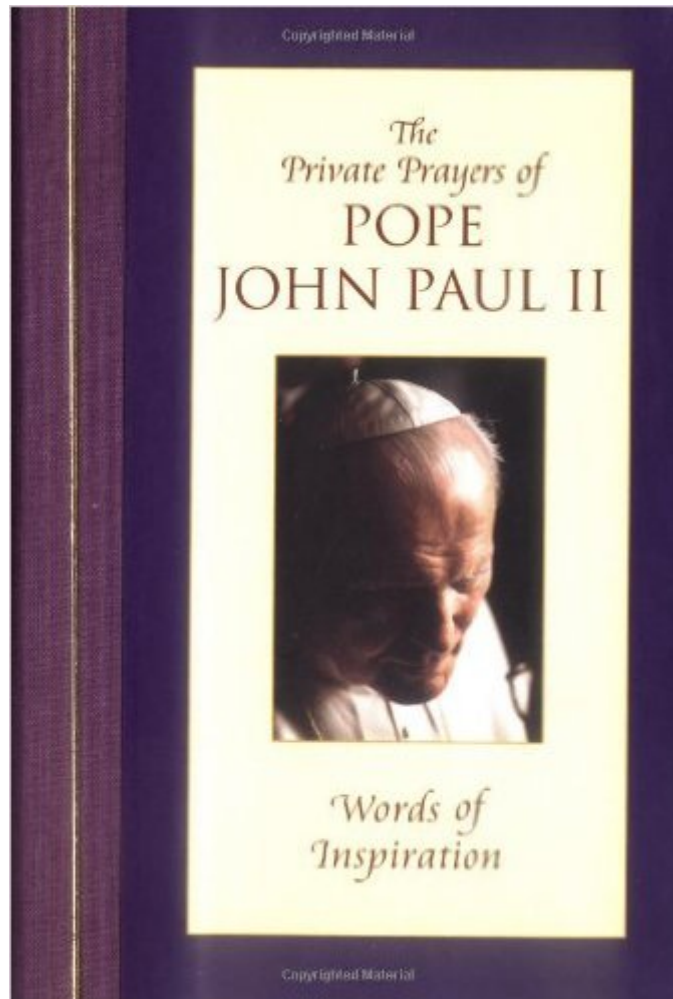


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The first prayer book by the Pope to be published in English, this accessible collection offers readers a rare glimpse into the inner thoughts and private reflections of the world's greatest spiritual father. Specially chosen for their compassion and inspirational insights, the 150 pieces gathered here help illuminate the path to spiritual understanding as they reveal the human soul in all its awesome strength and fragility. Writing on topics that include hope, peace, love and forgiveness, Pope John Paul II shares a simple, heartfelt message that will have particular resonance in today's increasingly complex world. His timeless, sustaining words guide us as we reach out to others and seek to transform our own lives.

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This is a very special book written specifically for those called to the Secular Institutes. This is a, somewhat, "new" vocation of Consecrated lay people within the Church. St. John Paul II identified those called to this vocation as "Spiritual Mountaineers!" This book brings instruction and encouragement to people seeking to live a more holy life in the world around them. It is a collection of his words, but put together in small sections to allow you to read and ponder what he has said. Wonderful book--but targeted for a very specific audience.

Based on the description of this book I expected it to be much more personal or insightful than it turned out to be. I thought it would be somehow more personally touching or revealing than anything

else that has been published before. As it happens, this is really just a collection of various words spoken and written by John Paul II through-out his papacy--It's not at all different from several other books I have already seen. And it doesn't seem as if the Pope had anything to do with this publication. I wish I could have said otherwise, but unfortunately this isn't worth adding to your shelf.

I, too, am disappointed in this book and will be returning it. I bought it as a gift thinking it was a collection of the Pope's prayers to God. Instead, I have found a collection of speeches/papers/instructions to Secular Institutes asking them to "Love the Church" and "Challenge the Young." In the last chapter of the book, there were three actual prayers. Perhaps I allowed the book's title to misguide my expectations. The writing is lovely if you are looking for secular instruction, but don't expect to find the Pope's private prayers.

These are not prayers, but speeches. You'll need to be very spiritually advanced to listen to them. Valuable CD's under incorrect title. I bought this based on an newspaper ad by publisher.

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