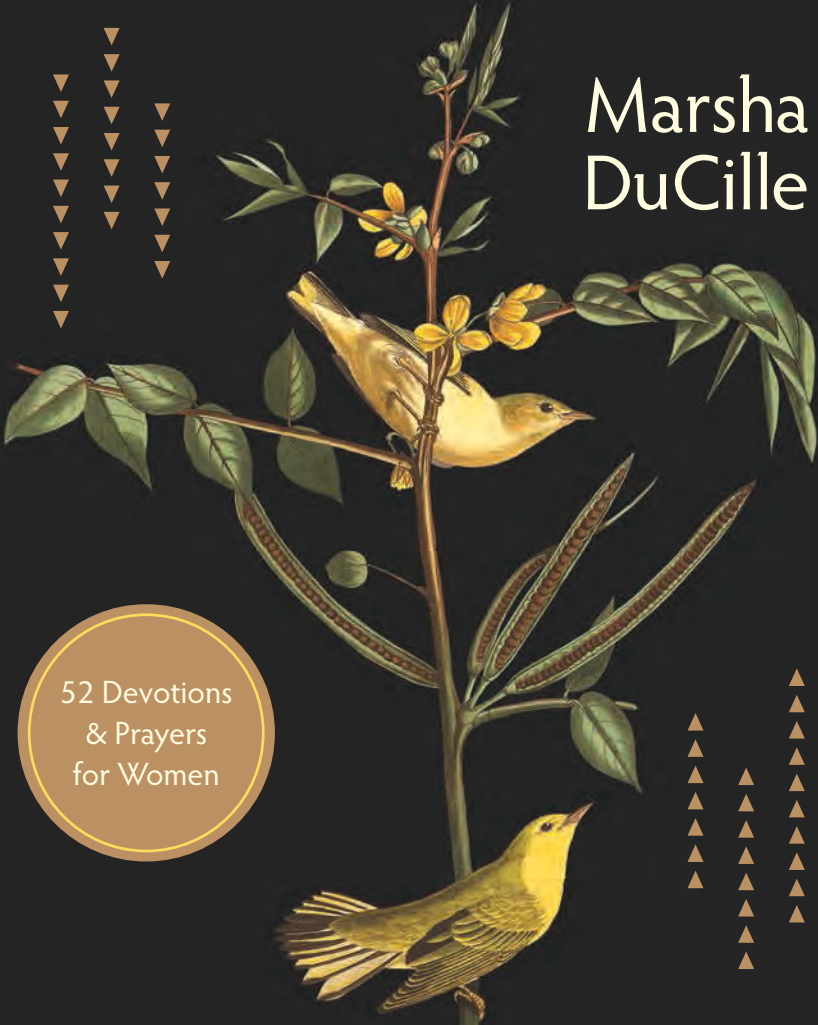


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INTRODUCTION

P RAYER IS LESS COMPLICATED than many think. Oddly, some religions claim that it requires certain clothing, specific chants, a particular time of day, or a shower. (*Yes, a shower!*) But prayer—our conversation with God—is about building an authentic relationship. It can happen anywhere and at any time; and there’s no extra credit for eloquent words or lengthy speeches.

Some people pray in writing and through songs, while others pray in their hearts or out loud. Whatever your approach, *CALLED to Pray* will help you connect with God in an effective and gratifying way.

Throughout this beautiful journal book, you’ll find *fifty-two devotions* that guide you into a more meaningful prayer life. The topics cover real-life issues that impact real-life women—because our lives have many ups and downs. There are also *fifty-two declarations* and *fifty-two prayers* to echo the deepest sentiments of your heart.

God is calling you into a closer relationship with him. Prayers don’t have to be complicated, so make yours whatever you need them to be.

~Marsha D’Cille

1. The Meaning

For Understanding Prayer



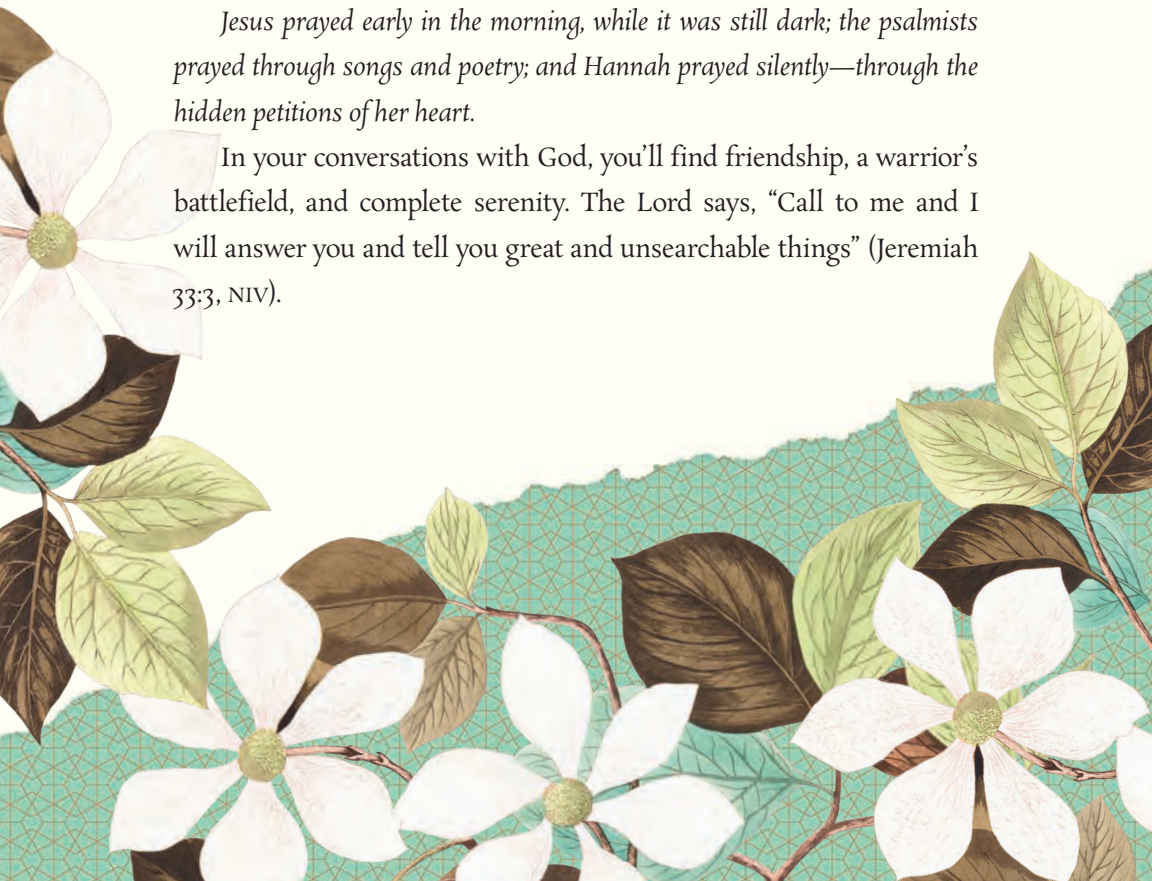
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SIMPLY PUT, PRAYER IS A TWO-WAY CONVERSATION between you and God. It's an all-purpose connection to a Father who yearns for a relationship with you. The Lord said, "Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you . . . unfailing love" (Isaiah 55:3).

You'll find 222 prayers in the King James Bible. The mere volume can seem quite daunting. But if anything, let the vastness inspire you to make your prayer talks more *personal*, more *creative*, more *whatever* you need them to be.

Jesus prayed early in the morning, while it was still dark; the psalmists prayed through songs and poetry; and Hannah prayed silently—through the hidden petitions of her heart.

In your conversations with God, you'll find friendship, a warrior's battlefield, and complete serenity. The Lord says, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things" (Jeremiah 33:3, NIV).



✧ PRAYERFUL THOUGHTS

Dear Lord,

Open the windows of heaven, so you may always hear my voice. Walk and talk with me—as you did with Adam—in the coolness of the day. Tell me that you’re listening, my ever-faithful God.

Open my ears to your instruction; help me know it’s you I hear. Take my hand, dear heavenly Father, and guide me into a stronger relationship with you.

In Jesus’ name, amen.

* **KEEPSAKE**

“Prayer is a two-way conversation.”

2. Look Around

For Greater Faith



Chipping
Sparrow

MY FAITH HAS AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE—because I’ve seen what others have to blindly believe. At the age of nine, I slipped into a coma, and my doctor said that I was headed toward death. I didn’t know much about God, but while comatose, I experienced something supernatural and miraculous. *Supernatural* because I had a divine encounter; *miraculous* because I’m still here.

Based on what I saw, I know—with certainty—that God is real. This certitude has given me the advantage of knowing that a real God hears my prayers. But each of us can have greater faith simply by looking around. The psalmist wrote: “The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known” (Psalm 19:1-2).

Taking a prayer walk (on the beach, along a trail, or up a mountain) is a wonderful way to “see” God. Surrounded by the beauty of his creation, you’ll be assured that God is real.



✕ PRAYERFUL THOUGHTS

Dear Lord,

When my faith grows weak, please show me that you're real. Some days, I need to know that you're not a figment of my imagination. Reveal your invisible hand in both the spectacular and small—the wave of the ocean, the sunset in the sky, the rainbow after the rain, and the brush of the wind.

Please awaken my senses and wipe away my doubts.

In Jesus' name, amen.

* KEEPSAKE

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