

Book Reviews

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Bread of Tomorrow

Praying with the World's Poor

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This anthology of intercessory prayer was first published in Great Britain in 1992. The cover illustration of this latest re-print catches the eye with that vividly colourful rendition of 'The Supper, Hope for the Marginalized', by Sieger Korder, a perfect choice for a collection of prayers focused on and written largely by those pushed to the edges of our world's societies.

Bread of Tomorrow gathers prayers from many nations. The preface poses and offers answers to reflective questions about the nature of petitionary prayer: What do we pray for and where do we pray from? How and why and to whom do we pray?

The material in this anthology is broadly arranged according to the Church's liturgical seasons. It reveals how each particular liturgical cycle can address the concern to strengthen the poor. The preface describes prayer for the poor as "central to what the Church is for" yet warns against such prayer when it is isolated from or merely an alternative to concrete action that strives to alleviate poverty.

Anyone looking for either solitary or communal contemporary forms of intercessory prayer with a special concern for the poor will find here a moving and valuable resource.

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