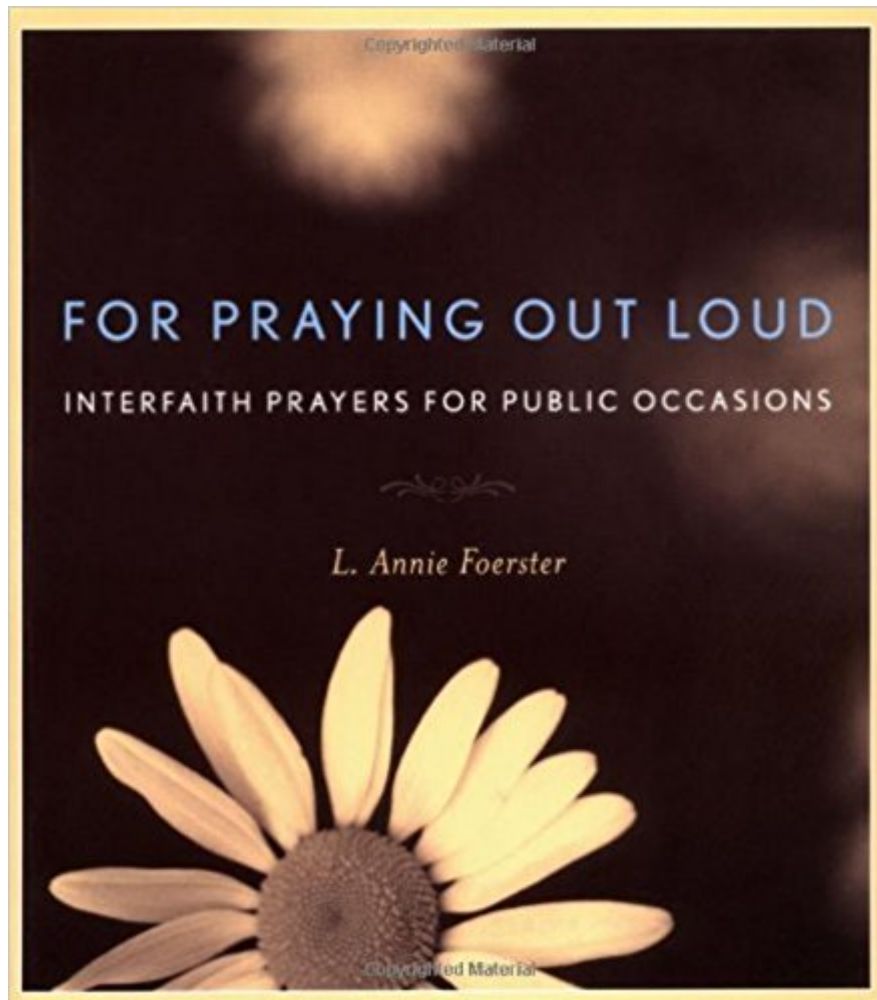




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For Praying Out Loud: Interfaith Prayers For Public Occasions



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A helpful volume for clergy or lay people participating in interfaith worship, and for those who want to be able to write meaningful public prayers of their own. The first three sections focus on addressing the holy, creating sacred space with prayer, and closing a prayer, along with suggestions from many sources on how to craft prayers. Includes nearly 80 prayers by Foerster and others, grouped into helpful sections for easy reference: Unity and Diversity, Peace and Justice, Healing and Remembrance, Gratitude and Praise, Dedications and Ordinations.

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Because of the vast theological diversity within their congregations, Unitarian Universalists have become masters of inclusive prayer. Retired Unitarian Universalist minister L. Annie Foerster gathers that wisdom in *For Praying Out Loud*. About 20% of the book is devoted to several chapters that offer guidance for composing prayers for interfaith settings. The remainder of the book is a collection of prayers divided into five themes: unity & diversity, peace & justice, healing & remembrance, gratitude & praise, and dedications & ordinations. Most, but not all, of these prayers were written by Unitarian Universalist ministers. The first part of the book is designed to help people write well-constructed, meaningful, even poetic prayer that are accessible to people of a variety of religious traditions. Even though inclusiveness is the goal, Foerster reminds us not to just "reduce our individual traditions and writings to bland pap in order to make them more inclusive." Frequent references are made to examples from the second part of the book. The sample prayers come from

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