

About the Companion Resource:

***When You Pray: Daily Practices for Prayerful Living* by Rueben P. Job**

When You Pray is a thoughtful guide that explores the daily practices of living a prayerful life. This resource, with weekly themes and daily Scripture, can provide a consistent connection through the year to draw leaders, small groups, and the whole congregation into a shared experience of prayer practice.

This excellent resource designed for use in a daily prayer time responds to the need we all have for a pattern of prayer that is accessible, usable, and adaptable to our diverse life experiences. Based on the pattern of prayer Jesus gave his disciples, the weekly readings provide ancient and contemporary resources that help lead the reader to a closer relationship with God. Each week's theme and Scripture selections are drawn from the three-year lectionary, with a variety of quotations and an original essay by Bishop Rueben Job providing additional insights related to each week's theme. A bibliography at the back of the book lists additional resources for further spiritual reading.

Churches participating in *Becoming a Praying Congregation* will benefit from using *When You Pray* in a variety of ways:

Pastor

- Use the book to renew your own practice of daily prayer and prepare for the churchwide prayer emphasis.
- Turn to the theme, Scripture, essay, and quotes to build content for a 4-6-week sermon series.

Church Staff and Leadership Team

- Invite the staff and leadership team to use the book as a daily prayer resource. Share experiences and insights in a prayer retreat following this period.
- Invite members of the staff and leadership team to share testimonies of their personal experiences in using *When You Pray* in worship, at a special prayer event, or through newsletter or website articles.
- Share quotes in the bulletin or newsletter to introduce the congregation to the book.

Small Groups

- Invite adult Sunday school classes and other small groups to use the book individually and collectively for a 4-6-week study. A leader guide, *When You Pray as a Small Group*, is available for those who want session plans.

Individual Members / Households

- Offer *When You Pray* as a daily prayer guide for each household in the congregation.
- Provide quotes and articles related to the book in the newsletter or on the church website. Seeing references to words from their daily practice will serve as a unifying act for the congregation.

Families

- Encourage families to use *When You Pray* as a tool for family devotions. A family devotional guide, *When You Pray as a Family*, is available for those who would like devotional plans and ideas.