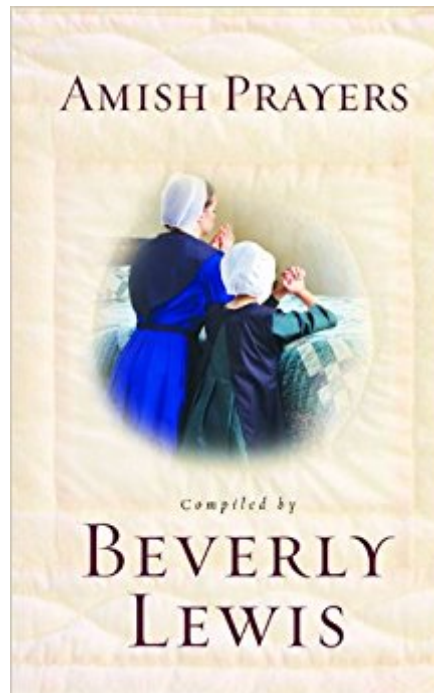




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# **Amish Prayers: Heartfelt Expressions Of Humility, Gratitude, And Devotion**



## Synopsis

The Amish as well as other Anabaptist groups have used the same book of prayers for centuries. Now for the first time a selection of these prayers is readily available in English. This exclusive authentic translation from the original German--with an introduction by Beverly Lewis--will give readers insights into the spiritual foundations of the Plain people. Each prayer is paired with a Scripture passage to draw readers closer to God. This hardcover illustrated gift book is perfect for old and new fans of Amish fiction alike.

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## Customer Reviews

Beverly Lewis, born in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch country, is the New York Times bestselling author of more than eighty books. Her stories have been published in nine languages worldwide. A keen interest in her mother's Plain heritage has inspired Beverly to write many Amish-related novels, beginning with *The Shunning*, which has sold more than one million copies. *The Brethren* was honored with a 2007 Christy Award. Beverly lives with her husband, David, in Colorado.

In "Amish Prayers," Beverly Lewis provides English translations of a selection of prayers from "Die Ernsthafte Christenpflicht," an early eighteenth century prayer collection that has been treasured by the Amish and Mennonites for generations. Lewis's translations are sensitive to the Anabaptist theology reflected in the prayers, and her style is appropriately simple and straightforward. It's great to have this book available in Kindle format, so that these moving prayers are always handy.

Unfortunately, however, there is no table of contents, linked or otherwise. That makes it extremely difficult to find the kind of prayer you might be interested in. For those with Kindles, below are the locations for the various prayer sections in "Amish Prayers":- Prayers for a New Day: 46- Prayers for Divine Guidance: 137- Prayers of Gratitude: 198- Prayers of Repentance: 256- Prayers for Comfort: 320- Prayers of Praise: 382- Prayers for Strength: 473- Prayers for Purity of Heart: 553- Prayers for Unity: 626- Prayers of Humility: 667- Prayers of Submission: 750- Prayers in the Evening: 814

I got this book when it was free. It was weeks before I opened it, and oh what a treasure is between the covers!! I come from a religious background where only pre-written prayers were used, and even as a child I just didn't understand why talking to God had to be "canned". I later learned about freely just praying from the heart, and praying the scriptures, and have shunned anything resembling the "canned" prayers of my past. As I began reading the prayers in this book, just to check it out, I was amazed! They are profound, spiritual, and open the heart to God. While not a substitute for spontaneous prayers, there is very much a place for these kind of biblically based, heart felt prayers. Perfect for family mealtimes; devotional time; or the beginning of a group prayer in bible studies.

One of my favorite topics/areas of interest since I have been a young person has been the Amish Community. I have been fascinated by them since I was about ten years old. When I was given the opportunity to review 'Amish Prayers,' compiled by Beverly Lewis, I knew I had to seize that opportunity! Here is the synopsis of this sweet book: A One-Of-A-Kind Collection of Inspiring Prayers Used by Amish and Mennonites For Over 300 Years! The Amish and other Anabaptist groups have treasured the same book of prayers for centuries, turning to it for inspiration during times of peace as well as persecution. Now a selection of prayers from Die Ernsthafte Christenpflicht is readily available in English. This exclusive, authentic translation from the original German - with an introduction by best-selling author Beverly Lewis - pairs each prayer with a Scripture passage and offers insights into the rich spiritual foundations of the Plain people. Whether used for personal devotions or in a group setting, this beautifully illustrated collection will help draw you closer to God. Here is the biography of Ms. Lewis: Beverly Lewis, born in the heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch country, has more than fourteen million books in print. While Lewis' own family heritage is Old Order Mennonite, she has many dear friends among Amish communities in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana. Her award-winning stories have been published in eleven languages and have regularly appeared on numerous bestseller lists, including The New York Times and USA Today. In the Foreword, Beverly Lewis explains what her hope is for this book: It is my hope that divine comfort

and inspiration might spring from these remarkable Christian prayers, perhaps as a tool for confessing sin, offering thanksgiving, or guiding one's worship. Most of all, I pray that you, the reader, might grasp some measure of the original writers' desire for peace and protection in the midst of shared danger, as well as a fervent longing to embrace the grace and mercy of God while living in obedience to God's teachings. (p. 11)

This book is separated by categories, including Prayers for Divine Guidance, Prayers of Gratitude, Prayers of Praise, Prayers for Strength, and Prayers of Unity. Here is an example of one of the Prayers for Divine Guidance: We ask You with our whole hearts, O holy, loving triune God in heaven, to build us up and establish us according to your hold will. Transform us and draw us mercifully to you. Aid us, that we may follow your commandments and serve you cheerfully and willfully. Be our gracious bridge and way. Ever set our hearts and minds on the path of your holy and divine peace so that we may willingly cling to you and serve you as your dear children. Amen. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; My God; in Him will I trust. Psalm 91:2 (p. 31)

This book includes beautiful pencil illustrations which enhance the simplicity and beauty of these prayers. This is a fairly small book which would easily fit into a purse or a laptop bag. It would make a terrific gift to give a dad or a grad, or anyone in between. The Amish have such wisdom, and couldn't we all use more wisdom?! I thank Ms. Lewis for compiling these prayers, and making them more accessible to the masses, and to keep these prayers alive in our hearts after being available for so many centuries. This book was published by Bethany House, a division of Baker Publishing Group. Reviewed by Andrea Schultz, Ponderings by Andrea blog, [...]

As another reviewer noted, prayers should come from the heart. I generally agree with that sentiment and I don't usually read prayers. But this little book was very moving and inspirational. I simply read through it, one prayer each morning, even though the final prayers were meant to be prayed at night. Some of the phrases were like a breath of fresh air, a new slant on a truth we already know. I actually used these prayers as I prayed for the persecuted church each morning. Strange, I know, but they worked and felt just right. I think you'll be blessed in the reading of and praying through this book.

wonderful wonderful wonderful prayers for everything

There is no working table of contents. The prayers pretty much have to be read straight through. You can not go to a certain place in the book. The prayers are beautiful. Someone else posted the

location for the different prayers. Look for the title in the reviews section, Traditional Amish prayers in convenient format by John P. Enjoy this wonderful collection of prayers. And a special thanks to John P for the location numbers.

I use this book often when i am just not sure of how i wish to pray.

This is a great book of prayers. I think she should publish another one!

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