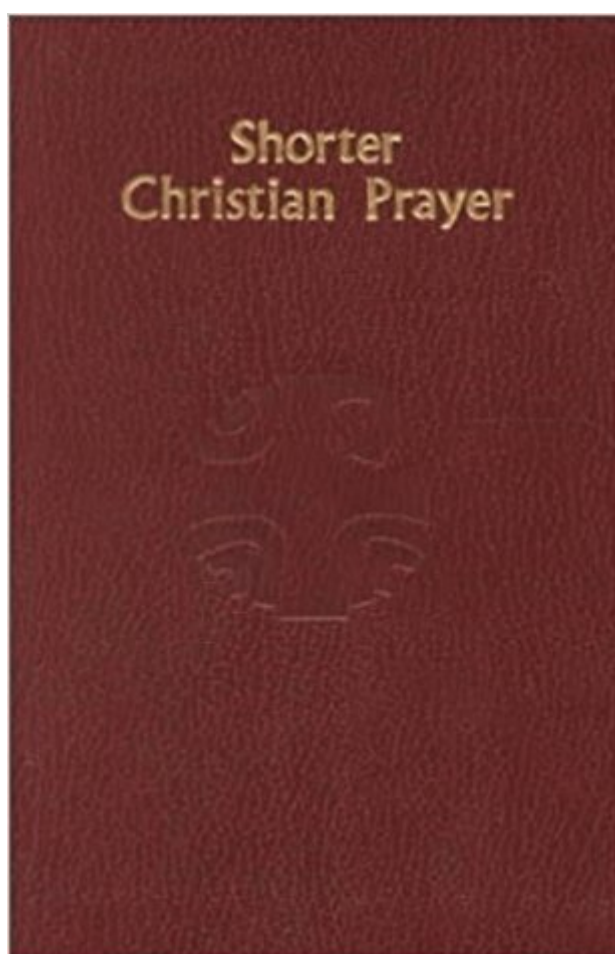


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Synopsis

This shorter edition of Christian Prayer presents a selection of material for Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer in a format that is easier for the lay person to use than the complete Christian Prayer or the four-volume Liturgy of the Hours. vinyl

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Shorter Christian Prayer is a small version of the multi-volumed Liturgy of the Hours, and is excellent for Catholics and others who wish to have prayers for morning and evening, and to have a guide to follow the seasons of the year, Advent, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost. Some of the weekly prayers are repeated by the user because there is not room to contain a different one for each day. The instructions for following the liturgy are listed within the book, as each appropriate time. For example, the Invitory prayer for the Easter Season is Psalm 95, with a particular response to each stanza. By the end of six weeks, one can say the Psalm by heart! There is the same gospel reading for every morning, and every evening, from the Gospel of Luke. Reading them slowly and with thought helps one understand the greatness of God's gift to us, Jesus Christ.

I regularly pray the Liturgy of the Hours on my own and use the 4-volume version. Recently, I began praying with an ecumenical group with other Christian traditions. Morning Prayer has been a very effective way for us to pray together. Shorter Christian Prayer is an easy-to-use and reasonably

priced way for us to pray our morning prayer. This is a must have for anyone looking to pray the psalms in the tradition of the Church!

I greatly admire those who commit to morning and evening prayer, though I am still learning. This book is less intimidating than the Christian Prayer volume, and easier to carry. It gives us the liturgical year in abbreviated form, though it still contains seasonal variations, hymns, and commons. This is a second purchase, it will make a great gift.

Keep this in the car for those days when I'm rushed or when I'm not home to say the regular Christian Prayer. It's very convenient and has most of the important prayers and antiphons. Only has propers for major Feasts and Solemnities though. I find it useful for a busy life.

This might be just the book you are looking for if you want to pray the Psalms each day along with the Church. There are a number of times in the Liturgical year when the actual readings for the Divine Office are different, but if you don't mind this, you can still use this 4-week cycle of the Psalms which in many cases corresponds with the proper weeks of the Liturgical year. The bottom line is that this is a thin volume that you can carry around with you, put in your Bible cover or pocket and share in the Church's liturgy. I'm glad I have this when I don't carry the full text of Christian Prayer.

The book contains the morning, evening, and night prayers of the Liturgy of Hours which are the Catholic Church's only required prayers for those clergy and religious men and women active in the apostolate, as opposed to the monastics who have to pray more at different times (mid-morning, mid-day, mid-afternoon, etc) of the day the Liturgy of the Hours. However, this book is also good for lay people who desire a structured way of praying that resonates, echoes, and harmonizes with the prayers of monks, nuns, priests, and religious men and women all over the globe, at every hour, today and in the past centuries. The book is handy, easy to read and follow, and leatherette bound. A good gift also for people who are spiritually serious.

I have the large one volume for home, but I picked this up for traveling. The only drawback is that it only has one tassel. Also, make sure you get a copy with the morning and evening prayer Gospel canticles printed on the front and back covers.

Good for daily prayer.

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