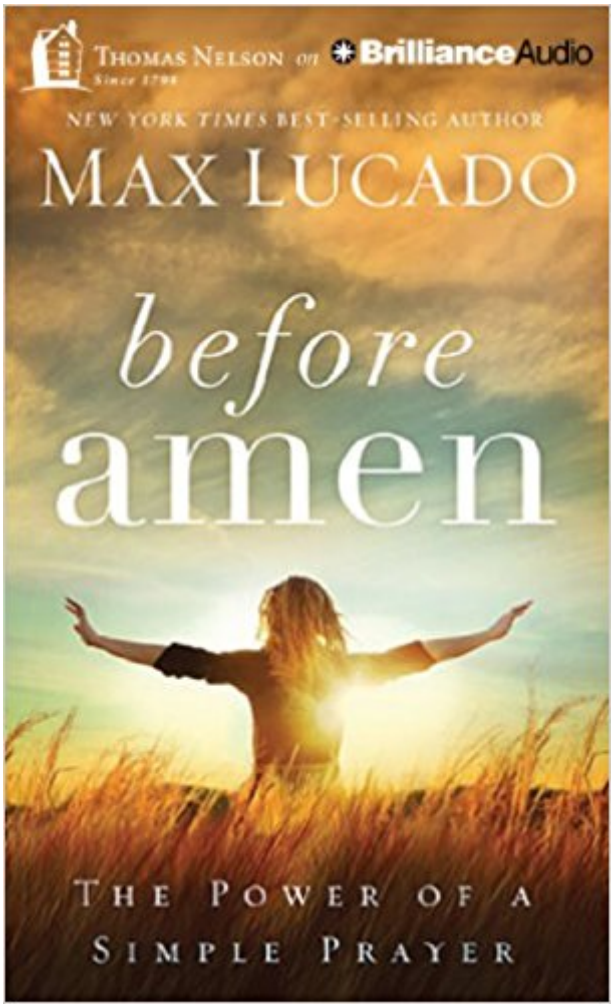
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Before Amen: The Power Of A Simple Prayer



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Synopsis

We all prayÃ¢â ¬Â¦some.We pray to stay sober, centered, or solvent. When the lump is deemed malignant. When the money runs out before the month does. When the marriage is falling apart. We pray.But wouldn't we like to pray more? Better? Stronger? With more fire, faith, and fervency?Yet we have kids to feed, bills to pay, deadlines to meet. The calendar pounces on our good intentions like a tiger on a rabbit. And what about our checkered history with prayer? Uncertain words. Unmet expectations. Unanswered requests.We aren't the first to struggle with prayer. The first followers of Jesus needed prayer guidance too. In fact, prayer is the only tutorial they ever requested.And Jesus gave them a prayer. Not a lecture on prayer. Not the doctrine of prayer. He gave them a quotable, repeatable, portable prayer. Couldn't we use the same?In Before Amen bestselling author Max Lucado joins readers on a journey to the very heart of biblical prayer, offering hope for doubts and confidence even for prayer wimps. Distilling prayers in the Bible down to one pocket-sized prayer, Max reminds readers that prayer is not a privilege for the pious nor the art of a chosen few. Prayer is simply a heartfelt conversation between God and his child. Let the conversation begin.

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Customer Reviews

More than 120 million readers have found inspiration and encouragement in the writings of Max Lucado. He serves the people of Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas, where he lives with his wife, Denalyn, and a sweet but misbehaving mutt, Andy.

Max Lucado brings a fresh perspective filled with child-like faith to the study of prayer in his new

book before amen. That’s what struck me about the book. The way Max Lucado highlights the true father-child relationship of prayer. I read passages of this book to my husband because they so struck me. I also highlighted, underlined, and tweeted thoughts...not because they were so revolutionary. But because in their very simplicity, the concepts urge me to approach my Father God as a child. To curl up in His lap and share my days and concerns. Prayer doesn’t need to be complicated or pious. All that is needed is a heart ready for and seeking relationship.

I would have rated this higher had Max written the entire book. I did not get as much out of the sections written by his wife. While they were thought provoking, the chapters didn’t flow well. It would have been much more convenient to have links in the kindle version to the bible verses instead of having to flip between the book and my electronic bible. It felt like the study guide was inserted into the book.

Prayer is the not so secret way of having what a loving Father would have for your life. You may need help learning to use this, but start small and sincerely. Max has words to encourage you to begin and lots of words to encourage you to continue on and on.

Max Lucado starts with a simple but complete prayer then expands on each line. The result is an easy to understand study on the whys and hows of prayer. His easy going style also helps to make this a study suitable for beginning believers to long time Christians.

Max Lucado’s books are always winners. With the power of his simple prayer formula, he opens the door to "Pray without ceasing" as we are enjoined to do in scripture. Our Senior Saints have adopted this method to help them to become prayer warriors. In just a few words, we can pray for any life situation without closing our eyes or getting on our knees. As you leave your house in the morning cover yourself with prayer, "Jesus, I need help, thank you amen." Driving down the street, in a hurry, the light turns red, "Lord I need help; give me patience." An emergency vehicle passes, siren screaming, "Jesus, they need help." Through the day, you will see prayers answered as you practice the pocket prayer formula.

One of the best I have read on prayer recently, Begins ok but by the end of the book you will have obtained several golden nuggets to carry with you daily in your praying to our Heavenly Father.

OMG! A must read..... I love the book and it’s very helpful in letting you know that it doesn’t take those long prayers to reach God. The book is funny at times but very effective. Please purchase this book

I have read many reviews on this book, but just looking through, reading the start of every story, it was about Max. I am a huge fan of most of his books, the first chapter was the same as "Pocket Prayers"

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