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Rowman & Littlefield Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening is a complete guidebook for all who wish to know the practice of Centering Prayer.

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ABC-CLIO This groundbreaking primer illuminates contemplative methods that can improve mental and physical health. * Foreword by renowned author and scholar Huston Smith, subject of the five-part PBS special, The Wisdom of Faith with Huston Smith * Contributions from 13 expert authors * Case studies showing how contemplative practices are being used to cope with modern stress and disorders among groups as diverse as caregivers, pregnant women, people living with HIV, and veterans dealing with PTSD

SANCTA SOPHIA. OR DIRECTIONS FOR THE PRAYER OF CONTEMPLATION&C. EXTRACTED OUT OF MORE THEN XL. TREATISES WRITTEN BY THE LATE VEN. FATHER F. AUGUSTIN BAKER ... AND METHODICALLY DIGESTED BY THE R. F. SERENUS CRESSY. WITH AN ENGRAVED PORTRAIT

PRAYER: FORTY DAYS OF PRACTICE

WaterBrook Press A simple yet profound guide to facilitate the instinctively human desire to pray. We pray because we are human, not because we are religious. Something in our nature points beyond itself; something in us searches for and desires personal connection with God. Although communicating with our Creator through prayer is innate, the effective practice of it often feels just beyond our reach. This unique book guides you to pray in deeper and more authentic ways. The short prayers and thought-provoking imagery, interspersed with contemplative reflections and suggested practices, will stir, inform, and encourage you. The simplicity of the prayers and the aesthetic appeal of the images will inspire people in every facet of life, including those with no real religious background at all.

PRINCIPLES OF RELIGIOUS LIFE

CENTERING PRAYER

RENEWING AN ANCIENT CHRISTIAN PRAYER FORM

Image The practice of prayer and meditation in modern Western Christianity is rooted in the Eastern tradition of early Church prayer as well as the wisdom of early Church fathers. In Centering Prayer, M. Basil Pennington, the author of the highly acclaimed Daily We Touch Him, returns to these roots, offering contemporary Christians a new approach to ancient prayer forms. Pennington combines the best of the Eastern spiritual exercises (such as the Jesus Prayer) with a spirituality for today's world. Addressing the obstacles that discourage people from praying well, he explains how to relax for prayer, how to listen to and be directed by the Other, and how to handle the pain and distractions that can stifle attempts to communicate with God. Centering Prayer has sold more than a quarter million copies since it was first published in 1982. In this eminently practical book, simple, inspiring instructions will help readers find the comfort and the guidance they seek through prayer.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE

DISCOVERING OUR PATH INTO THE HEART OF GOD

Balboa Press This book started out as a guidebook on the Contemplative Living Experience program, a spiritual formation program in contemplative life offered by Contemplative Outreach. It grew into a story about how a life dedicated to contemplative prayer can be transformed when one consents to the presence and action of God within, the divine indwelling. Because Julie's teaching style comes out of her lived experience, the book also became part memoir and part practical application of Thomas Keating's teaching. You will likely be able to relate to many of the examples from her life which will remind you of similar experiences you've had in your life, all in this exploration of contemplative prayer and its movement into a deeper relationship with the Ultimate Mystery.

THE PRACTICE OF CONTEMPLATION ACCORDING TO JOHN OF THE CROSS

ICS Publications This book is for anyone who now meditates regularly or who practiced meditation in the past. As we grow in our prayer life, John of the Cross is an excellent and encouraging guide to show us the way to the practice of contemplative prayer. Many of us learned about meditation from spiritual directors or books. We practiced a reliable form of meditation for some years with varying degrees of success. Over time, however, our prayer slowed down and became simplified. We didn't find many new ideas to occupy our intellect and our emotions quieted down. In time, many of us experienced a crisis in our prayer life; our prayer became so simple that it almost disappeared. We tried different forms of prayer, but we seemed to be reaching a dead end. Throughout all of this, we were never told that our prayer was developing naturally and positively. What we were experiencing was not a dead end but the threshold of a new way of prayer. What we needed was an experienced guide to show us the road ahead. Enter John of the Cross! He encourages us to see that the place we came to is a necessary state of our progress in prayer. John teaches us that we come to contemplation not by struggling harder to pray but by calming remaining quiet before God. He encourages us to realize that we have not come to the end of the road but are being made ready to be transported on a wonderful journey. There is no better or more encouraging guide for us on this journey than John of the Cross. The entire focus of this book is quite narrow; it concentrates on John's teaching about the beginning of contemplation.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER AT WORK IN OUR LIVES

RESTING IN GOD'S PRESENCE AND ACTION

Wipf and Stock Publishers While many practicing Christians are relatively satisfied with their prayer life, others are not. The latter often find their prayer practice has dried up. Their traditional forms of prayer at churches have become routine and empty. In a very real sense, there is a void in their spiritual lives. They want a deeper union with God yet experience an unsettling estrangement with their current pathway in prayer. In *Contemplative Prayer at Work in Our Lives*, Geoff Colvin draws on his own experiences, studies of spiritual literature, and participation in retreats and meditation groups, to unravel the challenging practice of contemplative prayer, a unique form of meditation involving very few words in silence and stillness. Contemplative prayer centers on the fundamental belief that God dwells not only in the world at large but also at the center of our being. This book offers Christians an approach for understanding contemplative prayer followed by hands-on detail for developing and sustaining a practice that hopefully leads to a richer and fuller spiritual journey to union with God.

CONTEMPLATION AND COUNSELING

AN INTEGRATIVE MODEL FOR PRACTITIONERS

InterVarsity Press Can contemplative prayer be integrated into therapeutic work? Building an alliance between science, theology, and Christian contemplative thought, Gregg Blanton presents a new paradigm for integrating contemplative prayer with counseling practice. This practical resource offers eleven fundamental interventions to fit the needs of clients and a practical four-stage process for helping clients change.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

SAGE The Encyclopedia of Religious and Spiritual Development is the first reference work to focus on the developmental process of religion and spirituality across the human life span. Spiritual development is an important part of human development that has links to identity development, moral development, and civic engagement. This innovative Encyclopedia offers insight into the characteristics of people and their contexts that interact to influence religious and spiritual development over time. Editors Elizabeth M. Dowling and W. George Scarlett provide readers with glimpses into the religious and spiritual developmental trajectories of people from all over the world, from many different religious and spiritual backgrounds.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH THROUGH CONTEMPLATION

iUniverse Like many people, Todd lived his life questioning the meaning of God and why he was not close to God. As he searched, he found the practice of Christian contemplation. Used by Jesus and other Christian patriarchs, this had to be the answer. After a short period of practice, Todd could begin to see subtle changes in himself and in his life. The anxiety, resentment and worry that were so prevalent in his life began to disappear. Entering his life were the two things that he had always searched for—calm and serenity. As his practice continued, he began to feel immense changes and had several epiphanies of the presence of God. As these awakenings continued, the teachings of Jesus came to have a deeper meaning and understanding than ever before. *Christian Growth Through Contemplation* is a fresh, insightful and illuminating book that describes the contemplative process and the truth of the Christian teachings. It is a must read for every Christian. Whether you are content in the Christian faith or have drifted away from the church, this book will help you grow closer to God than you could ever imagine and live a happy and fulfilling life.

EMBRACING CONTEMPLATION

RECLAIMING A CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

InterVarsity Press What does a Christian life lived "by the Spirit" look like? Bringing together Protestant scholars and practitioners of spiritual formation, this volume offers a distinctly evangelical consideration of the benefits of contemplation. Drawing on historical examples from the church—including John Calvin, Richard Baxter, Jonathan Edwards, and John Wesley—this book considers how contemplative prayer can shape Christian living today.

PRAYER IN PRACTICE

A BIBLICAL APPROACH

Wipf and Stock Publishers Drawing on insights from Scripture, tradition, psychology, and experience, this book offers a comprehensive guide to *Prayer in Practice*, an essential resource for students and seekers alike. Applying ancient wisdom to contemporary questions, *Prayer in Practice* responds to the perennial request, "Teach us to pray."

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Image In this classic text, Thomas Merton offers valuable guidance for prayer. He brings together a wealth of meditative and mystical influences—from John of the Cross to Eastern desert monasticism—to create a spiritual path for today. Most important, he shows how

the peace contacted through meditation should not be sought in order to evade the problems of contemporary life, but can instead be directed back out into the world to affect positive change. Contemplative Prayer is one of the most well-known works of spirituality of the last one hundred years, and it is a must-read for all seeking to live a life of purpose in today's world. In a moving and profound introduction, Thich Nhat Hanh offers his personal recollections of Merton and compares the contemplative traditions of East and West.

INTO THE SILENT LAND

A GUIDE TO THE CHRISTIAN PRACTICE OF CONTEMPLATION

Oxford University Press Laird shows that the Christian tradition of contemplation has its own refined teachings on using a prayer word to focus the mind, working with the breath to cultivate stillness, and the practice of inner vigilance or awareness.

SPIRITUALITY, CONTEMPLATION, AND TRANSFORMATION

Lantern Books In Spirituality, Contemplation and Transformation, some of the leading practitioners of centering prayer--the contemporary expression of the Christian contemplative tradition as developed by the desert fathers and mothers and elaborated by mystics such as saints John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila--write about the many and varied benefits of this dynamic and intimate means of connecting with the Divine. Thomas Keating and David Frenette examine the sources of centering prayer - Justin Langille and Jennifer Michael explore different facets of the wisdom of silence - and Paul David Lawson, David G.R. Keller, and Tom Macfie explain the vital role centering prayer can play in fostering communities of faith. Cynthia Bourgeault explicates philosopher and spiritual practitioner Beatrice Bruteau's study of the meaning of contemplation - Brian Taylor uncovers the positive mental changes that centering prayer can bring about - and Thomas Ward reflects on spirituality in the twenty-first century, as well as the inspiring experience of attending a centering prayer retreat. Of interest to anyone involved with contemporary Christian life, these essays, originally published in the Sewanee Theological Review, contribute to the growing body of literature on centering prayer--its practice, theory, and applications--and offer valuable entry points for all those interested in deepening their spiritual practice and fostering a more profound relationship with the Divine. Contents: "A Traditional Blend: The Contemplative Sources of Centering Prayer" by Thomas Keating, OCSO "Three Contemplative Waves" by David Frenette "There is Nothing Between God and You: Awakening to the Wisdom of Contemplative Silence" by Justin Langille "Beatrice Bruteau's "Prayer and Identity: An Introduction with Text and Commentary" by Cynthia Bourgeault "Reading Living Water: The Integral Place of Contemplative Prayer in Christian Transformation" by David G. R. Keller "Binding Head and Heart: A Conversation Concerning Theological Education: The Contemplative Ministry Project" by David G. R. Keller "Centering Prayer and the Work of Clergy and Congregations: Prayer, Priests, and the Postmodern World" by Paul David Lawson "Seeking a Deeper Knowledge of God: Centering Prayer and the Life of a Parish" by Tom Macfie "Spirituality, Contemplation, and Transformation: An Opportunity for the Episcopal Church" by Thomas R. Ward, Jr. "Keep the Rest: Practicing Silence while Professing Poetry" by Jennifer Michael "Changing Your Mind: Contemplative Prayer and Personal Transformation" by Brian C. Taylor "Centering Prayer Retreats" by Thomas R. Ward, Jr.

INTRODUCING CONTEMPLATIVE STUDIES

John Wiley & Sons The first book-length introduction to an exciting new interdisciplinary field—written by an internationally recognized leader of the Contemplative Studies movement This is the first book-length introduction to a growing and influential interdisciplinary field focused on contemplative practice, contemplative experience, and contemplative pedagogy. Written by an internationally recognized leader in the area, Introducing Contemplative Studies seeks to provide readers with a deep and practical understanding of the nature and purpose of the field while encouraging them to find a place of their own in an increasingly widespread movement. At once comprehensive overview, critical reflection, and visionary proposal, the book explores the central approaches and issues in Contemplative Studies, tackles questions and problems that sometimes go unaddressed, and identifies promising new developments. The author also discusses contemplative pedagogy, an experiential approach to teaching and learning informed by and expressed as contemplative practice. This is a major introduction to a fast emerging interdisciplinary field that will be invaluable to those interested in the area. The only comprehensive introduction to the emerging, interdisciplinary field of Contemplative Studies Written by a distinguished leader in the Contemplative Studies movement who is founding Co-Chair of the Contemplative Studies Group of the American Academy of Religion Informed by ten years of research and practice, the book explores the field's varied approaches and expressions Offers critical reviews of trends which will create discussions both within and outside the Contemplative Studies Liberally illustrated with both images and charts Introducing Contemplative Studies is a must-read for advanced undergraduates, graduate students, teachers and scholars in Contemplative Studies, as well as anyone who is curious about contemplative practice, meditation, contemplative experience, contemplative pedagogy, contemplative science, and, of course, the exciting field of Contemplative Studies generally.

THE PATH OF CENTERING PRAYER

DEEPENING YOUR EXPERIENCE OF GOD

Sounds True In the teachings of Jesus, there are prayers, and then there is prayer—the silent, loving communion with the divine, beyond words or ritual. With Father Thomas Keating's book Open Mind, Open Heart, hundreds of thousands discovered the transformative power of Centering Prayer as a form of Christian meditation. Now, with The Path of Centering Prayer, Keating's senior student, friend, and advisor David Frenette reveals the profound depths of this practice, making it easier for meditators to deepen their connection with God. Beginning and experienced practitioners alike will benefit from this fresh voice, at once eloquent and clear, as they explore: The key insights and principles of Centering Prayer Guided instruction in the sacred word, sacred breath, and sacred glance practices Gentleness and openness: the way of letting go and letting be Experiencing a deeper sense of God in meditation and in everyday life Many other contemplative practices and teachings founded upon the wisdom of Fathers Thomas Keating and Thomas Merton Has your spiritual path grown routine or unfulfilling, or is it at a crossroads for new discovery? For all Christians who seek to move closer into the presence of the divine, The Path of Centering Prayer offers guidance in this rewarding and time-honored meditation practice, to help break through obstacles and illuminate the way. David Frenette is a leader and senior teacher in the Centering Prayer movement, and a friend and advisor of Father Thomas Keating for 30 years. He co-created and co-led a contemplative retreat community for 10 years, has an MA in transpersonal counseling psychology, and is an adjunct faculty member of Naropa University. He is a spiritual director at the Center for Contemplative Living in Denver, Colorado, as well as for clients worldwide. Excerpt This book is a complete handbook to Christian contemplation and the practice of centering prayer. A contemplative practice like centering prayer opens you to experiencing God. This book shows you how to journey on the path of centering prayer, a path leading to interior union with Christ and increasing unity with all of life as it is found emerging in God. Although designed to show advanced practitioners how to deepen their centering prayer practice, The Path of Centering Prayer can also be used by beginners looking to establish such a practice. Christian Contemplative Practice and Centering Prayer Similar in many ways to meditation in other spiritual traditions, centering prayer is a method of silent, wordless prayer that comes out of the Christian contemplative tradition. Different contemplative practices have always existed in Christianity. Practices like the Jesus Prayer in the Orthodox Christian tradition, lectio divia—the “divine reading” of scripture—in the Roman Catholic tradition, and the silent worship of some Quaker and Protestant churches—have provided means for experiencing the contemplative dimension of the Gospel. The practice of centering prayer is primarily based on the teaching of a classic spiritual text from the fourteenth century, The Cloud of Unknowing. These and every specific form of Christian contemplative practice are rooted in the teachings of Jesus and his resurrected presence as the Christ. While rooted in Christ's eternal presence and Jesus' historical teachings, each of these forms of Christian contemplative prayer practice, like centering prayer, arose and were developed within the cultural conditions of the time.

CONTEMPLATIVE LITERATURE

A COMPARATIVE SOURCEBOOK ON MEDITATION AND CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

SUNY Press An anthology of primary texts on meditation and contemplative prayer from a wide range of religious traditions. This is the first theoretically informed and historically accurate comparative anthology of primary texts on meditation and contemplative prayer. Written by international experts on the respective texts and corresponding traditions, Contemplative Literature provides introductions to and primary sources on contemplative practice from various religious traditions. The contributors explore classical Daoist apophatic meditation, Quaker silent prayer, Jewish Kabbalah, Southern Buddhist meditation, Sufi contemplation, Eastern Orthodox prayer, Pure Land Buddhist visualization, Hindu classical Yoga, Dominican Catholic prayer, Daoist internal alchemy, and modern therapeutic meditation. Each introduction to a contemplative text discusses its historical context, the associated religious tradition and literature, the method of contemplative practice, and the text's legacy and influence. Volume editor Louis Komjathy opens the work with a thoughtful consideration of interpretive issues in the emerging interdisciplinary field of contemplative studies. Readers will gain not only a nuanced understanding of important works of contemplative literature, but also resources for understanding

contemplative practice and contemplative experience from a comparative and cross-cultural perspective. "We have not seen anything this bold and this global since Friedrich Heiler wrote his classic study on the typology of prayer over eighty years ago. Komjathy and his essayists have vastly expanded the scope, depth, and sophistication of this project here. In the process, they have struggled with all of the critical questions around religious pluralism, tradition, and religious authority, and have emboldened the comparative project itself. Contemplation and comparison, it turns out, go very well together." — Jeffrey J. Kripal, author of *Comparing Religions: Coming to Terms* "Teachers and scholars, undergraduate and graduate students, and general readers interested in contemplative practice will cherish a book like this. I'm happy that Louis Komjathy has done this great work. It will undoubtedly be hailed as a milestone." — Ruben L. F. Habito, author of *Healing Breath: Zen for Christians and Buddhists in a Wounded World*

FINDING GOD WITHIN

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER FOR PRISONERS

Lantern Books For nearly a decade, Ray Leonardini has been visiting the incarcerated in Folsom State Prison and other correctional facilities, where he has been teaching and facilitating contemplative prayer—the contemporary manifestation of the ancient Christian meditative tradition. In *Finding God Within*, Leonardini demonstrates the extraordinary power of contemplative (or centering) prayer in transforming the lives of prisoners, and offers insightful analyses of biblical passages that show the power of prayer, faith, and surrender to ease addiction, stress, and despair. Filled with testimonies of prisoners who have been helped by centering prayer, *Finding God Within* is an essential introduction to contemplative prayer for people of all faiths engaged in prison ministry.

THE TEACHER'S WAY

TEACHING AND THE CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE

Paulist Press In *The Teacher's Way*, award-winning scholar, educator and author Maria Lichtmann connect the monastic practice of "lectio divina to the heart of the teaching experience. New teachers just beginning their careers will find deep and welcomed guidance in this book. Veteran educators who need a fresh dose of inspiration will celebrate. *The Teacher's Way* is an oasis for connecting education with the life of the pririt. "Lectio divina is a Benedictine practice that involves four clements of "sacred reading." They are: The Teacher's Way masterfully translates these practices into classroom applications that create hospitable: and safe spaces for learning. Maria Lichtmann writes, "Nothing is more crucial to teaching as spiritual practice than replenishing the underground spirngs of a teacher's own inner life." Some of the topics the author focuses on include: the crisis in education; monks and teaching; concrete proposals for reflection and attention; hospitable teaching and transformed teaching. Intended audience: new teachers just beginning their careers, those still in school, veteran educators who need refreshment, and professional development facilitators. *The Teacher's Way* is designed to benefit educators from kindergarten through 12th grade, as well as college and graduate school instructors.

TASTE OF SILENCE

A GUIDE TO THE FUNDAMENTALS OF CENTERING PRAYER

A&C Black *Centering Prayer* profoundly many people affected has from all walks of life. Carl Arico, who was introduced to Centering Prayer in 1975 by William Meninger at the Trappist Monastery in Spencer, Massachusetts, is no exception. "It had a profound influence on my life -- on my priesthood and my whole being, " he writes. "I attended an intensive retreat with Thomas Keating in 1983 and soon became involved with the beginnings of Contemplative Outreach -- a resource center for those dedicated to the practice of Centering Prayer." This book is the outcome of more than 20 years of experience with Centering Prayer. Father Arico explores the fundamental practice of Centering Prayer, and how it impacts on one's life, providing the practitioner with a historical foundation, balance, insight, a degree of humor, and peace of mind.

MY DEAR FAR-NEARNESS

THE HOLY TRINITY AS SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Orbis Books

PATH OF THE PURIFIED HEART

THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY AS TRANSFORMATION

Wipf and Stock Publishers *Path of the Purified Heart* traces the classic Christian spiritual journey toward transformation into the likeness of Christ in a unique, fascinating way. Drawing on the voices of wise elders from the past and present, Dunham illumines the common path all Christians and spiritual seekers may take toward union with God. Through the motifs of the liturgical year and the labyrinth, the author weaves in her own journey on this path during her "year of purification."

THE GROUND OF GOD

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER FOR THE CONTEMPORARY SPIRIT

Energion Publications The pace and assumptions of modern life often make the pursuing things of the spirit difficult. *The Ground of God: Contemplative Prayer for the Contemporary Spirit* leads the reader to a rhythmic cycle of read, pray, examine. It's four sections work together to encourage growth in one's spiritual life through this cycle so that the reader is drawn step by step into an active and wholly engaging spirituality. Living a prayer filled, bible based life leads the reader to ask the question: What on earth is so commanding? Who is in command?

CONTEMPLATIVE STUDIES AND HINDUISM

MEDITATION, DEVOTION, PRAYER, AND WORSHIP

Taylor & Francis This book is one of the first wide-ranging academic surveys of the major types and categories of Hindu contemplative praxis. It explores diverse spiritual and religious practices within the Hindu traditions and Indic hermeneutical perspectives to understand the intricate culture of meditative communion and contemplation, devotion, spiritual formation, prayer, ritual, and worship. The volume extends and expands the conceptual reach of the fields of Contemplative Studies and Hindu Studies. The chapters in the volume cover themes in Hindu contemplative experience from various texts and traditions including classical Sāṃkhya and Patañjali Yoga, the Bhāgavata Purāṇa, the role of Sādhana in Advaita Vedānta, Śrīvidyā and the Śrīcakra, the body in Tantra, the semiotics and illocution of Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava sādhana, mantra in Mīmāṃsā, Vaiṣṇava liturgy, as well as cross-cultural reflections and interreligious comparative contemplative praxis. The volume presents indigenous vocabulary and frameworks to examine categories and concerns particular to the Hindu contemplative traditions. It traces patterns that cut across Hindu traditions and systems and discusses contrasting methods of different theological/philosophical schools evincing a strong plurality in Hindu religious thought and practice. The volume provides intra-religious comparisons that reveal internal complexity, nuances, and variety of contemplative states and transformative practices that exist under the rubric of Hindu practices of interiority and reflection. With key insights on forms and functions of the contemplative experience along with their theologies and philosophies, the volume suggests new hermeneutical directions that will advance the field of contemplative studies. This book will be useful to scholars and researchers of religious and theological studies, contemplative studies, Hindu studies, consciousness studies, yoga studies, Indian philosophy and religion, sociology of religion, philosophy of religion, comparative religion, and South Asian studies, as also general readers interested in the topic.

THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD (□□□□□)

Hyweb Technology Co. Ltd. The Practice of the Presence of God is a wonderful text, compiled by Father Joseph de Beaufort, of the teachings of Brother Lawrence (born Nicholas Herman), a Carmelite Monk. The beautiful compilation includes letters, as well as records of his conversations kept by Brother Lawrence's interlocutors.

LECTIO DIVINA AND THE PRACTICE OF TERESIAN PRAYER

ICS Publications This book compares Teresa's approach to prayer with the ancient tradition of Lectio Divina. St. Teresa of Jesus is the Church's great teacher of prayer, and lectio divina, the ancient Christian approach to praying over the Scriptures, is among the Church's most venerable prayer methods. In this booklet, noted Carmelite retreat director Sam Anthony Morello shows how the tradition of lectio can assist us in following the Teresian way of prayer, and how in turn Teresa's insights and attitudes can enrich our contemporary practice of lectio. In clear and practical language, the author explains the fundamental ingredients of Teresian prayer, and relates them to lectio (reading), meditatio (meditation), oratio (prayer), and contemplatio (contemplation), the four traditional elements of lectio divina. A closing series of reflection questions make this an ideal introduction to Teresian prayer for both group discussion and individual study.

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THE SACRED ENNEAGRAM WORKBOOK

MAPPING YOUR UNIQUE PATH TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Zondervan Whether you are looking to discover your type for the first time or take a deeper dive into your identity, The Sacred Enneagram Workbook is designed to help you grow in your spiritual life through the understanding of your Enneagram type. Most of us spend a lifetime trying to figure out who we are and how we relate to others and God. This task is far from easy, yet the Enneagram offers a bright path to cutting through the internal clutter and finding our way back to who we are created to be. And The Sacred Enneagram Workbook creates the reflective space necessary to map your way home. Join international Enneagram teacher Chris Heuertz in this interactive companion to the bestselling The Sacred Enneagram to discover: Where you find yourself in the Enneagram's nine type profiles, and how to make sense of testing results How to move beyond counterproductive caricatures of your type toward true growth Tools and practices for breaking out of your greatest emotional, interpersonal, and spiritual challenges And ultimately, your type's unique invitation and path toward a deeper journey with God

BETTER HEALTH THROUGH SPIRITUAL PRACTICES: A GUIDE TO RELIGIOUS BEHAVIORS AND PERSPECTIVES THAT BENEFIT MIND AND BODY

ABC-CLIO An in-depth examination of religious practices around the world and the fascinating science behind how they make us healthier. • Features the contributions of international scholars from around the globe • Contains content across disciplines, including health, psychology, and theology • Provides characterization of Eastern and Western religious ideologies and perspectives and explains how these orientations may influence lifestyle practices and impact health behavior • Discusses Eastern, Western, agnostic, and atheistic belief systems • Describes more than 10 religious perspectives and their practices

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS WITH CHRONIC WORRY

AN EIGHT-WEEK PROGRAM

Taylor & Francis Contemplative Prayer for Christians with Chronic Worry presents an eight-week approach for working with recurrent worry. Each chapter offers an introduction for the week, goals, techniques, and homework. Six free audio recordings are also available to download for use when practicing the guided meditations. Clinicians and their clients will find that the workbook helps them explore ways to lessen daily worries through contemplative prayer. Relying on scriptural support, the contemplative Christian tradition, and psychological science, clients will learn how to sit in silence with God, trusting in him during moments of uncertainty, worry, and anxiety.

THE BRAIN AND THE SPIRIT

UNLOCKING THE TRANSFORMATIVE POTENTIAL OF THE STORY OF CHRIST

Wipf and Stock Publishers The Brain and the Spirit invites readers to embark on a practice of listening to the Christ story through the earpiece of neuroscience. After many years steeped in brain science, the author had an unexpected encounter with a theologian, James Alison, whose trust in God and forgiveness toward others appeared to defy neurobiological explanation. How did his encounter with the Christ story produce in him the Christlike responses that it did? This question launched the author on a thrilling quest to listen to the scriptures and take up questions of creation, humanity, sin, Jesus, salvation, the Spirit, and the body of Christ, to hear what might get amplified by our ever-expanding understanding of the human brain. Readers are invited to eavesdrop on the twists and turns of the author's story and take up their own practice of listening to the Spirit, scripture and theology through the earpiece of neuroscience, and to become curious how the Christ story may spark trust which unlocks our brain's capacity to engage reality with relationality, kindness, creativity, and access to joy.

30 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

THE PATH OF CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

WESTERN MYSTICISM

THE TEACHINGS OF SS AUGUSTINE, GREGORY, AND BERNARD ON CONTEMPLATION AND THE CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE; NEGLECTED CHAPTERS IN THE HISTORY OF RELIGION
