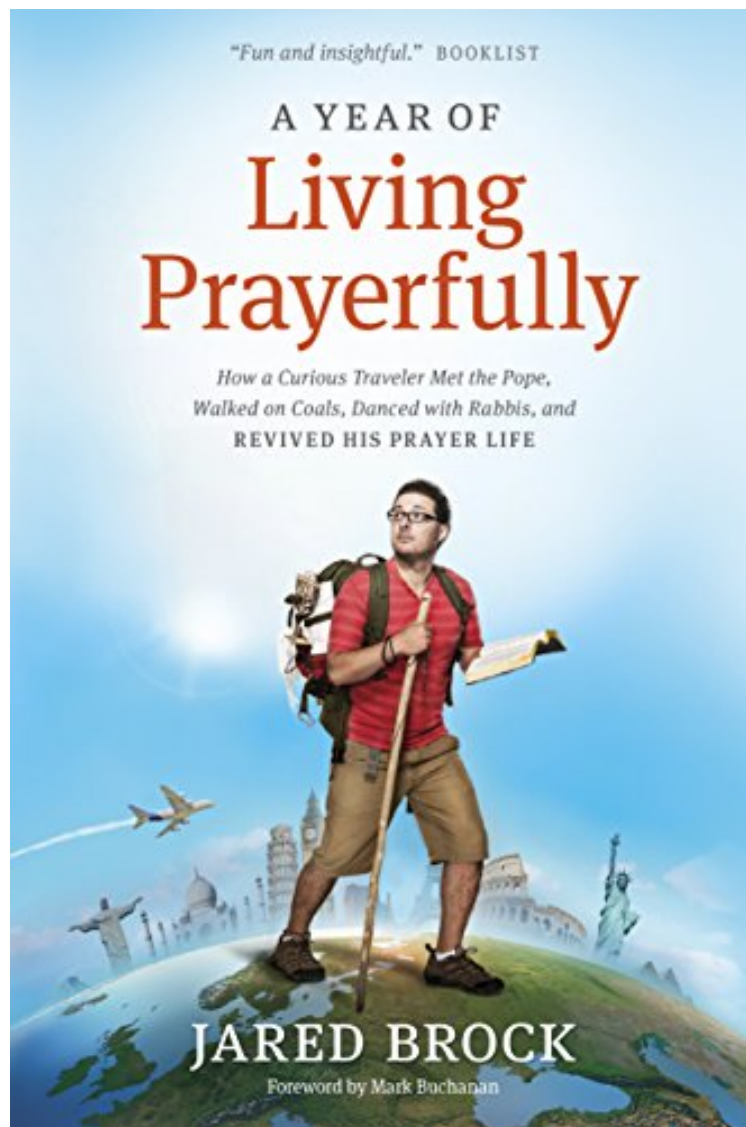


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A Year of Living Prayerfully by Jared Brock
This is not a manual on Apologetics. Instead it is the account of a young couple who take a year off from work to discover how to pray. Jared Brock reports his encounters openly and with no pretense. The result is that the reader, first of all, enjoys the visits to a Jewish synagogue in New York City, explores Jerusalem for the sources of the birth of Christianity but now filled with the Muslim guards standing at the entries of the buildings selling tickets. And so on to Greece, Italy, Spain, France (to see the Pope) etc. Out of his journeys, the reader is whisked back to the U.S. and then to Asia. Along the way with the very informed descriptions of the religious leaders, Jared Brock drops in pearls of wisdom to assist in everyones prayer life. He confesses he is like many of us who pray shopping lists to the Holy Father. Instead, he shares his learning that prayer is connecting to God. It is letting Gods peace and guidance flow to and through us. His pearls and quotations tell how this is done. One of the memorable moments is to visit the Koreas. In North Korea he found entire cities built to impress visitors but they had very little (if any) people living and working there. Christianity is outlawed and 50,000 Christians are living in concentration camps because they prayed to God. Another ten million people are in chains in concentration camps. People were starving and lived very limited lives. However, in contrast, in his visit to South Korea, Mr. Brock was free to travel. Christianity is not bared. The largest church in the world is the Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul, South Korea and the principal building is 14 stories tall with seven other 10 story buildings surrounding the facility. They have about one million members; many in sister buildings in other cities. About 200,000 attend the Sunday morning service in the main building. This is inspiring! I found the book to be rewarding and memorable. Excellent writing, terrific research for the background for the Israeli sites, and those in Greece (especially the men Mountain), etc. I found his paragraphs to be persuasive and inspiring. My prayer life has changed because of this book.
2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Year of Living Prayerfully is amazing!
By Lana Phillips
First of all, let me tell you again this review is for the Tyndale Blog Network in exchange for an honest review. Im telling you now, first, so that I dont forget; and secondly, because I bought the Kindle version when it went on sale. I WILLINGLY bought this, so I have two copies. I love memoirs, and since Ive been trying to sort out myself spiritually for a while now, Im intrigued by people for whom faith seems to come more easily or for people who are trying to figure things out too. We wanted to be prayer warriors, but we felt like prayer wanderers. Have you ever felt this way? Goodness knows, I have and do. The journey that Jared and Michelle Brock went on to spark their faith and joy in prayer was a pilgrimage filled with laughter and well, prayer. Walk alongside them. Im betting you wont be sorry.
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Well-written travelogue exploring a rich tradition of Christian prayer
By V. Srinivasa Raghavan
I just finished reading this book. I am not a Christian, yet I loved this book a lot. Part travelogue, part religious, the "prayerfully" in the title was primarily exploring the Christian prayer tradition. The author explores the various Christian prayer traditions all over the world, and states that understanding them improved his own prayer practices. His primary question to any religious figure he meets is to find what prayer means to that person, and the variety of answers provided are illuminating. His experiences in Israel, Vatican, Italy, Mount Athos, the pilgrim route in Spain, the highly commercial empire in Korea, his refusal to bow before Kim Il Sung's statue in Pyongyang, etc. are great to read. His lucky meeting with the Pope, his unsuccessful attempt in meeting Billy Graham, his encounters with the radical Westboro Baptist Church are amusing. The book is full of beautiful quotations on prayer from various Christian ministers and saints. It is written in a humorous style, and is not like the usual heavy religious books. This book opened my eyes to the deep and rich prayer traditions in the Christian tradition, and many of the practices sound similar in intent to the Hindu and Buddhist traditions as well.

Although 90 percent of us pray, very few of us feel as if we have mastered prayer. A Year of Living Prayerfully is a fascinating, humorous, globe-trotting exploration of prayer that will help you grow your own prayer life. While working on a humanitarian project related to exposing human trafficking, Jay and Michelle Brock felt they needed better and stronger prayer support. In an effort to learn more about prayer, the couple traveled the globe, exploring the great prayer traditions: in mountains and monasteries, in communes and cathedrals, standing up and lying down, every hour and around the clock. Jareds witty reflections on his fast-paced journey will both entertain and prompt you to think about your own prayer life. As you follow Jared on his eclectic journey, youll discover an expansive vision of what prayer can be and how much it is has changed the course of human history. Spark growth in your own prayer life with this exhilarating and charming journey through prayer.

Jared Brock takes us around the globe on a whirlwind adventure in prayer. The first two chapters were a riot of mirth. I laughed until tears roll down my cheeks, and I was only up to page 26! The rest of the book is peppered with humor throughout as we join Brock on his incredible journey in "A Year of Living Prayerfully: How a Curious Traveler Met the Pope, Walked on Coals, Danced with Rabbis and Revived His Prayer Life." A veritable who's who on prayer, Brock delves into the lives of many great prayer warriors, both past and present. His prayer pilgrimage starts in

Hamilton, Ontario, but takes him, and occasionally his wife Michelle, to numerous locations worldwide, including celebrating Passover with Hasidic Jews in Brooklyn and following the footsteps of Jesus in Jerusalem. Whether sitting in silent contemplation with Monks on Mount Athos, Greece, meeting Pope Francis in Rome, braving a hurricane at the end of the Camino in Spain, or cleaning the toilets at the Taize community in France, you can be sure that Brock will enlighten you with Christian history, and humour. Although prayer can be both subjective and personal, I believe that Brock's journey to discover a deeper prayer life speaks to all of us. A highly recommended read for all those seeking a more active and profound prayer life.--Christian Magazine

With humor, an energetic spirit of inquiry, and bold belief that he can go anywhere and meet anyone in his quest to deepen his prayer life, filmmaker and debut author Brock takes readers on a world tour, getting prayer advice from Pope Francis, storming the gates at Billy Graham's mountain hideaway, and sitting down for a chat with folks at Westboro Baptist Church. Along the way, he learns something of "the practice of the presence of God" (the definition of prayer according to 17th-century monk Brother Lawrence), trust, reverence, evangelism, and the need for silence. This book is not one that explores the prayer traditions of communities across the world empathetically, but a story of a broad--though not deep--pilgrimage of a young man finding his way. Ostensibly writing an ecumenical and interfaith journey, Brock can push the line with his humor, at times coming off as uncharitable, disrespectful, and culturally insensitive. Readers will certainly discover something new about prayer, though not all will be amused.--Publishers Weekly

Jared Brock and wife, Michelle, were stuck. Church raised, and well versed in theology, as they got older, both realized they wanted more out of their prayer life. So they decided to do what medieval pilgrims did: go on a journey in order to devote their lives to living prayerfully. This entertaining book records their faith-filled adventures. Starting in their hometown, Hamilton, Ontario, the couple travel around the world, making stops in New York City where they dance with Hasidic Jews; go to Vatican City intent on having a meeting with Pope Francis; tramp along "the world's most famous pilgrimage route," the Camino de Santiago in Spain, where Brock learns, much to his surprise, the main route is within earshot of noisy traffic for over 90 percent of the time. Other stops include Israel; Mount Athos, Greece; England's Lake District; France; and South and North Korea. After a year of serious study and travel Brock concludes that he is just at the beginning of his journey. "I now know of all the things I don't know." Fun and insightful.--Booklist

From the Inside Flap

Hi Everybody!

Last year I embarked on an adventure - a year of living prayerfully. I had no idea what a crazy year it would be. I hadn't planned to walk across a bed of hot coals. I didn't in my wildest dreams think I'd get to have lunch at the Pope's house. I told people I wanted to spice up my prayer life, but this year wasn't about stuffing cilantro in a burrito- it was about learning how to cook. I felt a deep need for power in prayer as I tried to advocate for victims of human trafficking. Centuries ago, people went on long spiritual journeys called pilgrimages. These trips helped people to refocus on things above. Somewhere along the way, we've lost that practice. I wanted to rediscover it. This book is a record of my modern-day prayer pilgrimage, written for all those who can't take a year off to traipse around the globe. I wrote this for you.

About the Author

Jared Brock is the heavily bearded co-founder of Hope for the Sold, an abolitionist charity that fights human trafficking. Jared has written for Huffington Post, Esquire, Catalyst, and Relevant, and his work has appeared on CBC, WDCX, 100 Huntley Street, and The 700 Club. He is happily married to his best friend, Michelle, whom he first kissed in the seventh grade (at a Newsboys concert.) Visit LivingPrayerfully.com for more.