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Some friends are closer than family. They weave their way into our lives, there to celebrate the highs and comfort us through the lows. And for those special friends, Max Lucado offers forty scriptures and guided prayers that bring joy and serenity in *Pocket Prayers for Friends*.

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Carrie Schmidt (Reading is My SuperPower) says

This beautiful gift book is (so far) my favorite of the Pocket Prayers series! The cover is eye-catchingly gorgeous, and the interior design is so pretty too. Like in the other similar books, the prayers are short and sweet but full of meaning and insights to contemplate throughout the day. A vignette by Max Lucado about prayer opens each book (the same vignette for each one, as far as I can tell), and then the “forty simple prayers” are divided into meaningful categories.

In Pocket Prayers for Friends, written with the fabulous Betsy St. Amant, we are given the opportunity to pray for our friends and their struggles, our own struggles, and our relationships with our friends. “Bless my friends when they struggle with loneliness. Be the companion they seek.” I also love how each prayer points straight to Jesus – “Thank you for being my hero and my protector. You’re my safety net in an unsafe world...”

I love love love the prayers in this little book, and while I'm sending my copy to a friend of mine as a gift, I'm totally tempted to keep it for myself instead :)

(I received a copy of this book in exchange for only my honest review.)

Kathleen (Kat) Smith says

"Hello, my name is Max. I'm a recovering prayer wimp. I doze off when I pray. My thoughts zig, then zag, then zig again. Distractions swarm like gnats on a summer night. If attention deficit disorder applies to prayer, I am afflicted. When I pray, I think of a thousand things I need to do. I forget the one thing I set out to do: pray.

Some people excel in prayer. They inhale heaven and exhale God. They are the SEAL Team Six of intercession. They would rather pray than sleep. Why is it that I sleep when I pray? They belong to the PGA: Prayer Giants Association. I am a card carrying member of the PWA: Prayer Wimps Association. Can you relate? It's not that we don't pray at all. We all pray some.

On tear-stained pillows we pray.

In grand liturgies we pray.

At the sight of geese in flight we pray.

Quoting ancient devotions, we pray.

We pray to stay sober, centered or solvent. We pray when the lump is deemed malignant. When the money runs out before the month does. When the unborn baby hasn't kicked in a while. We all pray...some. But wouldn't we all like to pray....

More?

Better?

Deeper?

Stronger?

With more fire, faith, or fervency? Yet we have kids to feed, bills to pay, deadlines to meet. The calendar pounces on our good intentions like a tiger on a rabbit. We want to pray, but when? We want to pray, but why? We might as well admit it. Prayer is odd, peculiar. Speaking into space. Lifting words into the sky. We can't even get the cable company to answer us, yet God will? The doctor is too busy, but God isn't? We have our doubts about prayer.

Prayer is not a privilege of the pious, not the art of a chosen few. Prayer is simply a heartfelt conversation between God and his child. My friend, he wants to talk with you. Even now, as you read these words, he taps at the door. Open it. Welcome him in. Let the conversation begin. "

(Pg 5-7, 12)

In typical easy reading fashion, Max Lucado introduces readers to Pocket Prayers, 6 uniquely designed books to help Dads, Moms, Friends, Grads, Military, and Teachers with 40 specific prayers designed to help inspire and encourage your prayer life. They will bring joy and serenity in Pocket Prayer for Friends with Max and Betsy St. Amant. They bring peace and rest to Pocket Prayers for Moms with Max and Andrea Lucado. In Pocket Prayers for Dads, 40 simple prayers help bring strength and faith to our men with Max and Mark Mynheir. Pocket Prayers for Grads promises 40 simple prayers that bring hope and direction in the life ahead of them with Max and Andrea Lucado. 40 simple prayers that bring faith and courage can be uncovered in Pocket Prayers for the Military Life, with Max and Mark Myheir, to anyone serving in our military. Finally 40 simple prayers that bring peace and renewal in Pocket Prayers for Teachers, with Max and Jennifer K. Hale.

These simple but encouraging books provide just the right kinds of prayer in every single life of a believer in just the way they need it. I gifted Pocket Prayers for Dads, to my own father, who is just beginning to discover his life as a believer in Christ, to encourage him in his own prayer life. I have gifted Pocket Prayers for Military Life to a close friend who just made the decision to enlist in the army to help him realize that no matter how far from home he is, God will always be right there for him. Pocket Prayers for Graduates is given to my 17-year-old daughter who is graduating in June to help her always realize that when she faces uncertainty in her future, she can always trust God for the right path in her life. I have given Pocket Prayers for Moms to my own mother, because she has always inspired me that prayer is the one thing we always have any time day or night no matter what we are enduring. Finally Pocket Prayers for Teachers I have gifted

to our Youth Pastor who's responsibility it is to help lead the next generation to trust and have faith in God.

I received Pocket Prayers by Max Lucado compliments of Thomas Nelson and Litfuse Publicity for my honest review. I did not receive any monetary compensation, aside from these free books, in exchange for my honest and personal opinions. The one thing I love about any of Max Lucado's books is the down to earth feel you get when reading them. It's not like reading a book, but having a heart to heart conversation with a close friend. He meets you right where you are, and you feel like you're on the same page with him. For me, I struggle a lot in my own prayer life, first doing it and then staying focused when I do. These unique hard covered books are perfect for that person in your life that needs the inspiration and encouragement in their prayer life and that is why I give these a 5 out of 5 stars in my opinion.

Mazzou B says

I thought this set of books an excellent idea! A family could buy the entire set to add to their library; it would be great to refer to each of them as the need arose! Equally beneficial would be to purchase these books to give as gifts to mothers, fathers, graduates, people in the service, teachers, etc. There are six books in this Pocket Prayers series; each of the books are the perfect size for travel or giving as a gift. These hardback books have shiny covers and glossy pages. They are all easy to read and comprehend and will inspire the reader to open them every day.

I especially liked the handy size and the quality of the publishing format. I am not a fan of Max Lucado and didn't agree with everything in these books but in this review I will not delve into that.

I received a set of these books from the publisher in exchange for my honest opinion. I plan on giving away each of these volumes to appropriate people in my life!

D.J. says

Max Lucado writes with humor, compassion, and respect.

He speaks of the Bible, the disciples and how they asked Jesus to teach them to pray.

Then Max, with the help of Betsy St. Amant, has chosen 40 Bible passages, and written out 40 specific prayers — especially for special friends.

After reading through the prayers and writing my review, I placed this book lovingly with other gifts, to give a very special friend.

I hope these prayers are as special to her — and you — as they are to me.

Happy Reading!

God Bless You!

Emilie Hendryx says

Hope, refreshment, wisdom, so much wrapped up into these six little prayer books!

Whether you're a grad, a dad or mom, teacher, in the military, or looking to deepen your friendships through prayer, these pocket prayer books by Max Lucado and guest writers are for you.

The first thing I liked about these books is the fact that they are small, compact, and of fantastic quality. They feel good to hold and are perfect for gifts as much as they are for reading. Another thing I really enjoyed was the fact that the prayers are short, simple, and yet so meaningful! Each book has different sections that help focus the prayers.

The only thing I wish they had was a table of contents because the prayers are broken up into sections and it would be nice to reference a section you wanted to pray through. It's not difficult to thumb through and find what you want though, so not really a negative.

I would definitely recommend these books, whether that is for your self to jump-start your morning (or whenever) prayer time or whether it's to give as gifts. It's obvious they were created with thought and specified toward each category of people. I'm reviewing them here as a whole set from Litfuse, but you can purchase them separately from Amazon.

Find inspiration, thoughtfulness, and guidance for your prayers through this wonderful little books!

My rating: 4.5*

Originally posted on my blog: <http://eahendryx.blogspot.com/2016/04...>

I received free copies of these book for review purposes, but was under no obligation to read the book or post a review. I do so under my own motivation and the opinions I have expressed in this review are honest and entirely my own.

Just Commonly says

"...points...to the certain Source of hope and direction for whatever lies ahead." (back cover)

Max Lucado & company put together a series of Pocket Prayers, published by Thomas Nelson, designed specifically for 6 types of roles. A Pocket Prayer for moms, dads, graduates, the military life, teachers and friends. With 40 prayers in each book, each with a corresponding Bible verse, we are brought back to focus on the One that can give us hope, direction and ultimately peace in our daily lives. As mentioned, each is tailored to a specific role, and though I don't fit into some of these roles, reading through them gives me a glimpse of what burdens this person may have. Furthermore, this insight also softens my heart as compassion and understanding grows. Since I am reviewing the series as a whole, I appreciate each of these pocket sized Pocket Prayers, because I understand that they each serve a purpose for their specific target audience. With that said, these will make great gifts. Give it as a set, for the recipient to share, or gift the specific one you're thinking of. I can also see how perfect it would be included in a gift basket.

This review first appeared on Just Commonly blog.

NOTE: I received a complimentary copy of this book through Litfuse Publicity Tours for an honest review. All opinions expressed are my own. For my review policy, please see my Disclosure page.

Beckie Burnham says

Small books packed with big truths! That's what you get with the Pocket Prayers series by Max Lucado. Each book is geared to a specific audience and provides all you need to begin the transformation from prayer wimp to prayer warrior! I loved the introduction to the books. Obviously written from his heart, Lucado shares the wonder, power and promises that prayer can provide if you access it everyday. Each book has 40 prayers accompanied by 40 scripture verses and is divided into helpful topics for each group. In Pocket Prayers for Friends the topics include Grace And Wisdom, Joy And Companionship, Help And Protection, Peace And Problem-Solving, Longevity And The Future and Love And Forgiveness. These books are an easy introduction to the prayer-power connection!

Recommended!

Thanks to Litfuse for a review copy. All opinions expressed are mine alone.

Janelle Cole says

I recently received a set of Pocket Prayers by Max Lucado. These are awesome!!

This set includes:

? Moms (great for Mother's Day)

? Dads (great for Father's Day)

? Graduates

? Teachers

? Military Life

? Friends

So I have been able to pour over each of these books, and let me assure you they are amazing!! We are all so busy today, and we all want a better/deeper prayer life. These books are filled with short prayers that can really be read. They are quick but powerful tools to help the reader connect with the Lord.

Each book contains 40 simple prayers that will guide the reader into a deeper dialogue with the Lord. They are scripture based and divided into sections by topic.

I really loved these little books, when I read through the friends one, it just reminded me of some truths I needed to hear at the time as I was struggling with some friend issues. As I read through the mom one, I was encouraged and reminded that I need to find time for peace in my daily routine. And the Military one made me cry. Just reminds me of the sacrifices our military makes very day.

So no matter who you are, you know someone who would benefit tremendously by at least one of these books! I know that any mom friend would love the mom or the friend book. The dad book would be a great father's day gift for your hubby, your brother, or even your father.

NOTE : I received a copy of each of these books in exchange for an honest review!

Ibjoy1953 Hannabass says

Pocket Prayers for Friends is a great little prayer book to give your friends to help bring them joy and serenity. Proverbs 15:22 is the verse that starts these prayers off, followed by 39 other prayers and verses to go with them. I have many friends that would enjoy one of these books, and the two coffee cups on the front cover speaks of friendship! Beautifully written prayers by Max Lucado and Betsy St. Amant..

I highly recommend all of Max Lucado's little pocket prayer books! I love gift books, they are so sweet and beautiful, and books that can easily be carried around with you. I encourage you to check out each one of these books for friends and family. What better gift can you give a person that 40 prayers along with 40 verses to go with them.

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Victor Gentile says

Max Lucado with Betsy St. Amant in their new book "Pocket Prayers For Friends" published by Thomas Nelson gives us 40 Simple Prayers That Bring Joy and Serenity.

From the back cover: Some friends are closer than family. They weave their way into our lives, there to celebrate the highs and comfort us through the lows.

But it's easy to forget to tell the special people in our lives how much we appreciate them

These forty simple prayers guide friends toward closer, more encouraging relationships that bring joy and serenity no matter the season of life.

Max Lucado tells us, "Prayer is not a privilege of the pious, not the art of a chosen few. Prayer is simply a heartfelt conversation between God and his child. My friend, he wants to talk with you. Even now, as you read these words, he taps at the door. Open it. Welcome him in. Let the conversation begin. " "Pocket Prayers For Friends" gives us a devotional, by day, for forty days that are divided into meaningful categories. You want to draw closer to your friends this book is a great way to help you focus and do exactly that. Each day has a Bible verse and a short prayer to re-focus our attention on God and on our friends so that we may draw closer to them. This is one book you will be returning to over and over again. It is also a great gift to give to friends and family to help them with their days. I recommend this book highly.

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Hallie Szott says

This review is also posted on Book by Book.

Max Lucado's collection of Pocket Prayers offers simple prayers to people in differing circumstances to guide, encourage, and inspire their prayer lives. Each book of the six nearly-pocket-sized books targets a specific audience - moms, dads, friends, etc. - with a specific purpose - bringing joy and serenity, peace and renewal, faith and courage, etc. - and forty relevant prayers. Overall, Pocket Prayers is an incredibly beneficial collection of short but heartfelt and thought-provoking prayers. With days such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Best Friend Day quickly approaching, these books make excellent gifts - I know I will be sending them out to various friends and family members. I highly recommend them.

Thanks to LitFuse Publicity Group, I received a copy of Pocket Prayers and the opportunity to provide an honest review. I was not required to write a positive review, and all the opinions I have expressed are my own.

Tima says

Max Lucado, a well know Christian writer, teamed up with several other authors to write some powerful prayers designed for specific people. Six little books targeting six different types of people, such as mothers, teachers, military, etc. Each little book contains 40 scriptures and prayers that will encourage and comfort. The hardcover books have beautifully designed covers and colored font making these perfect for gifts.

I loved the concept and layout of these books. They are small and compact, making them easy to slip into a purse or bag. Each prayer is accompanied by a scripture. The forward written by Lucado was heartfelt and inspirational. I look forward to giving these to my friends.

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Nicki Olsen says

My Thoughts

These beautiful hard cover 5 x 5" books may seem small, but the content is so powerful! Their small size make them easy to distribute to friends and family, and the messages inside are always just what I need to read.

What others say:

—Moms (written with daughter Andrea Lucado)

This book is wonderful! The prayers really help me after a busy day with my kids, or even mid-day when I

feel everything is a fight! Every mom should have this.

—Grads (written with daughter Andrea Lucado)

As an upcoming 2017 grad, I really needed to have this book! The spiritual truths are just what I need when I get overwhelmed

—Dads (written with Mark Mynheir)

This book is awesome for any dad! Small, and easy to carry anywhere, this is the perfect book to use with my daily devotions!

—Military Life (written with Mark Mynheir)

I just loved that Max included a book specifically for those that serve in the military. My cousin's husband is currently stationed in Italy, and we pray for him every day!

—Teachers (written with blogger Jennifer Hale)

As a homeschool mom, spending time with her students and her kids at the same time 24-7, sometimes I just need a break! This book helps me find the words on my heart, and inspires me to be the best I can be!

—Friends (written with Betsy St. Amant)

This book is fabulous! I know it's going to help me so much. It inspires me to make all my relationships more God focused.

My Rating

I give Pocket Prayers...

5 stars!!

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Katrina Epperson says

What a wonderful book. It comes with 40 selected scriptures and guided prayers. Each section consists of 5

to 7 scriptures that pertain to the titled section along with a guided prayer. The beautiful, inviting cover is eye catching and makes you look forward to seeing what's inside.

The size of the books\ makes it convenient for travel as it is small enough to take anywhere. Space is provided on each page to jot down notes if you so desire. This book is perfect as a gift or to keep for yourself.

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