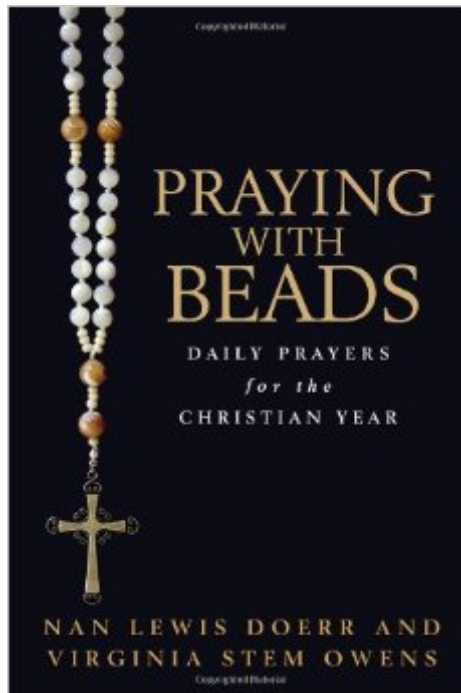


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# Praying With Beads: Daily Prayers For The Christian Year



## Synopsis

Prayer is essential to the Christian life, bonding us to God. Yet we find it difficult in our frenetic world to keep our minds focused for long. All kinds of external noise and inner voices clamor for our attention. How can we slow down and quiet down so as to truly wait on the Lord? Nan Lewis Doerr and Virginia Stem Owens offer a solution that calls on the physical senses to break through to the spiritual -- praying with beads. The use of prayer beads, which has a long history in practical spirituality, is now becoming more widespread among Protestants. Doerr and Owens here show readers how to use what have become known as Anglican or Christian prayer beads. Readers can then use the basic prayer structure provided by the beads to pray their way through each day -- morning, noon, and night -- and through the church year. These prayers -- a thoughtfully chosen combination of quotations from Scripture and gleanings from the Book of Common Prayer -- can be enhanced and enriched by the mindful and meditative practice of using beads. Doerr and Owens encourage readers to use beads as "something to hang onto, a lifeline to the Presence that lies, often hidden or forgotten, at the center of our lives." Praying with beads, as outlined and embodied in this little book, has the potential to transform one's prayer life.

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## Customer Reviews

I love trying new prayer practices. Not all strike a chord with me and draw me closer to the heart of God...but many do, and my prayer life has been enriched in recent years by the discovery of fixed-hour prayer, prayer labyrinths, chant, and more. It's almost as if praying saints of past

generations actually knew a thing or two. I was, therefore, intrigued to discover the book, *Praying with Beads: Daily Prayers for the Christian Year*, by Nan Lewis Doerr and Virginia Stem Owens. It consists of a compelling and instructive introduction, followed by morning, noon, and evening prayers for use with a string of prayer beads. The prayers follow the Christian calendar throughout the liturgical year. I purchased an inexpensive string of 34 beads and used the Advent prayers throughout that season, and was wonderfully helped by the practice (the "Additional Sources and Materials" section at the back of the book offers helpful guidance for pricing and purchasing prayer beads). I heartily agree with Phyllis Tickle's endorsement on the back of the book, when she says, "Protestant Christians, whether liturgical or not, will find here not only a missing part of their heritage, but also much counsel and instruction for their future practice of the faith."

*Praying With Beads...* The introduction to this book is rich in rosary history, and shows what the Anglican/Episcopal Rosary looks like. It gives us a prayer to pray each week of the Church Year, in each season, plus gives us a Christmas Eve prayer, a Christmas day prayer... With prayers for special saints days like Remembrance of St Stephen. I recommend this book to all my Christian friends who love praying. With at least 52 prayers here, my Church Year will be full of prayer to my Lord!

Did you know that praying with beads or a rosary is a very contemplative activity? This book provides helpful options for using an Anglican rosary (though it could be adopted for use with any set of beads). I've also found it a good way to memorize some Scripture.

This review is for the Kindle version of this book. The book itself is very good. The historical information is very interesting. I would have liked to see a pattern for the prayer beads themselves, however simple, in the book. There is one illustration of a set of prayer beads in there, but no actual instructions included. The content of the book is very good. I am considering a purchase of the paperback version of this book also. As far as the Kindle version goes, there seems to be a small glitch in the one I have. Sometimes, when I hit the back button (there are times when you will have to go back and forth), instead of going back one page, it goes back to the previous week. Sometimes two weeks. I have never had this happen with any other Kindle book, so I am fairly certain it's a glitch in this book. Other than that, it's great.

Love the format of this book for daily devotions using prayer beads. It covers the entire year of

devotions. It is small enough to carry with you when traveling. The book is a great starting point for using prayer beads.

I converted to Episcopalianism from Catholicism, so I was already familiar with prayer beads. This book shows how versatile and seasonal the Anglican rosary can be. At the same time, that variability can sometimes be a bad thing at times. The Roman Catholic rosary has a standard set of prayers and meditations, which means that if you're in need and want to reach for something, you've got it memorized already and don't need a book to go with it. It means that if you go to pray it with some other people you are all going to know the words already. I think this book would have benefitted from having a non-liturgical-year specific version that could be memorized for those moments when you're just too stressed or lost to look up what the seasonal variant is. Since you do need to reference this book to know what the prayers are it would have been better if it had been spiral bound so it would lay open better. That being said, these are all beautiful sets of prayers and it's a good resource for a Christian wanting to get some instruction on using their beads. I would like to add that the traditional rosary is older than the reformation and that one might want to consider its use even if one is not Roman Catholic (if you don't object to asking for the prayers of saints as part of your piety.)

This is just such a lovely book. Just having had prayer beads introduced to me this year, I found this book to be an indispensable resource for prayers and prayer ideas. Also great service from .

An excellent book for those learning the practice of praying with beads. A brief history of the practice begins the book and then prayers for the year follow.

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