

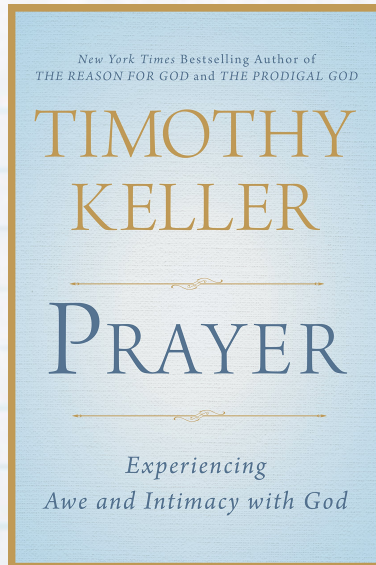
# BOOKS TO GROW

## Prayer, Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God

by the Author of *THE REASON FOR GOD* and *THE PRODIGAL GOD*, Timothy Keller

### OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN

Read what St. Augustine, Martin Luther, and John Calvin all had to say about the Lord's Prayer in Timothy Keller's book, *Prayer, Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God*. It was the prayer Jesus prayed when asked by the disciples to teach them how to pray. Martin Luther spent 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes each evening praying through the Lord's Prayer and praying it differently each time as needed. You will never pray the Lord's Prayer the same again after reading this book!



going to make it because of all we are facing. I'm certainly not. We have to pray, we can't let it just slip our minds." For more than 12 years since Pastor Keller and his wife cannot remember missing a night of prayer together.

Regardless of what your experience has been with prayer, you will find something in this book that will enhance your prayer life. Characteristically, Keller draws upon the writings of those from various walks of life including, scholars and lay persons who have wrestled with their desire for prayer, the theology of prayer, and the outcome. Why do we pray? What should we expect when we pray? What do we learn when we pray? Are there rules for prayer such that we can have a deepened prayer life and encounter God in an intimate way? And what are some practical

ways to make prayer a daily discipline in our lives? He looks at the tradition of prayer and how God uses prayer and meditation on His Word to teach us and speak to us.

### IF YOU HAD THE CURE FOR A DISEASE...

When going through a particularly difficult time after 9/11 pastoring a large church in NYC, Pastor Keller and his wife began praying together every night no matter what after his wife offered the following challenge: "Imagine you were diagnosed with such a lethal condition that the doctor told you that you would die within hours unless you took a particular medicine-a pill every night before going to sleep. Imagine that you were told that you could never miss it or you would die. Would you forget? Would you not get around to it some nights? No-it would be so crucial that you wouldn't forget, you never miss. Well, if we don't pray together to God, we're not

Prayer is the only entry way into genuine self-knowledge. It is also the main way we experience deep change-the reordering of our loves. Prayer is how God gives us so many of the unimaginable things he has for us. Indeed, prayer makes it safe for God to give us many of the things we most desire. It is the way we know God, the way we finally treat God as God. Prayer is simply the key to everything we need to do and be in life. We must learn to pray. We have to.

-From Chapter One, *Prayer*.

There are three kinds of prayer.

1. **Upward prayer**-praise and thanksgiving.
2. **Inward prayer**- self-examination and confession.
3. **Outward prayer**- supplication and intercession.

**Chapter 12 Awe: Praising His Glory**

**ANSWER THE QUESTION ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE AND SUBMIT FOR A CHANCE TO WIN LAST MONTH'S BOOK, HOW DO WE KNOW GOD IS REALLY THERE?**



Timothy Keller is the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, which he started in 1989 with his wife, Kathy, and three young sons. For over twenty years he has led a diverse congregation of young professionals that has grown to a weekly attendance of over 5,000.



# BOOK REVIEW

## Teaching Children How to Think About God

At an early age children begin having deep questions about God that begin to form their understanding of HIM. Dr. William Lane Craig, PhD. is a Philosopher and Theologian. In his 10 part series for children, on the attributes of God, Dr. Craig addresses some of the most popular misunderstandings about God and helps parents to begin having conversations with even their younger children about what God is like. Parents will find these books most helpful in guiding their discussions with their children about God.

*God Is Spirit* addresses the attribute God as spirit without a body. It will help parents talk about us as both body and spirit. Riverton member Jeffrey Rodman read *God Is Spirit* to his 3, 5, and 9 year old children and found it helpful for children to understand that God is not a white, bearded old man as picture books often depict. They stayed interested throughout the story



although they did not ask to read it again. The illustrations are for younger children although the concepts are

more complex. He noted this book did not address the Trinity as an attribute. That is addressed in another book.

## KIDS CORNER TRIVIA CONTEST!

In the book **How Do We Know God Is Really There?**, Thomas asks his father how we can be sure God exists. His father explains that science helps tell us about the existence of God. Mr. Edwin Hubble invented a telescope that shows us the universe had a \_\_\_\_\_.

Look in the book to see what the Hubble telescope helped discover that is one way that points us to God.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Dr. Craig's website has podcasts, articles, and other resources at [www.reasonablefaith.org](http://www.reasonablefaith.org).

Dr. Craig has authored over 30 books and over 100 articles in professional journals of philosophy and theology.

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