A gifted current writer gently invites and informs the pilgrimage from pain to wholeness by way of meditative prayer. Other titles are Prayer and Our Bodies and Prayer, Stress, and Our Inner Wounds. Worthwhile.