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In this unique devotional, readers will find more than just pious platitudes to start the day. They'll ponder the question of what Jesus has to say to his followers living in a deeply troubled and hurting world. They'll explore some of his most important teachings. And they'll see how Jesus calls each of us to embrace his message and make it come alive in our lives. Anyone looking for a renewed passion for Jesus's message and a deeper understanding of his life will find both here.

A spiritual source for daily reflections; the poems, proverbs, quotations and excerpts

from various spiritual and philosophical texts in this book have been selected to inspire and comfort. They include writings from such diverse sources as the Talmud, the psalms, Einstein, and Susan Sontag.

"Daily Reflections on Divine Mercy" was written to provide an awakening to the abundant Mercy of God. It offers daily reflections and prayers to help deepen the day-to-day faith life of every Catholic so that you can understand the abundance of Mercy poured forth from the Heart of our Savior as it is revealed in the writings of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska. "Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria

Faustina Kowalska" is soon to become a classic spiritual book that everyone is encouraged to read in their lifetime. However, many find this invitation intimidating, not just because of the width of her book, but because of the depth of its message on The Divine Mercy in each of Saint Faustina's notebook entries. This book, "Daily Reflections on Divine Mercy," was written with the hope of guiding you through Saint Faustina's Diary and her six notebooks of reflections. It can be used on its own to help you pause and reflect on the beauty of Jesus' messages to her, or as a companion book, as you simultaneous-

ly read Saint Faustina's Diary. "Daily Reflections on Divine Mercy" offers 365 daily teachings, reflections and prayers based upon the pages of Saint Faustina's Diary. The structured way to use this daily reflection book is to do just that...reflect upon one page each day. However, some may feel called to skip around a bit, read a few reflections at a time, or return to a particular reflection through which God spoke to you. Therefore, though this book was written with the intent of providing one reflection for each day of the year, the best way to use it is any way you feel called and the way that benefits your relationship with God the most. The first paragraph for each day offers this author's insights to the words and teachings of Saint Faustina. The section of her Diary used for the day's teaching is marked so that the reader can also read her Diary first hand so as to see the primary source that the author of this book took inspiration from for that day's reflection. Though the primary text of the Diary is never quoted, nor are the reflections of this book exact representations of the Diary, they do provide the foundational basis for the spiritual message shared in each reflection. The second paragraph for

each day offers a short reflection put more as a question to the reader. It offers the same insight in a different format so as to enter more deeply into the message of the day. Finally, each daily reflection ends with a prayer focused upon the message and reflection for that day. The reader is encouraged to pray this prayer several times. Ideally, it is prayed first thing in the morning, again during the day, and again at night as an examination on how well the daily message was received. As you seek to survive the world we live in, allow these pages to be a font of Mercy for you from God. Allow God's Divine Mercy to penetrate your heart so that you will know the abundance of His love and be more prepared to share that love with others.

Makes key excerpts from Daly's work accessible to readers who are seeking to access the essence of her thought in a single volume. Outrageous, humorous, inflammatory, Amazonian, intellectual, provocative, controversial, and a discoverer of Feminist word-magic, Mary Daly's influence on Second Wave feminism was enormous. She burst through constraints to articulate new ways of being female and alive. This comprehensive reader offers a vital introduc-

tion to the core of Daly's work and the complexities secreted away in the pages of her books. Her major theories—Bio-philial, Be-ing as Verb, and the life force within words—and major controversies—relating to race, transgender identity, and separatism—are all covered, and the editors have provided introductions to each selection for context. The text has been crafted to be accessible to a broad readership, without diluting Daly's witty but complicated vocabulary. Begun in collaboration with Daly while she was still alive, and completed after her death in 2010, the chapters in this book will surprise even those who thought they knew her work. They contain highlights from Mary Daly's published works over a forty-year span, including her major books *Beyond God the Father*, *Gyn/Ecology*, and *Pure Lust*, as well as smaller articles and excerpts, with additional contributions from Robin Morgan and Mary E. Hunt. Perfect for those seeking an introduction to this path-breaking feminist thinker, *The Mary Daly Reader* makes key excerpts from her work accessible to new readers as well as those already familiar with her work who are seeking to access the

essence of her thought in a single volume. Grow stronger in your relationship with God as you spend quiet time devotionally reading from His Word, day by day, one month at a time. This special time can be compared to "looking in the mirror" and seeing your reflection in God's Word's and even more... seeing the reflection of God as He reveals Himself (and HIS HEART) to you in a more personal manner, so that you can then be a light to others. Scripture says to meditate on God's Word morning and night, so our Reflections journals are designed to help you do just that. Each journal includes a short lesson in growing in faith, and an overview for the month designed to prepare your heart to meet His, and a daily Bible reading plan.

Life and love inspire us most and this book is all about life and love. Through the organization of heart felt poetry, this book is about exploring self through love, understanding life through love and allowing the soul to feel what it feels best, love.

The essays on Dante collected in this volume interpret his *Commedia* as the attempt of a renewal of the Christian work of salvation by means of literature. In the

view of his author, the sacro poema responds to a historical moment of extreme danger, in which nothing less than the redemption of mankind is at stake. The degradation of the medieval Roman Empire and the rise of an early capitalism in his birth town Florence, entailing a pernicious moral depravation for Dante, are to him nothing else but a variety of symptoms of the backfall of the world into its state prior to its salvation by the incarnation of Christ. Dante presents his journey into the other world as an endeavor to escape these risks. Mobilizing the traditional procedures of literary discourse for this purpose, he aims at writing a text that overcomes the deficiencies of the traditional Book of Revelation that, on its own terms, no longer seems capable of fulfilling his traditional tasks. The immense revaluation of poetry implied in Dante's *Commedia*, thus, temporarily involves the claim of a substantial weakness of the institutional religious discourse.

The way to Eternal Life is through the Cross, and to be effective, it requires our cooperation—the loving gift of self in response to God's love for us. God's desire to involve us in his merciful act of redemp-

tion. This book is intended to be an extended meditation on that mystery. It is not a devotional guide on the Stations of the Cross in the traditional sense—though it can certainly be used as such. Rather, each Station offers avenues of reflection connecting the Cross of Christ with our own.

Emerging from darkness, daring to take form and become something more than the Other, monsters stalk these pages, shifting form in true monstrous fashion as they inhabit literature and film, history and parallel communities modelled after our own. They become enmeshed in popular music, run rampant through cities, take androgynous form to rally for their own identities, their own futures, and their own families, and they hold up mirrors while we are caught shattering our sense of Self. Both the past and the future are rich fodder for the evil that monsters do, and from freak show to homunculus to serial killer to cyborg, they remind us that they are never far from sight - and that we cannot look away even if we wish to. Monstrosity from the Inside Out takes as the paradox that monsters are simultaneously impossible

and very much a part of what it means to be human.

Benjamin Taylor's *Into the Open* is an inquiry into the deeper meanings of an indispensable modern word: "genius." What legacy do we invoke when we use it? Taylor answers in an original way, exploring the role of Leonardo da Vinci in the works of Walter Pater, Paul Valery, and Sigmund Freud. Da Vinci becomes an issue for each, Taylor argues, because for each the received idea of genius has ceased to be a romantic certitude or sacred truth and has become a problem. Taking Nietzsche's drastic critique of genius as his control, Taylor assesses the far less programmatic, far more anxious cases of Pater, Valery, and Freud. Whereas Nietzsche sought for and found a way out of romantic humanism, Pater, Valery, and Freud remain troubled, equivocal witnesses to the modern plight. They do not share in Nietzsche's jubilant transvaluating nihilism. They cannot relinquish the idea of genius, hedged about though it is in their works by skepticism. "A myth of genius has been our way of making good the losses our romantic modernity entails," Taylor writes. "A myth of genius has existed to affirm that,

among human lives, some have sacramental shape; that, among human lives, some put into abeyance the equation between life and loss....Such is the post-theological, post-metaphysical role we have compelled our geniuses into. They make for us one last claim on the sublime."

From *Internal Dreams to Eternal Life* is a book about poetry which has a wide range from Love, Everyday Life, Religion, and Dreams of Life. It is something everyone can relate to.

REFLECTIONS FROM WITHIN Remembering our identity, before the creation of the Earth. "Remembering who you were, before you were born on earth, is the secret to understanding your existence as an Answer, and not as a question in this universe." These words were included in the message, a visitor from another universe in the future, shared with Michael. The journey, to understanding this message from the future for Michael as a teenager, included personal transformation, and liberation for self-imprisoned captives on Frontier island, as well as receiving invitations to experience a lifestyle that exist past, present, and future, simultaneously. Michael became the change that he desired the

world to become, while embarking on this extraordinary journey of living the future, within our present-Now. Michael, a bored seventeen-year-old teen on an island in the Pacific, encountered a visitor from his future who informed Michael of his past life as a spiritual being. The encounter with the visitor from the future, who was also called the Chosen One on the island, forever changed Michael's life as he learned the value and secrets of eternal living words, the importance of connections between all living and non-living things, the Source for the miraculous, and celestial truths about experiences that exist between life and death. The exciting journey Michael took after encountering the Chosen One, included the discovery of his multiple lifetimes, and the evolution of his personhood from nothingness, to becoming All that Is. Each stage of Michael's growth in Awareness was directly, or indirectly, coached by the Chosen One, through well staged encounters on the island. Learning the meaning of existing as an Answer, rather than a question, was the thematic pursuit for Michael throughout this mind-blowing journey to self-discovery.

A clear and easy-to-understand look at some of the most profound questions we face, such as what happens when we die, is it possible to have the divine within, what are the causes of suffering, and how can spiritual realities be personally explored-with a powerful message about the potential each of us has to discover the purpose of existence.

This is a special edition release of my Reflections Poetry Series. The experience of life in its ups and downs can be inspirational if you are inclined to see it that way. Poetry is not the lost art some think it is. I relish the reading of poetry for the beautiful expression of true soul and spirit that it is and so I have contributed through my work, the musings of my own heart, soul and spirit. I see things often in terms of a poetic theme with infinite depth and endless meaning. I view life from the eyes of an inspired spiritual and artistic poet from my greatest moments of elation to my darkest moments of despair. But I know that these life lessons that stem from our inspiration, those things that call to our souls are important. They matter.

God appears in the mind of a physicist and an existentialist in a puzzling manner,

which creates shock and astonishment that the scientist cannot overcome for the rest of his life. Since then he gets confused about finding answers about the true nature of the reality and the mystery of the existence of God. A highly creative person, with wide knowledge in many fields of science and arts, grapples all his life to understand these personal experiences, which defy all scientific knowledge and reason. Whenever he manages to harness enough doubts and attempts to get rid of the supernatural world, which keeps his life a captive of a weird mental phenomenon that cannot be understood by any intellectual reasoning, God appears again and again. He gives messages with such clarity of "illumination" that all defenses of reason, which a scientist may erect with his intellectual capacity, fall apart. Judging from scientific perspective many neurologists would like to interpret such mental phenomenon as caused by abnormal brain activities, and explain God as a delusion rising from malfunctioning of the brain. The book will throw lights upon the questions: "Do these experiences represent a case of a brain damage, resulting in wrong neural circuitry, which generate the messages of

God in the mind, or does there truly exist God, who is beyond intellectual comprehension of even a very sophisticated human mind? After experiencing continuous dilemma and conflicts for more than fifty years the nuclear scientist and a cosmologist, who was a believer of the western existential philosophy in his young age, remains at bay without finding any convincing answer. This book reveals a hidden world which has disturbed, puzzled and created agony and despair on one side, and illumined the mind with knowledge and vision, not accessible through intellectual process of the mind, on the other hand. It is a story of pain and joy, suffering followed by profound ebullience of a spirit which is one with the cosmos and resides in us.

The remarkable essays in this volume were written for the expressed purpose of helping both the newcomer to spiritual thinking as well as the skilled practitioner to see the everyday objects - from the wind and ships to deserts and lakes - and subjects - from dogs and ravens to dolphins and whales - surrounding us as concrete embodiments and living symbols of the fundamental spiritual Essence from

which everything has evolved. These universal symbols are not just accidental mental constructs but are living realities that not only point to spiritual dimensions far beyond themselves but profoundly embody those spiritual realities. Learning to see the world around us afresh in the light of its spiritual dimension reorients us to taking up again the age-old task of treading the Path and aids us in activating our higher spiritual capacities which, when awakened, shed the pristine light of universal Theosophy on the path of spiritual self-regeneration in the service of humanity. The 28 wide-ranging articles in this volume span a wide spectrum of human thought: from the Tetraktys to the Cross, from the Altar to the Mirror, from the Pentagon to the Dodecahedron, from the Dog to the Dwarf, from the Heart to the Fool; indeed, from Shamballa to Paradise. These essays reveal the fundamental religious, philosophical, and scientific aspects to the most mundane and most refined realities of our common, everyday world. Both the serious reflection upon and casual reading of these essays is a joyous expedition through the all-too-common truncated perceptions we have of our world to a

higher level of awareness of the myriad ways in which the life of the universal Spirit is made manifest.

The celebrated composer Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992) characterized himself as a rhythmician, ornithologist, and theologian. All interpreters concur that his life and work are grounded in a profound faith. This book examines the translation of his faith into his musical language. It centers on a hermetic analysis of two spiritually motivated instrumental compositions, *Visions de l'amen* for two pianos (1943) and *Vingt Regards sur l'enfant-Jésus* for piano solo (1944). Part I introduces the main aspects of the composer's religious environment (the catholic literary revival, his father Pierre and his mentor Charles Tournemire) as well as the components of his idiosyncratic musico-symbolic vocabulary. Parts II and III examine the twenty-seven movements comprised in the *Visions* and the *Regards*, whose thematic material, structure, and musical as well as spiritual function within the whole cycle are interpreted in light of the literary source and imagery that inspired Messiaen. This book is part of Siglind Bruhn's

Messiaen Trilogy.

"An eminently accessible and deeply pastoral book of Christian eschatology. The author uses his masterful knowledge of St. Augustine's writings to create a classically Catholic spirituality of aging, integrating a deep faith with his disciplined reason, he gently, lovingly sculpts an Augustinian spirituality of death and resurrection." [Back cover].

Bjorn Krondorfer, one of the leading scholars in this field, has collected 35 key texts that have shaped this field within the wider area of the study of gender, religion and culture. The texts in this critical reader engage actively and critically with the position of men in society and church, men's privileged relation to the sacred and to religious authority, the ideals of masculinity as engendered by religious discourse, and alternative trajectories of being in the world, whether spiritually, relationally or sexually. Each of the texts is introduced by the editor and accompanied by bibliographies that make this the ideal tool for study.

This timely selection of readings represents the work of some of the best and most influential writers the Christian femin-

ist movement has produced--both in Britain and America. With its helpful introduction and editorial commentary it will be warmly welcomed by all who wish to be better informed about the wide range of key theological issues now being addressed by feminist thinkers.

Bellinger draws on the thought of Søren Kierkegaard and René Girard in search of a Christian understanding of the roots of violence. After analysing approaches to understanding violence he goes on to consider Kierkegaard as a theorist of violence.

The "Catholic Daily Reflections Series" was written to help you enter more deeply into the Holy Scriptures and the Catholic Liturgy on a daily basis. Through these reflections and prayers, you are invited to embrace the Word of God in a personal, engaging, challenging and transforming way. "Catholic Daily Reflections: Lent 2021" is available in a variety of forms. See our website for electronic or audio/video versions or to sign up for our free daily email at: www.mycatholic.life. The paperback and eBook versions here offer an easy way for you to daily ponder the holy Gospel during the Lenten season. Below is a sample

reflection for Ash Wednesday to give you a preview of our approach. May God bless you on your journey of personal conversion! Wednesday, February 17, 2021 Lent—A Time for True Prayer Ash Wednesday (Year B) "But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you." Matthew 6:6 One of the most important parts of true prayer is that it takes place deep in the inner room of your soul. It is there in the inner depths of your being that you will meet God. Saint Teresa of Ávila, one of the greatest spiritual writers in the history of our Church, describes the soul as a castle in which God dwells. Meeting Him, praying to Him and communing with Him requires that we enter into the deepest and innermost chamber within this castle of our soul. It is there, in the innermost dwelling, that the full glory and beauty of God is discovered. God is not just a God who is "out there" far away in Heaven. He is a God Who is closer and more intimate than we could ever imagine. Lent is a time, more than any other time of the year, when we must strive to make that journey inward so as to discover the Indwelling of the Most

Holy Trinity. What does God want of you this Lent? It's easy to begin Lent with more superficial commitments, such as giving up a favorite food or doing an extra good deed. Some choose to use Lent as a time to get in better physical shape, and others decide to dedicate more time to spiritual reading or other holy exercises. All of this is good and useful. But you can be certain that the deepest desire of our Lord for you this Lent is that you pray. Prayer, of course, is much more than saying prayers. It's not only saying the rosary, or meditating upon Scripture, or reciting beautifully composed prayers. Prayer is ultimately a relationship with God. It's an encounter with the Triune God Who dwells within you. True prayer is an act of love between you and your Beloved. It's an exchange of persons: your life for God's. Prayer is an act of union and communion by which we become one with God and God becomes one with us. The great mystics have taught us that there are many levels to prayer. We often begin with the recitation of prayers, such as the beautiful prayer of the rosary. From there we meditate, ponder and reflect deeply upon the mysteries of our Lord and His life. We

come to know Him more fully and, little by little, discover that we are no longer just thinking about God, but we are gazing at Him face to face. As we begin the holy season of Lent, reflect upon your practice of prayer. If the images of prayer presented here intrigue you, then make a commitment to discover more. Commit yourself to the discovery of God in prayer. There is no limit and no end to the depth to which God wants to draw you through prayer. True prayer is never boring. When you discover true prayer, you discover the infinite mystery of God. And this discovery is more glorious than anything you could ever imagine in life. My divine Lord, I give myself to You this Lent. Draw me in so that I may come to know You more. Reveal to me Your divine presence, dwelling deep within me, calling me to Yourself. May this Lent, dear Lord, be glorious as I strengthen my love and devotion through the discovery of the gift of true prayer. Jesus, I trust in You.

You are invited to embark upon a journey. "My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for in-

sight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God." (Proverbs 2:1-5) Discover your Life Pearls.

Humans beings are considered the most novel expression of the nature of the universe. Relative principles that go far beyond our limited understanding but not our unlimited, unexplored, potential capabilities, that we will be able to extrapolate someday if we are able to let in the light of consciousness. There are many paths to this light of consciousness and understanding. These are my own personal experiences towards this path to this light of consciousness. I hope that you enjoy this book as much as I enjoyed writing and bringing it to you and to the collective consciousness. Be Eternal. Namaste.

The Catholic Lectionary guides us through the liturgical year, presenting Old and New Testament readings that together reveal God's unfolding plan for our salvation. In *The Word of the Lord: Reflections on the Mass Readings for Solemnities and Feasts*, biblical scholar Dr. John Bergsma provides

commentary alongside each celebration's readings. Whether you are a homilist seeking insight into the meaning of difficult scriptural passages or a Catholic desiring a deepened understanding of the readings you hear at Mass, *The Word of the Lord* series is an invaluable guide. This volume includes commentaries for liturgies that utilize the same readings across Cycles A, B, and C for The Season of Christmas The Season of Lent The Sacred Triduum The Season of Easter And Solemnities and Feasts of the Lord and His Saints Series Description The Lectionary guides our reading of Scripture through the liturgical year, presenting Old and New Testament readings that together reveal God's unfolding plan for our salvation. In *The Word of the Lord* series, biblical scholar Dr. John Bergsma provides commentary on each Sunday's selection of readings. Whether you are a homilist seeking insight into the meaning of difficult scriptural passages or a Catholic desiring a deepened understanding of the readings you hear at Mass, *The Word of the Lord* series is an invaluable guide.

Lets get ready to reflect! Finding God in everything, even poetic expressions!! This

book is chock full of positive and creative, free-verse poetry. Each poem is a product of reflections on the Christian life, learning experiences and revelations; all based on biblical truths, over a decade. Each poem is to get you reflecting on your own hope in God. It is about finding God in life's mundane confusions, questions, fears and doubts and how God can alleviate them all. All derived from the author's poetry journals; they are presented in a simple forty day format. These poems will point back to scriptural and biblical conclusions. Some of the poems read like psalms and some like a short stories. Don't stop at the first page- There is something for everyone. Also, most importantly, for those looking for hope or direction in troubled times, someone may get a fresh perspective! Giving all glory to God--- this book was collaborated into what you read here. It is a testimony and a celebration of the freedom, hope and a continuing love relationship found only in God. He's the only True Eternal Lover!

Zeus, Aphrodite, Apollo, Artemis, Athena—do the gods and goddesses of Greece have anything to say to us that we haven't already heard? In this book, based on a se-

ries of his lectures, the eminent Jungian analyst and writer Edward F. Edinger revisits all the major figures, myths, oracles, and legends of the ancient Greek religion to discover what they can still reveal—representing, as they do, one of the religious and mythic foundations of Western culture. Building on C. G. Jung's assertion that mythology is an expression of the deepest layers of mind and soul, Dr. Edinger follows the mythic images into their persistent manifestations in literature and on into our modern lives. He finds that the gods indeed continue to speak as we grow in our capacity to listen and that the myths express the inner energies within all of us as much as ever. Heracles is eternally performing his labors, Perseus is still confronting Medusa, Theseus is forever stalking the Minotaur, and Persephone is still being carried off to life in a new realm.

'Certainly one of the most promising theological statements of our time.' --The Christian Century 'Not for the timid, this brilliant book calls for nothing short of the overthrow of patriarchy itself.' --The Village Voice From the Trade Paperback edition.

Monthly journals from our Reflecting on

God's Word series: Grow stronger in your relationship with God as you spend quiet time devotionally reading from His Word, day by day, one month at a time. This special time can be compared to "looking in the mirror" and seeing your reflection in God's Word's and even more... seeing the reflection of God as He reveals Himself (and HIS HEART) to you in a more personal manner, so that you can then be a light to others. Scripture says to meditate on God's Word morning and night, so our Reflections journals are designed to help you do just that. Each journal includes a short lesson in growing in faith, and an overview for the month designed to prepare your heart to meet His, and a daily Bible reading plan.

(ital)The Secret of Life: a compilation of quotes(ital) is intended to be an inspirational collection of quotes, sayings, song lyrics and book excerpts from various authors, lyricists and famous/historical figures (with some personal thoughts/comments thrown in) ... to hopefully help people through various stages of life's "journey". This compilation should have broad appeal for anyone who has gone through, or is going through: Fear, Hopelessness,

Grief, Heartache, Self-Discovery, Anticipation, Joy, Happiness, Self-Doubt, Worry, Pain, Religious Conflict, Love, Loss, Spiritual Enlightenment, and more of life's endless challenges.

Are you looking for something more in life? Maybe you believe there is a God, but you don't understand that He wants to be involved in your life. God is more than an Eternal Being looking down from Heaven-He is a loving Father Who wants to be a part of every minute of your day, through the good times and the bad. Once you begin this journey with Him, you will be able to participate in the miracles and blessings He has for your life. Through personal testimonies and teachings taken from Scripture, *Inspirational Bible Reflections* by author Olga Quintero introduces you to the impact that God can make in your life, if only you allow Him to work. As you welcome the Holy Spirit, you will gain a personal Comforter to accompany you on your journey. If you can learn to give your burdens over to God, then you will enjoy the peace that comes from knowing that He has everything under control. He only wants what is best for you, and He will show you the way of His will if you learn to

listen to His voice and follow the wisdom He has provided through His Word. If you're ready to take the next step toward an abundant life, welcome to the journey! Olga Quintero Franco is a Hispanic born in Pocatello, Idaho. She is the mother of four sons and one daughter. She previously worked as a Parent Educator and was also an aide in schools from Pre-K through High School. Her hobbies include writing, cooking, volunteering at school, going to her children's sports activities, and spending time with her family. She and her husband live in Idaho and together they create a happy home! For more information on her following books and her work, you can search for it at: officialauthor_oqf Never before has the human race needed the power of the mind and much more clarity about what is taking place on the world's stage today than this present time. With so many biases leading to extreme polarization, one finds him or herself enticed to enter the boxing ring without due diligence. Social media and globalization, instead of providing a level playing field, added more fuel to the fire. Even "learned" individuals have adopted a defensive and reactive approach instead of a conducive

and proactive approach. In this collection, the readers will find no specific themes. The pieces were written in real time as events were unfolding, thus being listed in a chronological order by date. While most of these reflections were written in the last couple of years, the thought process encompassed prior experiences that were triggered by recent events.

The sacrificial nature of Jesus' crucifixion stands at the core of the Christian faith, and it serves as a focal point for the forty days of Lent. The essential meaning of his death as a victim of sacrifice is widely recognized, but there is more to the sacrificial representation than many realize. Jesus is not, for example, described in the New Testament only as a Passover lamb. That type of lamb sacrifice had nothing to do with addressing sin. His sacrifice involved concepts beyond Passover. Jesus and his early followers drew upon Jewish Scriptures to describe his death in light of several other Israelite practices and traditions, such as Day of Atonement rituals, guilt-sacrifice, and more. In this book, Tatlock draws upon his understanding of ancient sacrifice to explain the complex portrayal of the cru-

cifixion in the New Testament. He shares about his personal challenges and insights in a series of daily reflections for the Lenten season or for any other time of the year.

"If we, by our prayers and sacrifices, freed a soul from purgatory, we would then have another intercessor for us in heaven." -

Venerable Solanus Casey Every day we have another opportunity to pray for the holy souls in purgatory - author, speaker, and purgatory expert Susan Tassone gives you a unique tool to do just that. Day by Day for the Holy Souls includes prayers, teachings about purgatory, real-life stories, Susan's own wisdom, meditations, quotes from the saints, and more. You can

use this book however you like - as a daily devotional, as a year round novena, to follow the liturgical seasons - or, just pick it up and read as the Spirit leads you. God has given us the duty, power and privilege of praying for the release of the holy souls. Now Susan Tassone has given you a powerful way to accomplish that mission.