

**Endorsements for**  
***A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World***  
**By Paul Miller**

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What a refreshing book! If you're tired of religious prayer games and rote prayers that stop at the ceiling or if you have suspected that God was on vacation somewhere, this book will change your life.

**--Steve Brown, professor, Reformed Theological Seminary; teacher on the syndicated radio program Key Life**

Honest, realistic, mature, wise, deep. Warmly recommended.

**--J.I. Packer, author (with Carolyn Nystrom) of *Praying***

Paul Miller captures the promise of prayer as a gift that connects us to the heart of the Father and as a path for transforming the world. Paul Miller's honest struggle with living a life full of prayer and his childlike delight in hearing the heart of God invites us to gratitude and calls us to speak boldly to our God. This book will be like having the breath of God at your back.

**--Dan B. Allender, PhD, author of *Leading With a Limp* and *The Wounded Heart***

Paul Miller teaches us to pray where we live: in the messiness of ordinary lives filled with kids, jobs, ministries, and other people's constant needs and demands. He doesn't offer shortcuts because, in his words, 'you can't get to know God on the fly.' But he does offer real encouragement and practical tools to grow deeper in an intimate conversation with God, no matter what point you're starting from.

**--Cynthia Hyle Bezek, editor of *Pray!* magazine ([praymag.com](http://praymag.com)); author of *Come Away with Me***

If Jesus or Jesus' saving grace is just an abstraction to you, Paul Miller will be a great help in making his love a living reality to your heart.

**--Dr. Tim Keller, senior pastor, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York, NY; author of *A Reason for God***

*A Praying Life* is a deeply moving testimony to God's power in prayer. Paul Miller shares his life and biblical wisdom to instill in us, his readers, a 'heart that becomes a factory of prayer,'—that is, a passion to speak to God honestly and in a way that will change our life and the lives of others for whom we pray.

**--Tremper Longman III, PhD, author (with Dan Allender) of *The Intimate Mystery***

Paul Miller refuses to separate the spiritual life from the rest of our daily living. In *A Praying Life*, he shows the difference that constant communication with Christ makes in the everyday experiences of life, especially the life of the family. Reading this book will help you make prayer a more important part of your own life story by integrating prayer into the daily routines of life.

**--Dr. Philip Ryken, senior minister, Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA; author of *The Message of Salvation***

In my library, I have perhaps twenty different volumes on prayer, but none as so captured my heart or propelled me into fresh communion with our Father as much as *A Praying Life*. Finally, a book that applies the radical implications of the gospel of God's grace to prayer! With childlike wonder, sage-like wisdom, and heartfelt candor, Paul shows us that to pray is to see Jesus more clearly and meet him more regularly in every single aspect and moment of the day. Thanks, my friend, for calling me back to what really matters.

**--Scotty Smith, pastor for preaching, teaching, and worship, Christ Community Church, Franklin, TN**

Charles Spurgeon wrote, 'Prayer does not fit us for the greater works; prayer is the greater work.' Paul Miller's superb book calls us back to this 'greater work,' reminding us of the joy we find in our Lord's presence and equipping us with practical insight on how to recapture the intimacy and power of a praying life.

**--Ken Sande, president, Peacemaker Ministries**

This is as fine a book on prayer that you will ever read, but it is so much more. It is the story of our struggle to actually live like we believe that our Heavenly father really does love us. If we did, nothing could keep us from being committed to the day by day hard work of prayer. Paul exegetes our struggle in a way that is convicting, insight giving and encouraging. This is a book on prayer that actually makes you want to pray!

**--Paul David Tripp, author of *A Shelter in the Time of Storm***

The timely word and work of Paul Miller has had a profound effect on me. Now with *A Praying Life*, here he is with another right-on-time delivery! This book reveals that the secret to a prayerful life is an active understanding of the stories you are living. In every story a prayer; in every prayer a story.

**--Charlie Peacock, singer and songwriter; co-director, Art House America; author of *New Way to Be Human***

Like many Christians, I struggle to maintain a meaningful prayer life. Too often my prayers are hurried, shallow, and perfunctory. In his book *A Praying Life*, Paul Miller has provided an inspirational and helpful resource for all of us who want to pray better. Paul uses compelling stories, solid scriptural support, and insightful spiritual principles to first explain the nature of prayer and then to provide practical suggestions on how to pray. You will enjoy reading this book and then, I think, marvel at how much more meaningful your prayer life can become.

**--Bob Russell, retired senior minister, Southeast Christian Church; author of *When God Builds A Church***

Many books on prayer simply make you feel guilty about your prayer life. Here is a book that has the potential to actually improve your prayer life. I found it helpful.

**--Paul Kooistra, PhD, director, Mission to the World; author of *Thirty-One Days of Grace* and *Supper Is Ready***

If you are one who struggles with prayer, if you have become discouraged, frustrated, or even hopeless about prayer, then this book is for you. With personal warmth, practical insight, and refreshing honesty, Paul Miller identifies the struggles many (most!) of us have in developing any kind of consistent and meaningful prayer life and sets us on a journey into the heart of prayer. This journey is not just about technique; it's also about being real in a relationship with our Father, who loves us with a personal and passionate love. *A Praying Life* is not only immensely helpful and encouraging but also, shall I say it, enjoyable to read!

**--Ted Powers, church planting coordinator, Mission to North America**

Paul Miller is an artist in prayer. In *A Praying Life*, Miller weaves a tapestry of prayer and life. Like a craftsman teaching an apprentice, he encourages us to do the same. Life's daily events are like the disconnected strands of the warp. Interweaving prayer is the connecting woof that intersects everyday life and gives it color, texture, and purpose. Miller knows his aim. He trains by living illustrations of integrity and example.

**--John Smed, author of *Seven Days of Prayer with Jesus***