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## KEEP THE FIRES BURNING: WHAT DO WE PUT INTO PRAYER

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Catholic Updates: *Catholic Updates* are available for you to take home and keep.

- “Pathways of Prayer” by Jack Wintz, O.F.M.  
This Update suggests several simple methods or pathways of prayer, through which the Spirit leads us into living union with God.
- “An Invitation to Prayer” by Father Edward Hays  
This Update invites us to seek and embrace God in prayer.

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Books: *All books are in the library on the shelf marked “G.R.A.C.E”:*

- The Essential Catholic Prayer Book, by the Redemptorist Fathers  
This is a collection of private and community prayers with a glossary of key terms and a brief manual of ways to pray.
- The Art of Praying, by Romano Guardini  
Only God’s grace could perfect your prayers overnight, but in this helpful book you’ll find hundreds of practical ways you can immediately improve your prayers and grow closer to God.
- rest your dreams on a little twig, by Joyce Rupp  
This author shares her personal search for growth, inner freedom, and peace in her first book of poetry/prayer. She helps us grow in spirit by encouraging us to discover the truths in our own hearts.
- Prayers for Surviving Depression, by Kathryn J. Hermes, FSP  
This book offers prayers from those who have suffered depression’s dark days and nights, and yet continue to search for light and strength in their faith.
- 25 Windows into the Soul, Praying with the Psalms, by Joan Chittister  
This prayer journal can be the start of a rich, quiet life of growth in interior prayer that brings peace and faith and reflection and wisdom to the clatter and chaos that is so much a part of modern life.
- Prayers For All Occasions, Basilica of the Nat. Shrine of Immaculate Conception  
This small book offers a collection of familiar prayers.
- Prayers and Devotions from Pope John Paul II  
This is a collection of the Pope’s thoughts on a series of mysteries, events, celebrations and commemorations.
- Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, Nat. Conference of Catholic Bishops  
A collection containing prayers and blessings which have marked the joys, sorrows, celebrations and daily routines of many generations.
- Prayers for Expectant Parents, Liturgy Training Publications  
The time in which we await the birth of a child is a time of prayer.
- Painting Rainbows with Broken Crayons, Bernadette Snyder  
101 prayers for teachers, parents and other caretakers that encourages you to share the gift—the children you work with daily—with the Giver.

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## Anointing of the sick and dying

### What do our Catechisms say about this Sacrament?

The following quotes are from the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

- Christ's compassion toward the sick and his healing of almost every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that "God has visited his people." CCC 1503, Luke 7:16
- The special grace of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects:
  - the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole church;
  - Giving the sick person the strength, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age;
  - imparting the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance;
  - providing for the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul;
  - helping the sick person in the preparation for passing over to eternal life. CCC, 1532
- The Holy Spirit gives to some a special charism of healing, so as to make manifest the power of grace of the risen Lord. CCC, 1508
- Jesus' healings announced a more radical healing: the victory over sin and death...By his passion and death on the cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering; it can...configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive Passion. CCC 1505

The following quotes are from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults:

- The Sacrament ...has a very important community dimension. In any illness ... we should never have to stand alone. We should never have to face infirmity without the consolation of others. Today there is an effort to bring people together for a communal celebration of this Sacrament...It can serve the purpose of the Sacrament and build up the faith of the community itself. (p. 256)
- Our reaction to infirmity is to seek alleviation. With a perfect understanding of the human person, Christ has provided the Church from its beginning with a spiritual as well as a corporeal remedy for our illness. We are not just flesh and bone. We are spirit, mind, and body. (p. 256)
- The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. The Sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after the anointing but becomes ill again, or if, during the same illness, the person's condition becomes more serious. A person should be anointed before surgery... (p. 253)

