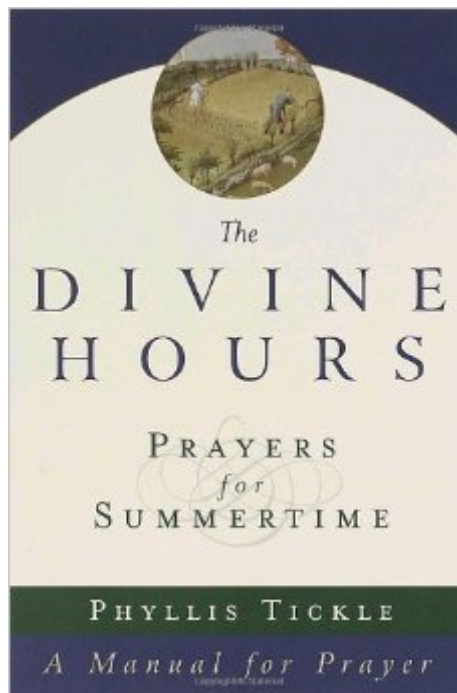


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The hours, or daily prayers said at set times during the day in order to praise God and sanctify the day, has been a part of Jewish and Christian practice for thousands of years. I have tried to take up this practice in the past but have given it up as it usually requires several books, a dozen or so ribbon markers, and an intimate knowledge of the complexities of the liturgical calendar in order to do it. What should be a prayerful experience seemed to me to be a physical and mental juggling act that was tedious and wearying. What Phyllis Tickle has done is to use the calendar we all use, put all (or most-the repetitive night prayers are in one monthly section) of the prayers on one or two pages and put one ribbon (really all you need) in the binding. The prayers are available for each day for morning, evening, and night. If you wish, there are prayers for noon also. Having followed this volume for a period, I can say that my own personal experience is that this is a wonderful devotion which I intend to keep up. There is enough variety to hold your interest and it is simple and easy to follow. Those short one and two week prayerbooks quickly become old. Here is a different arrangement and selection for every day. I thought this was an excellent publishing idea. I am an individual who is struggling with issues of faith, belief, meaning, church, etc. I wanted some type of organized prayer that I could do in private as I grow/read/learn slowly at my own pace and this volume has been just what I needed at this point in my life. I need only open this book and spend a bit of time in prayer and thought. I have even tried chanting when alone and that has been rewarding. This book has helped me come closer to a God I am trying to learn about more.

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