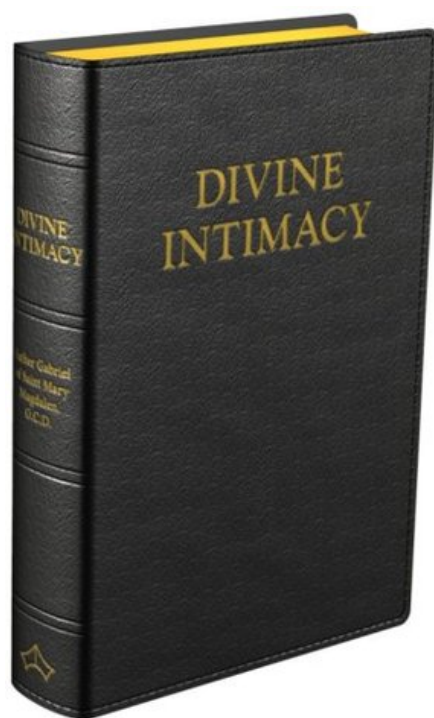




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This Book of Meditations is a classic and is seeped in Carmelite spirituality. For every day it offers two meditations, in liturgical arrangement, that enable the soul to enter the conscious presence of God and to reflect on the theme of the day. These are followed by a 'Colloquy' that helps the person at prayer to start a friendly conversation with God where acts of praise and love, petition and thanksgiving are made, together with good resolutions for the future. Here we are at the very heart of prayer, which is a heart-to-heart encounter in faith with the living God.

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Jack Davis says

An outstanding daily meditation volume. It has two meditations for each day.

The meditations are written in such a way that as you proceed on your spiritual journey they unfold and you get more out of them each year that you read them.

This is my fifth year and they continue to be a new source of knowledge and direction on the journey.

Joyce says

Excellent daily devotional, especially for those with a Carmelite spirituality.

loraknits says

This is a beautiful book of daily meditations which should be in everyone's library! I plan to continue reading this book and hope to gift them to my daughters :-)

Frank says

This is probably one of the best books I have read on understanding prayer and intimacy with God. He quotes extensively from Carmelites throughout the ages especially John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila. I has daily readings with a special topic for each reading for instance Transforming love, The Yes of Perfect consent, Desolation and Darknes, etc. It is book that goes on year after year with new meaning to life and divine intimacy.

Elizabeth McNally says

I'm just going to keep reading this book. It's excellent for meditations, and the author takes you through the development of spirituality and deepening of prayer life. It's beautiful, and I recommend it to anyone who is seeking communion with God. It's my new favorite, along with the Bible and the Imitation of Christ.

Sharie says

Outstanding daily meditations! The colloquy at the end of each reading speaks to the heart and is a wonderful prompt for further praise and thanksgiving!

♥ Ibrahim ♥ says

It has a lot of wonderful theological, devotional insights. But it strikes me as archaic in its devotional style and stodgy. You would have to be already immersed in religiosity in order to appreciate this kind of literature. I got bored. I wanted to get blessed but I lost patience. I will try to give it another chance and if it still persists along that stiff, stodgy side, then I have just to give back to the library. I can tell that I am not religious while I like to be a spiritual person, if I could.

Holly says

An excellent guide for learning how to practice mental prayer; many excellent points of our Faith discussed for meditation!

David Carignan says

This book is an excellent daily spiritual retreat. I highly recommend it for any one desiring to walk and live a life in closer intimacy with God(see title). It is not for the faint-of-heart, but if allowed, it will inflame your heart with a holy passion. I have been using this book for personal reflection for some years now.

Christine says

I have this as a four-volume paperback set that goes through every day of the liturgical calendar. There are two reflections each weekday, and one each Sunday (for each of three Sundays in the A, B, C rotation.)

I highly recommend this for personal daily reflection. This is a big part of my morning prayer routine, and I can't recommend it highly enough.

Patti Clement says

This book was a gift from a lay carmelite that I directed on a retreat. It is said to undoubtedly be the classic Carmelite work on meditation. Wonderful jewel!

Mary Rubega says

December is an especially good time to begin reading this book. It contains daily readings beginning with December 1. Each reading contains three parts: 1 entering into the presence of God, 2. meditation, 3 talking to God.

Sanctity: God has given us everything we need to become saints. Seeds of sanctification were planted with our baptism. Jesus sacrificed everything for us, now we need to do part. We need to say yes to accepting God's will in our life.

Deus caritas est.....God is love

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James Andersen says

After spending a whole Liturgical Year with this book, I can say that this book is something that anyone should read who wants to improve their devotional life, everyday there is something new to learn, this book covers every aspect of the Faith and the Life of Christ throughout the Liturgical Year. This book I would certainly recommend all people to read throughout the year, and once completed that book, to use it as a reference for several purposes when writing or speaking to a group of believers or even with evangelization. In my personal experience using this book, I found that as I went throughout the Liturgical Year as I was reading this book there were times that I realized the wisdom presented was timely, or I wished that I had read that particular piece of insight sooner. I do not intend to let this book go, but I do intend to let others know about it!

booklady says

July 19, 2018: Today I read something I would highlight in any other book. Not liking to mark in this one, here is the quote:

'Do you know how to recognize the moments in which Our Lord visits your soul? A word read or heard, perhaps even by chance, an edifying example, an interior inspiration, a new light which makes you see your faults more clearly and opens new horizons of virtue and of good—all are visits from Jesus. And you, how do you correspond? Is your soul sensitive to these lights, to these admonitions? Do you not sometimes turn your gaze away, fearing that the light you have glimpsed may ask you for sacrifices which are too painful for your self-love?'

Jan 5, 2018: I have really had to grow into this book. It came highly recommended to me many years ago and I rushed out to buy it, only to be turned off by it. Published in 1952, it reads rather tersely* not unlike Francis Fernandez and his series beginning with, In Conversation with God - Volume 1 Part 1: Advent, which I had the same reaction to for many years. A few attempts at each left me feeling inadequate, a sure sign I am not ready for a book ... and may never be.

Since then many others have continued to recommend this and Fernandez to me. Now as a Secular Carmelite, *Divine Intimacy* comes even more highly recommended. So I am going to try this year to read the entire book. Here is a calendar guide which while especially for Carmelites, is available and applicable to all.

*It was originally written in Italian, so translation may have something to do with this as well.

Margaretflynn says

Old school, but a weekly companion just the same. It's a keeper. I have my own dog-eared copy.
