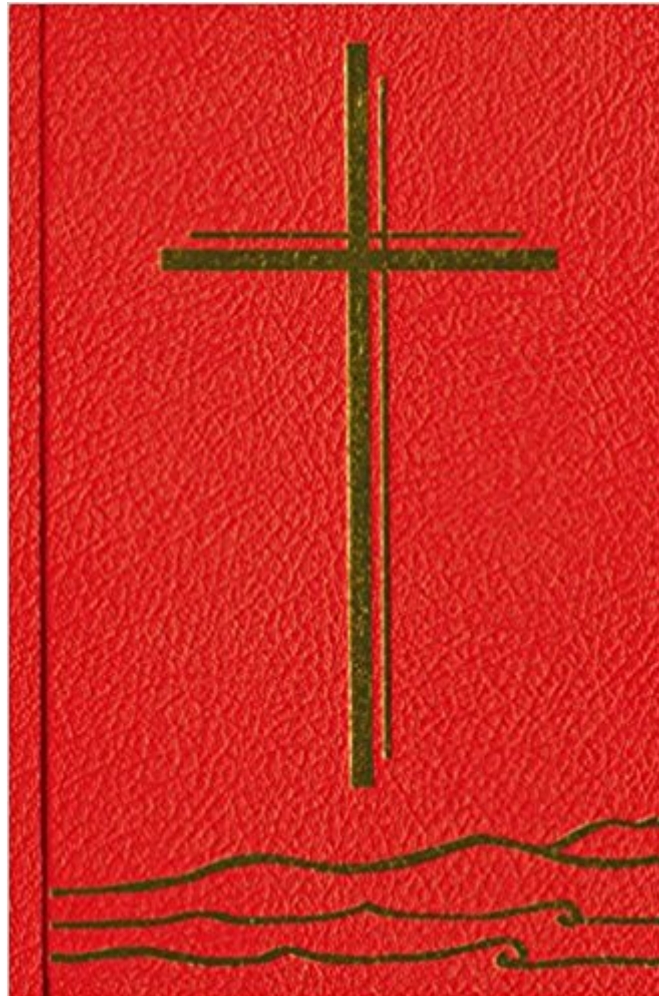


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Assembled by a commission of church liturgists, lay people, and clergy in New Zealand, this guide offers services and prayers for holy days as well as for weekly services and personal meditation. It preserves the ethos of Anglican spirituality and incorporates the best liturgical insights from modern scholarship. Two-color, Maori-inspired illustrations throughout. 3 ribbon markers. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Text: English

I ordered this prayer book because I noticed how often it was referenced by others who were praying publicly or writing about prayer. It is a wonderful addition to the Book Of Common Prayer that we use in the United States. It has many prayers for different occasions, but is written in beautiful language and differs from the prayers we are most familiar with. I also love that it is written bilingually, in English and Maori and has many references to the Maori people of NZ.

This is the most beautiful and moving prayer book I have ever used. I am constantly amazed and pleasantly surprised. The text is easily five stars, but I deducted one star for the inferior binding. This prayer book is significant enough that it should have been a sewn, rather than a glued, binding.

The language is fresh and really makes the Book of Common Prayer come alive. Even though it is written for the New Zealand Church and I am American, I find it very useful with extremely beautiful wording. I love how the words, "Eternal Spirit, Living God" is used. In the evening prayers, one of the prayers is: Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us. Living flame, burn into us, Cleansing wind, blow through us, fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise in deed and in truth. Simply beautiful! Buy it, you won't regret it.

Like the Book of Common Prayer, the New Zealand Prayer Book carries forward many beautiful prayers of the Anglican Tradition. Unlike the current BCP's, it doesn't simply update the words or sentence structure; rather it brings a fresh translation of the meaning and intention of some of those prayers into a new cultural medium. The prayers at times engage geographic and ethnographic realities that exist in New Zealand but not in the Northern Hemisphere that is usually the referential source for Christian prayer. This is apparent not only in new prayers, but also in the sense-translations in English of the Maori versions of some prayers, particularly the Lord's Prayer from Night Prayer. The only drawback to this printing is the absence of bookmarks attached to the spine that would allow for easier movement when the book is used in prayer instead of as a resource. I find this book a helpful resource in my personal prayer life and in creating small group community prayer services. It combines tradition and contemporary reality to create a fresh expression of faith at prayer.

This book has a diversity of prayers. I have no connection to New Zealand but I wanted to make sure that my prayer life had lots of exposure to other parts of the world and unknown cultures. I love this book.

I love this prayer book. It is so Anglican and yet so diverse at the same time. Many prayers and the like have counterparts in the Episcopal and Church of England Books of Common Prayer, but the New Zealand version uses a fresher, more contemporary language. My only complaint is that many of the page references are wrong. Apparently one of the services was originally written in Maori, but somewhere along the line they decided to make a page-by-page translation into English without correcting all the page references for everything following the addition.

Even though this book was written for corporate, rather than private worship... even though this book was written for the Church in New Zealand, and I am an American... my copy of this book is well thumbed, and I find myself turning to it several times a week for my personal prayer. The language is so direct, so clean, it is sometimes striking. For instance, instead of a rambling 18th century groveling absolution, this book offers: "God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself." The richness of the Anglican tradition remains intact, but through the enlightened use of language, most of the unhelpful baggage of Anglicanism has been cast aside. Instead of an imperialistic God, here you find evidence of a loving God. Here I found the prayer I wanted to pray, the words for that which was wordless within me. Here I found the powerful, direct language that sets me free to connect to the Holy One. I recommend this book as a valuable resource, not only for all Anglicans, but for anyone who loves being in relationship with God.

The New Zealand Liturgy is so far superior to that used in the American Episcopal Church that if I were the benign dictator of that denomination I would replace the current Episcopal Prayer Book with the one of the New Zealand Prayer book. It is a superior liturgy because it is more heartfelt and more poetic.

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