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Book Review - My First Book of Prayers by Claire Freedman

Reviewed by Lisa M. Hendey

If you're looking for a great gift for a young child in your life, take a look at My First Book of Prayers (Kregel Kidzone, November 2004, hardcover, 32 pages) by author Claire Freedman. This book, aimed at children ages four through eight, features prayers for just about every occasion a child could encounter at home or school. The prayers are written in contemporary language, underscoring the fact that prayer is indeed a true conversation with God.

Each page of this book features one to three prayers, interspersed with adorable illustrations by Alison Atkins, showing children and their families in a variety of situations. Atkins bright artwork is a lovely compliment to the upbeat and positive tone of this book. Prayers for people in need, for pets, for saying thanks or sorry, and much more are included.

The book's inside cover features a lovely dedication page where the giver of the book can inscribe the name of the recipient and the date of the occasion. However, waiting for a special occasion to give this book to a beloved child would be a mistake - any day is a great day to give the gift of prayer!

For additional information on My First Book of Prayers visit

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0825472962/digitalcropper-20>

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**WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHO, WHY...PRAYER**

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What answer can I give to those who often say  
There is no God, why should I bother to pray  
Storms of life come in every shape and form  
A smooth sailing through life is surely not the norm

When do answers to prayers come, or do they come at all  
Does God really hear my prayers when upon His name I call  
I must keep on praying although no answer is in sight  
My answer may come today or it may come this very night

Where should I pray, in a public or secret place  
Should I be standing upright or should I fall upon my face  
I've heard many prayers prayed in a pretty church  
I've observed men praying from a lofty perch

Who should I pray to, Jesus is the only one  
Who died on the cross, He is God's only son  
I must pray with power like the holy men of old  
I my time of need, I must be very bold

Why should I continue to pray, I must ask  
Often my prayer time is such a difficult task  
Interruptions come and doubt creeps in my head  
My heart believes in Jesus, I know that He is not dead

The words of this poem were gleaned from many years  
Of praying to Jesus, who has often wiped my tears  
I've prayed many prayers during the past many days  
I know that God hears and answers, in many ways

Without Jesus, I would have no prayers and no hope  
Of a better day coming, I must hold on to the rope  
The Word of God bids us to pray without ceasing  
The prayers of God's children to Him are very pleasing

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