Shattered Lantern: Rediscovering a Felt Presence of God
By Ronald Rolheiser (Author), Bill Loran (Reader)

Rolheiser addresses the prevalent agnosticism that blocks our awareness of the holy. In our culture, he says, we have “murdered” God. “We have icons in our churches but not in our hearts.” His goal is to reawaken our sense of God all around us. Using clear language to describe the spiritual quest, he offers a prescription to keep our lamps lit and spark our sense of wonder. “Faith is deeper,” he says, “than imagination and feeling.”

The Work of Mercy: Being the Hands and Heart of Christ
By Mark P. Shea (Author), Dan O'Neill (Foreword)

If you've wondered what the corporal and spiritual works of mercy are or you want to incorporate them more authentically into your interactions with others, this book is for you. Shea's unique wit and wisdom permeate these pages, bringing the works of mercy alive in practical ways and dealing with the difficulties that arise when trying to apply them now. How, for instance, do we ransom the captive in our present day, much less think of it as a virtue and not as a capitulation to terrorists? In a civilization where the poor suffer from obesity, what do we do about the command to feed the hungry? What does it mean to forgive? This book tackles the works of mercy in a reverent way, with attention to the many puzzles and complications that arise for the faithful Catholic who tries to live out the works of mercy.

Following the Path: The Search for a Life of Passion, Purpose, and Joy by Joan Chittister

In our modern and mobile society, the range of answers to the questions, "What am I supposed to do with my life?" and "How do I know when I’ve found my purpose?" can seem endless and overwhelming. Sr. Joan brings the insights of her years of teaching and contemplation to bear on these issues, providing listeners with a new way forward. Through her examination of spiritual calling and gifts, change and discernment, she leads listeners home to the place where, finally, we know we fit, where we are the fullest version of ourselves and a gift to the world.

Jesus Is My All in All: Praying With the "Saint of Calcutta"
By Mother Teresa Brian Kolodiejchuk (Editor)

The postulator for Mother Teresa’s cause for sainthood, Father Brian Kolodiejchuk, has culled some of her most stirring words into a powerful book that her admirers will treasure. JESUS IS MY ALL IN ALL follows the Roman Catholic novena format; derived from the Latin word for nine, the novena provides a nine-day rhythm of prayer and reflection. A prayer to Mother Teresa herself is the foundation for each day’s reflections, which illuminate such topics as: Finding Jesus in your heart, Becoming convinced of Jesus’ love for you, Seeking guidance from Mary the Mother of Jesus, Drawing on Jesus’ thirst to quench the needs of those around you.
Forgotten Among the Lilies: Learning to Love Beyond Our Fears
By Ronald Rolheiser (Author), Jim Luken (Reader)

I abandoned and forgot myself...leaving my cares forgotten among the lilies."
—St. John of the Cross, The Dark Night of the Soul

"This book is for those who struggle to make this life, such as it is, enough. It is for those who ache to be outside themselves, with their headaches and heartaches forgotten among the lilies. It is dedicated to those who struggle with restlessness, guilt and obsessions, who struggle to taste their own coffee and who struggle to feel the consolation of God," Ronald Rolheiser writes in the preface to this inspiring collection of reflections. Forgotten Among the Lilies shows us the way to contentment and joy in our lives: trusting in God's grace and loving care.

Finding My Way Home: Pathways to Life and the Spirit
By Henri Nouwen

We’re living in a culture that measures the value of the human person by degrees of success and productivity.... Do we dare to look at weakness as an opportunity to become fruitful? Fruitfulness in the spiritual life is about love and this fruitfulness is very different from success or productivity. Henri Nouwen This collection of four short essays looks at different aspects of our spiritual life: The Path of Power, The Path of Peace, The Path of Waiting, The Path of Living and Dying. Nouwen’s theology of downward mobility is certainly not a popular one in our society where our value is usually determined by success, popularity and influence. Try telling an Olympic athlete that those who fail to win any medals are just as good as those who win the gold! In Finding My Way Home we find, when you win and receive a prize you know there is somebody who lost. But this is not so in the heart of God. If you are chosen in the heart of God, you have eyes to see the chosenness of others. (from the Foreword by Wendy Wilson Greer, President, Henri Nouwen Society)

Eucharist by Robert Barron

A master theologian offers inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives. As festive as the film "Babette's Feast" and as profound as the work of Ronald Knox, this fresh look at the Eucharist brings to light the spiritual meaning of meal, sacrifice, and real presence in our lives.

The Little Way of Lent: Meditations in the Spirit of Therese of Lisieux
By Fr. Gary Caster

Fr. Gary Caster, a priest of the Diocese of Peoria and Catholic chaplain at Williams College, leads the listener on a daily retreat and reflection through the season of Lent with one of the most beloved saints of all time. Using the readings used by the Church for each weekday and Sunday, Fr. Caster presents reflections to help the listener enter into the holy season in a unique way, becoming centered on the Scriptures while embracing the life and message of the Little Flower.
Can You Drink the Cup?
By Henri J.M. Nouwen (Author), Dan Anderson O.F.M. (Reader)

"Can you drink the cup...?" Jesus asked this question of his friends James and John (Matthew 20:20-23). It is this question, explains our spiritual guide Henri Nouwen, that "has the power to crack open the hardened heart and lay bare the tendons of the spiritual life." Nouwen uses the cup as a metaphor to articulate the basic postures of the spiritual life: holding, lifting and drinking. The cup is a powerful image in our human experience. We use cups in our celebrations of a variety of events. Nouwen reminds us that we also use the cup as a symbolic vessel—for sorrow, joy, blessings, salvation. "Drinking our cup to the bottom is seen as the expression of the full freedom of the sons and daughters of God," Nouwen writes. His goal is to make the question Jesus posed to James and John pierce our hearts so that a personal answer can emerge from it. The way we answer Jesus' question, "Can you drink the cup...?" has the power to radically change our lives.

Come Be My Light: The Private Writings of the “Saint of Calcutta”
By Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Brian Kolodiejchuk, Editor

During her lifelong service to the poorest of the poor, Mother Teresa became an icon of compassion for people of all religions; her extraordinary contributions to the care of the sick, the dying, and thousands of others nobody else was prepared to look after has been recognized and acclaimed throughout the world. Little is known, however, about her own spiritual heights or her struggles. This correspondence, from her early years in religious life through her years as foundress of a new religious community, reveals the inner spiritual life of one of the most beloved and influential religious figures of our time. These writings and reflections, almost all of which made public here for the first time, reveal her struggles and even her sense of abandonment by God. Yet these revelations encourage and strengthen us as they shed light on Mother Teresa’s interior life in a way that shows the depth and intensity of her faith and holiness.

The Wounded Healer: Ministry in Contemporary Society
By Henri J.M. Nouwen, Dan Anderson O.F.M. (Reader)

What does it mean to be a minister in our modern world? In this hope-filled book, Nouwen offers a fresh interpretation of modern ministry. Here he offers inspiration to men and women who want to be of service in their Church or community but who have found the traditional ways of ministry alienating and ineffective. According to Nouwen, "the minister is called to recognize the sufferings of his time in his own heart and make that recognition the starting point of his service."

The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully
By Joan Chittister, Elizabeth Bookser Barkley (Narrator)

Not only accepting but also celebrating getting old, this inspirational and illuminating work looks at the many facets of the aging process, from purposes and challenges to struggles and surprises. Central throughout is a call to cherish the blessing of aging as a natural part of life that is active, productive, and deeply rewarding. Perhaps the most important dimension revealed lies in the awareness that there is a purpose to aging and intention built into every stage of life. Chittister reflects on many key issues, including the temptation towards isolation, the need to stay involved, the importance of health and well-being, what happens when old relationships end or shift, the fear of tomorrow, and the mystery of forever. Readers are encouraged to surmount their fears of getting older and find beauty in aging well.
**Out of Solitude: Three Meditations on the Christian Life**

*By Heni J.M. Nouwen, Paul Smith (Reader)*

The careful balance between silence and words, withdrawal and involvement, distance and closeness, solitude and community forms the basis of the Christian life and, according to Nouwen, should therefore be the subject of our most personal attention.

**Against an Infinite Horizon: The Finger of God in Our Everyday Lives**

*By Ronald Rolheiser, Bill Loran (Reader)*

Faith, ideally, is a way of seeing the holy in all things. Rolheiser develops a vocabulary that allows us to "see" better. He speaks to both believers and those who struggle to see. "There is in the lives of every one of us a conspiracy of accidents that might aptly be called the divine providence." In twelve chapters Rolheiser addresses familiar issues of everyday work, prayer, relationships, family, love, sex, hurt, longing, fidelity, failure, sin, suffering, death and resurrection. Other topics bid us stretch our imagination and invite us to tackle issues of emotional import and spiritual relevance such as gender, both ours and what we may assign to God, the concept of hell and social justice. Rolheiser challenges us to reconsider what it means to be Catholic in our generation, in our century and to take God seriously and ecstatically.

**With Open Hands**

*By Heni J.M. Nouwen, Paul Smith (Reader)*

Prayer is a way of life which allows you to find a stillness in the midst of the world where you open your hands to God’s promises and find hope for yourself, your neighbor and your world. With trademark simplicity and insight, Henri Nouwen invites us on a prayerful journey: to release our tightly clenched fists and open our hands to God. Introduction: With Clenched Fists, Chapter One: Prayer and Silence, Chapter Two: Prayer and Acceptance, Chapter Three: Prayer and Hope, Chapter Four: Prayer and Compassion, Chapter Five: Prayer and Prophetic Criticism, Conclusion: With Open Hands