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This volume is liturgically accurate, magnificently printed, and beautifully bound as befits its use for the Prayer of the Church. You will find this book ideal for both your private and your communal daily prayer. This product has a font size of 10.

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Didymus Bibliophilus says

A must-have for any Christian who wants to bring a bit of the monastic into his daily life, and particularly for Catholic laity.

Eric Bradley says

A one volume edition of the Liturgy of Hours (canonical hours or breviary) of the Roman Catholic church. I stumbled upon this book as I was reading the online booklet "Discovering Prayer: How to Pray the Liturgy of the Hours" by Seth H. Murray, to which his instructions in using this book I found very helpful. The book definitely has a learning curve to it, to which I have continually referred back to the introduction to for assistance, but the rhythm and patterns of praying the breviary are beautiful and well worth the effort. I especially enjoy the hymnal section of the book, although I have more than once had to look up YouTube videos of the tunes to get a feel for some of the less known tunes. The one main drawback (beyond the learning curve) I have found with this book is that it requires a lot of 'thumbing around' to the various sections for each prayer time. Another, although less minor drawback, is that it does not provide a complete Office of Readings, but this specific prayer can still be completed with a personal Bible. I recommend this to anyone looking to add to their personal devotion time or prayer life.

Jay D says

Excellent daily prayer guide.

Katie says

Apparently many of the clergy of the Catholic church are required to use this daily prayer book. feeling left out, I decided to join this communion of people praying the same morning and evening prayers across the world. It makes me feel connected to something much greater.

Benjamin Vineyard says

A beautiful prayer book that takes a bit of work to know what pages to flip to.

Why pray in this tradition?

- 1.) The essence of praying with others and in ancient tradition has a depth to it - prayer feels like a connection to the ancient way asked for in Jeremiah 6, something beyond the emotion or sentiment I can muster within myself each morning.
- 2.) The rhythm of each day and each season can be marked with prayer like this as sacred time; in such

prayer, you can begin to see time in a different light - with seasons made to shape the soul in particular ways, according to the seasons.

Why Use a Prayer Book or Breviary?

--- To get me out of my own self and begin to absorb the words around me as living words (namely, the Psalms and Gospels).

Why would a Lutheran, like myself, pray with a traditional Catholic prayer book?

--- There's deep tradition that Catholics, Lutherans, and others share; this prayer book contains it - with exception to the occasional prayers to Mary, etc. (I skipped those parts.)

--- I wanted to experience something akin to the monastic rhythms of prayer; this book connected me to something like that.

Other Prayer Book Preferences:

- 1.) The Benedictine Short Breviary (St. John's Abbey)
- 2.) The Treasury of Daily Prayer (Concordia)
- 3.) Common Prayer (Claiborne, Wilson-Hartgrove, Okoro)

Mark says

10 stars! This is the ultimate Catholic prayer book. If you're not familiar with the Liturgy Of The Hours it will take some learning as like most things in Catholicism, it's a little complicated but once you understand the rhythm of this daily prayer gold mine, it quickly will become an invaluable resource you'll treasure. There's so much contained in this one volume set you'll never run out of something fresh to pray daily (depending on how you use it).

There are 3 main Breviaries (which is what the book/books of the Liturgy Of The Hours are called) which are "Shorter Christian Prayer", this one volume "Christian Prayer", and the 4 volume set of Christian Prayer which is the most complete. This one volume edition has the complete Morning, Evening and Night Prayers, and most of the Daytime Prayer (I think the standard Psalter and not individual holy days) and a lot of the Office of Readings.

Catholic priests are required to pray each of the prayer times daily, which is quite a lot for any lay person, making this one volume a really good choice for us laity. Personally, I have developed my own little routine which with the vastness of prayers and readings to choose from here makes it easy to customize.

There's plenty of info online about using this. One the absolute best resources I've found is this free online daily guide so you know exactly what page we're on for morning and evening prayer each day:
<http://liturgyofthehours.org/singlevol/>

Here's probably the most helpful website I found about getting started in the LOTH:

<http://www.philipkosloski.com/a-begin...>

The photos on this blog look an awful lot like the book I own even with similar ribbons!

The entire LOTH is available free online in a few places including here:

<http://www.ibreviary.org/en/tools/ibr...>

and there's a free app. Personally, I much prefer to not only read, but also pray from paper than an electronic device, but it's sure handy to have this other option at times, and makes it available for free!

It took me a REALLY long time to understand how this is laid out and the prayer cycles. There is a lot of page flipping in this Catholic Book Publishing Company edition. The Daughters Of St. Paul edition is a little more cohesive, but it is out of print (there's more info on these comparisons online too). I was actually ambivalent about using this regularly until it eventually clicked. Then, a few times since I thought I had it down, I would still get confused, but I kept on learning. But I don't think anyone needs to feel obligated to use this the way it's "supposed" to be every single day, so don't let the "methods" stop you from using this. I also find changing my routine from time to time help keeps my prayer life fresh.

I use this Breviary usually more than once every day now. The best advice to learning this is knowing the Roman Catholic Liturgical Calendar as it's all based off that, and like the Daily Mass, will change depending on the day of the Liturgical year. Of course, this is not a novel, and isn't intended to be read/prayed from cover to cover, but is more like the Bible or the Roman Missal.

My book edition is a leather bound current 1976 edition, but a major update is now in progress by the bishops which may be a few years yet before it's available. This prevented me from purchasing a new copy deciding to wait until the new one is out if I do. If you like the paper versions like I do, there are many used copies available at a low cost.

If you want to have a more structured prayer life, this is the ultimate prayer book!

Abraham Ambrocio says

Life changing...

Pam says

A vital part of my daily walk with God.

Kathy says

I am an IS/N T P/J. this was a hard book for me to get used to. I have since found other liturgy of the hours books that suit me better. For an SJ this would be a good daily prayer book. It takes much discipline to use it daily and get used to where to look for each day's set of prayers. I have since learned to love it, but not as my favorite daily prayer book. I recommend 'Divine office for Dodo's' to learn to use this book.

Joy Patton says

Want this book

Ted Funn says

Really enjoy the psalms and uplifting passages from new testament.
