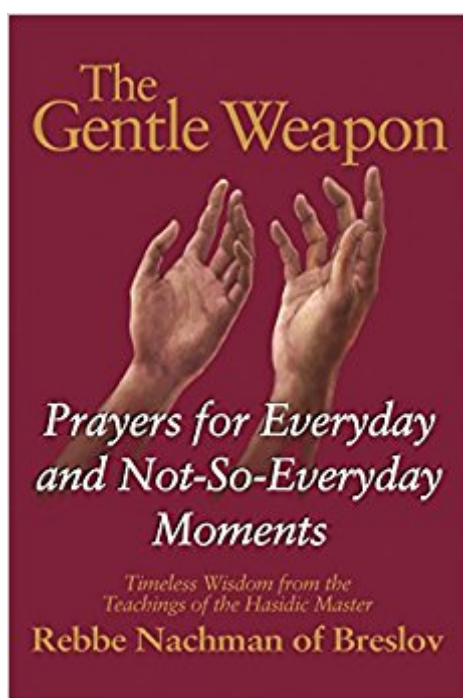


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The Gentle Weapon: Prayers For Everyday And Not-so-Everyday Moments: Timeless Wisdom From Rebbe Nachman Of Breslov



Synopsis

"Life makes warriors of us all. To emerge the victors, we must arm ourselves with the most potent of weapons. That weapon is prayer." •Rebbe Nachman of Breslov

The gentle weapon • of prayer can ease the soul and strengthen the heart, while bringing us closer to God and to a deeper understanding of ourselves. Two hundred years after he lived, the warm insights and generous wisdom of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov (1772–1810) continue to be a source of comfort for those in search of an uplifting perspective on life.

When you pray, hold nothing back from God. Pour out your heart with honest openness, as if you were speaking to your very best friend.

•Rebbe Nachman of Breslov (1772–1810)

A little treasure • of prayers that will open your heart and soul and give voice to your deepest yearnings. Using the startling wisdom of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov, written two hundred years ago, *The Gentle Weapon* will help you talk with God and enable you to hear your own voice as well. This spiritual gem makes a loving gift to friends, family or to ourselves when words of comfort are what's needed the most.

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This book has been translated into Czech, Hebrew and Portuguese.

Moshe Mykoff is a writer and translator living in Jerusalem. He has published more than a dozen works, including his best-selling adaptations of Rebbe Nachman's maxims on spiritual growth, *The Empty Chair: Finding Hope and Joy* and *The Gentle Weapon: Prayers for Everyday and Not-So-Everyday Moments* (both Jewish Lights), and his translation of seven volumes of Rebbe

Nachman's magnum opus, Likutey Moharan (Breslov Research Institute).

A well-written book of prayers, especially one meant to be carried on one's person, is worth its weight in gold. Unfortunately, all too many of them are about as inspirational as a dime store greeting card. Either that or they're so sectarian as to be of limited use generally. It was with some lack of expectation, therefore, that I purchased a copy of THE GENTLE WEAPON. Much to my surprise it was the one book of prayers that succeeded at being intelligent, inspiring, and -- while unabashedly theistic -- theologically sophisticated. I found only one prayer to be questionable: "...everything that happens to me... is an expression of Your everlasting love, and Your concern for my ultimate good." I prefer Reb Noson's prayer: "You send hidden messages to each person, in every situation, to bring him or her closer to Your service, in accordance with the place, the time, and the individual." So when I read "an expression of" I substitute: "embraced by." I highly recommend this book for anyone looking for meaningful and compelling language for personal prayer.

Love this book and often give copies as graduation gifts or to friends and acquaintances going through a hard time. Simple and heartfelt prayers that help you understand you are not (and have never been) alone in feeling the way you do- whatever emotion on the spectrum you are feeling, from joy to grief.

This is a fine, fine book and speaks to every age and every spiritual background. It is so simple yet so deep. Read it before going to sleep. It will give you peace.

Great little book !

An absolutely marvelous compilation of reflections. Only disappointment: the latest edition is printed in one color: type is red, which I'm sure is a publishing economy. It detracts from the appearance and readability of an otherwise extraordinary book.

I love this little book. I'm reading it through for about the third time now. The first time I just devoured it. The second time a bit slower, now I'm trying to just read a few, maybe 2 or 3 pages a day and really think and meditate on them. I gave several copies as gifts and everyone that got one has appreciated it and really found it helpful.

I read this book every day. It has helped me through some of the darkest days of my life. I am amazed at how many of these prayers fit my situation. If you are looking for hope, inspiration, solace...whatever, buy this book. I'm glad I did.

I have used this to unite praying when I just didn't know where to begin to articulate my heart cry or correct attitude about life's ups and downs.

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