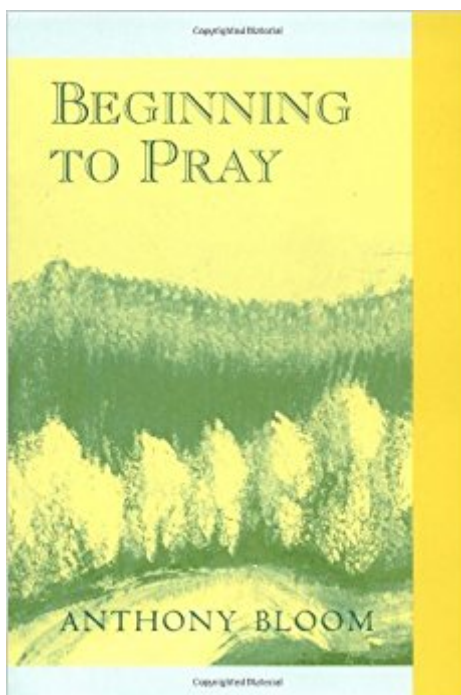


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ANTHONY BLOOM; son of a Russian diplomat, physician, monk and archbishop of the Russian Orthodox Church in Great Britain; earned the respect and affection of countless people worldwide because of his deep humanity and tireless witness to the Gospel. Although he died in 2003 at the age of 89, he continues to offer guidance in the spiritual life through his writings.

Based on a 1970 book by a much loved archbishop of the Russian Orthodox Church in Great Britain (who died last year at age 89), this audio is a splendidly narrated presentation of the author's writing on mercy and hope. Moving "Godward," he says, is not for the fainthearted, proud, or overconfident. It's a humbling experience that takes us to something deeper and richer, but only if we respect the power and abundance that God exercises in our lives on His terms. Compared to God, we possess nothing and are master of nothing. Humbly connecting with His benevolence is the only path to the love we are all meant to have. T.W. © AudioFile 2005, Portland, Maine-- Copyright © AudioFile, Portland, Maine --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Bloom tells his very interesting life story in which he was born in Switzerland (1914), raised in a secular family in Russia and Persia and educated in Paris. He served as an officer and a surgeon in the French army, was a participant in the French Resistance, and finally became a priest. Bloom

points out the importance of addressing the Infinite personally. "There are moments when the sacred writers, for instance, burst out with something which has the quality of a nickname, something which no one else could possibly say, which is made possible only because there is a relationship." He gives examples of the psalms where the psalmist says things like, "You, my joy!" or "You, the pain of my life!" Bloom goes on to say, "When we can address Him with violence, then we have established a relationship of prayer." The title comes from this quote: "The day when God is absent, when he is silent - that is the beginning of prayer."

difficult to keep this book; it keeps "walking away". The absolute best religious author in the world.

loved it

I have not finished the book yet, but what I have read is excellent and very deep on the subject of prayer. This book was recommended to me by the Catholic Byzantine Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Pennsylvania, and is both a book on beginning and advanced prayer.

Met Anthony is so down to earth you can relate to his illustrations easily. I would highly recommend it to anyone interested in a fuller, more real relationship to God.

For anyone who is seeking a deeper prayer life, whether as one who is beginning a journey or someone who is well along the path of faith, this work is an undescribably rich gift from Metropolitan Anthony to the reader. As I read each chapter, I found myself challenged and encouraged to take my prayer life more deeply inward. Metropolitan Anthony does not just introduce techniques or give situational advice to finding a fuller prayer life, He challenges the reader to examine an entirely different way of looking at the source of deep and effective prayer. Unlike many evangelical books on the topic, Metropolitan Anthony seeks to teach us how to fish (to use the well worn cliché) so that we may be fed for a lifetime. I encourage anyone who reads this review to buy this book, read it slowly, over time and allow it to enrich your relationship with God.

This may be an older work but it is as fresh and excellent today as it was when first published. I am so glad that it is still available.

I haven't even read the entire book and I have already learned so much. This book is great for

people who don't know where to go next in their prayer life, or if they feel as if something isn't clicking while they are praying! After reading this book, I've come to begin viewing prayer and actually praying differently. I would highly recommend this book!

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