

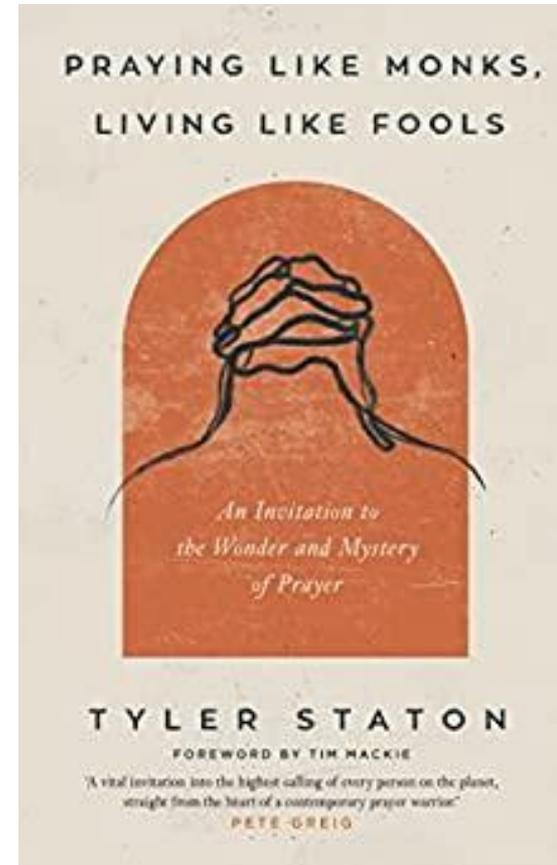
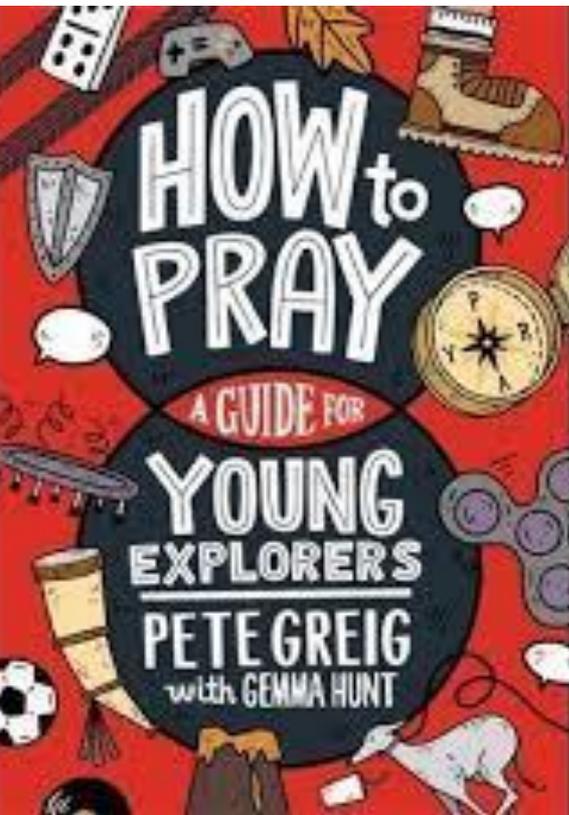
Why Pray?  
Learning from the  
Early Church

Cultural Mindsets to Kingdom Reality

Radical Individualism to Community

Materialism to Two Realms

Comfort to Faith



ALICE

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COMPASSIONATE:

PASSIONATE, A FIRE IN A BOILER  
IN YOUR STOMACH.

pic. YOU WALKING WITH A LOT  
OF SMALL CHILDREN HOLDING  
HANDS. JOY, ADVENTURE.

ADVENTUROUS.

AN ATTITUDE OF "WHY NOT",  
"LOTS GO"

Alice

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Original design:

\* picture of her ministering to young  
children - with great compassion,  
care & Jesus love.

FUN!

Compassionate  
gentle

BOLD in prayer - intercessory prayer

\* picture of her dancing before the  
Lord in worship - deep, intimate &  
unashamed

LOVED by the Lord - His Favored one

Speaks truth in love & with  
passion!! passionate about  
the things of the Lord, truth  
& Jesus.

Alice

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- Her words turn heads
- Speaker of the truth
- not easily side tracked
- Compassionate
- \* picture of you crying out  
on your hands and knees  
for God to save the  
people of this nation
- See ~~the~~ the big picture
- Fearless (doesn't care  
what the world thinks  
of her)

- strategic thinker - can  
look at a situation &  
put all the pieces in  
order

- gentle spirit, nurturer

- sensitive to the needs of  
others, great intuition as  
to where they are at

- orator

- can move people into  
action

- picture of you on your  
knees with arms  
around a child  
explaining something  
very carefully to them

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

James 5

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Hebrews 5

Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 7

## Acts 12

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

Then the angel said to him, “Put on your clothes and sandals.” And Peter did so. “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me,” the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.

Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.” When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door.

When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!"

"You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison.

Why Pray?

Because God  
answers prayer