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Dear LRSS Community,

Grace and peace to you! It's an exciting time here at LRSS as we prepare to celebrate "50 Years of Catholic Bible Study" in 2024.

Little Rock Scripture Study began in 1974 in the hearts (and garage!) of Fred and Tammy Woell of Little Rock, Arkansas—in partnership with Jerome Kodell, OSB, and many other lay men and women who dreamed of Catholic Bible Study in their diocese. In partnership with the Diocese of Little Rock, and soon thereafter with Liturgical Press, LRSS has grown into an international Bible study program with a reputation for informative and transformative Catholic Bible Study.

Now fully in-house at Liturgical Press, the publishing house of Saint John's Abbey (a Benedictine community in Collegeville, Minnesota), Little Rock Scripture Study continues to grow, offering you trusted, award-winning studies on relevant biblical topics.

One of our brand-new studies, *The Holy Spirit in the Bible* by Fr. George Smiga, has just been recognized by the Catholic Media Association as a winner in their Popular Bible Studies category. Even more importantly, we're hearing enthusiastic feedback from groups who have already engaged with this rich resource about the Spirit's presence in Scripture and in our lives.

Coming in 2024, our anniversary year, are two new studies: *Women in the Old Testament (Parts One and Two)* and *Women in the New Testament*. These studies feature all-new video lectures with a variety of speakers from diverse backgrounds and specialty areas, including Sherri Brown, Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, Diana Macalintal, Cackie Upchurch, Jaime Waters, and myself.

As always, I'm just a phone call or an email away. It would be my pleasure to help you choose a Bible study that's just right for you or your Bible study group.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy".

Amy Ekeh

Director, Little Rock Scripture Study

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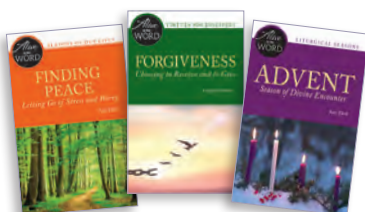
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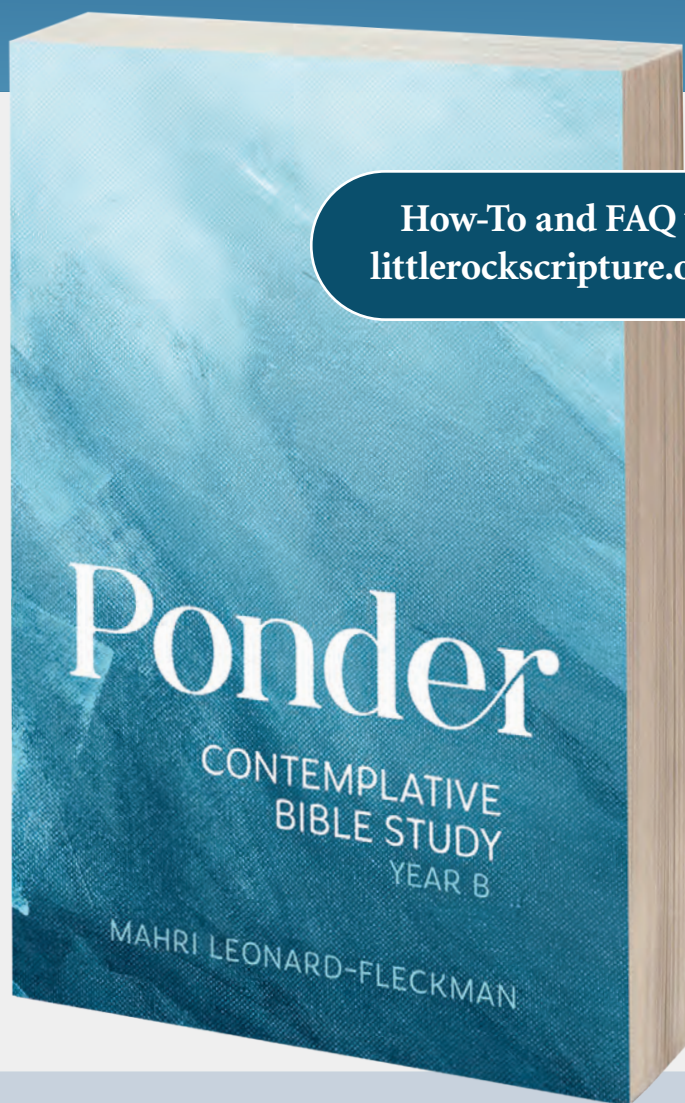
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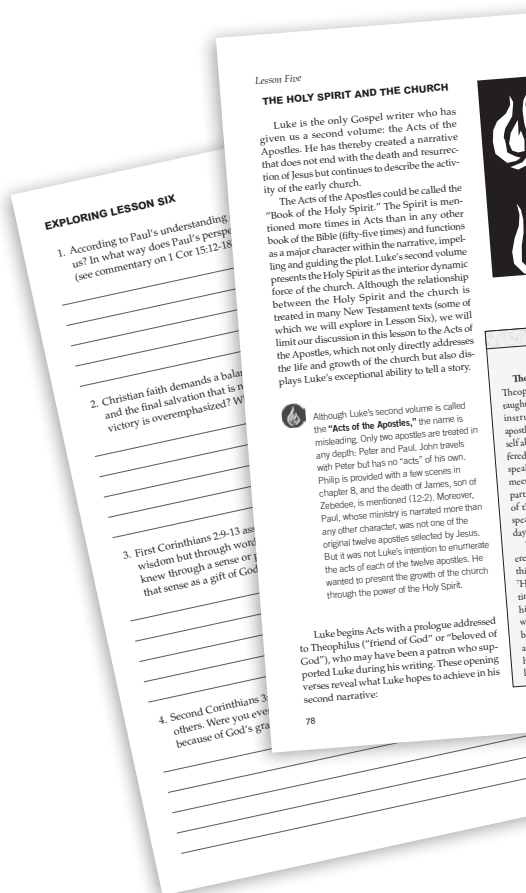
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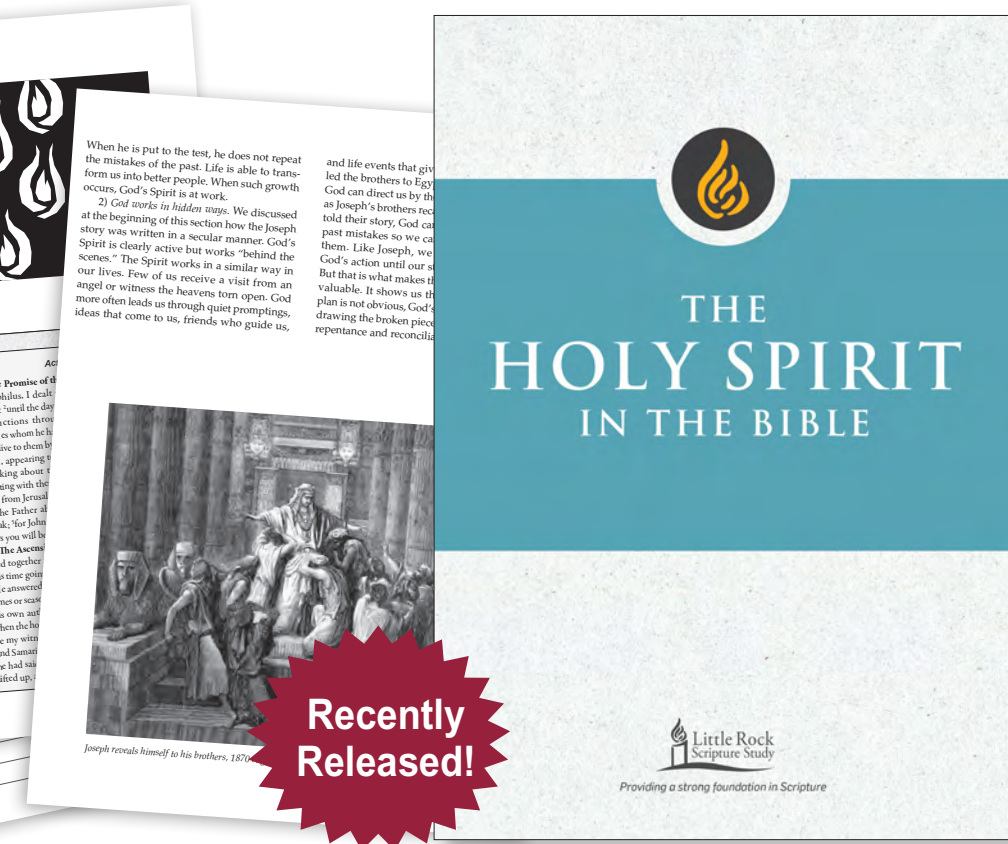
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The Holy Spirit in the Bible

George M. Smiga with Little Rock Scripture Study Staff

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George M. Smiga, STD,

is a nationally known author and lecturer in Scripture and homiletics. A priest of the Diocese of Cleveland, Smiga has a doctorate in biblical theology from the Gregorian University in Rome and serves on the faculty of Saint Mary Seminary

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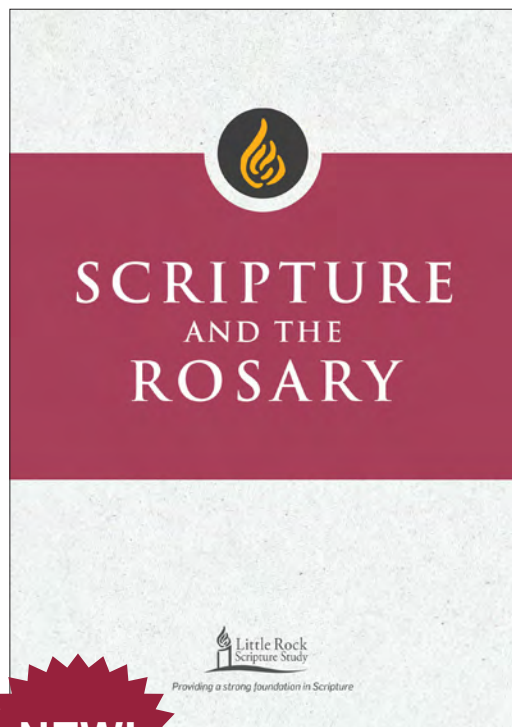
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Clifford M. Yeary served for many years as the associate director of Little Rock Scripture Study. He is the author of several Bible studies, including *The Sermon on the Mount*, *The Eucharist in Scripture*, and *Pilgrim People*, all published by Little Rock Scripture Study/Liturgical Press.



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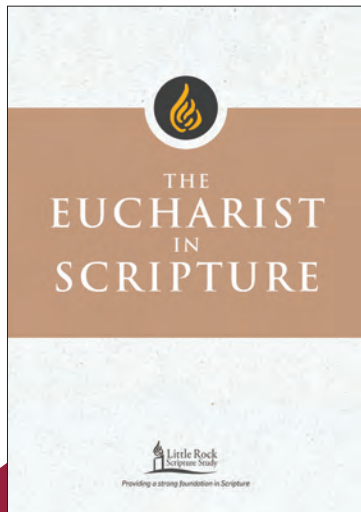
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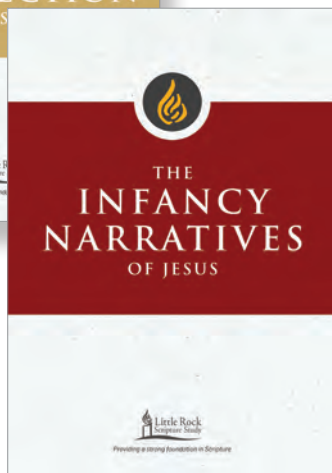
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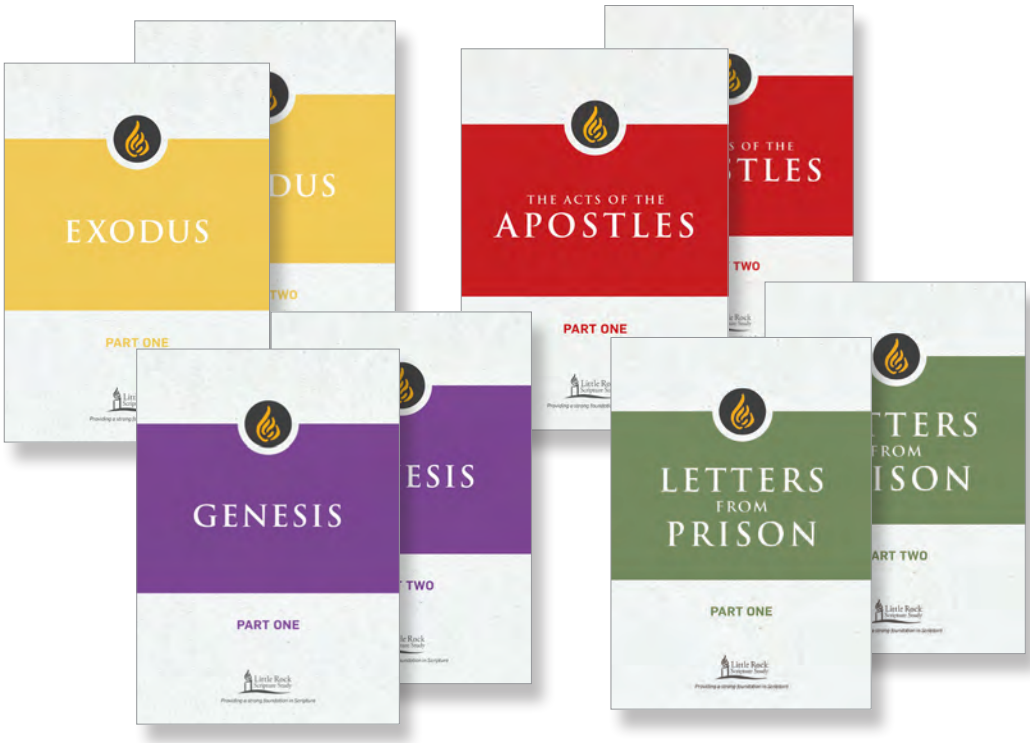
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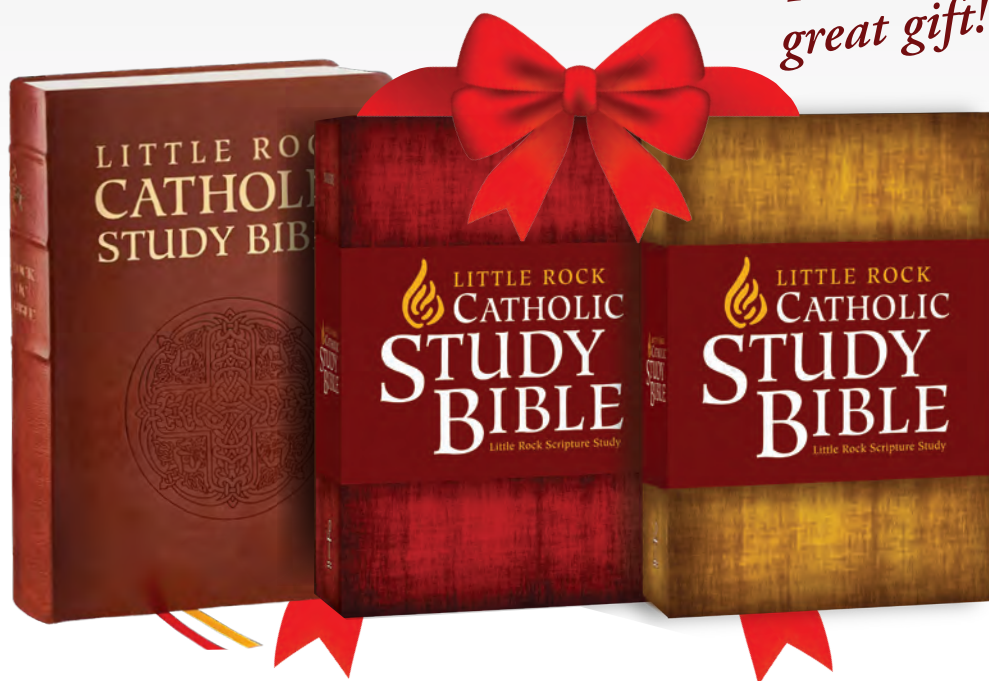
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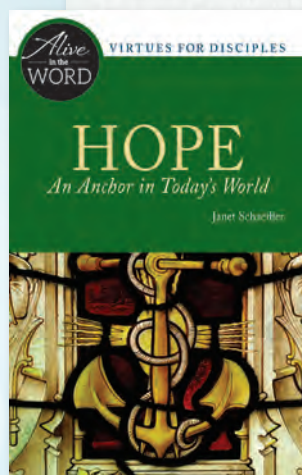
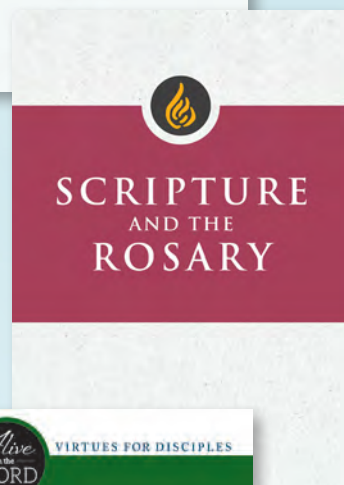
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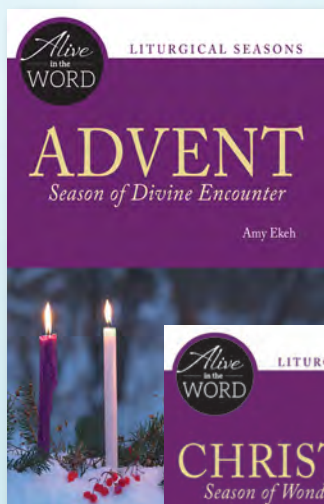
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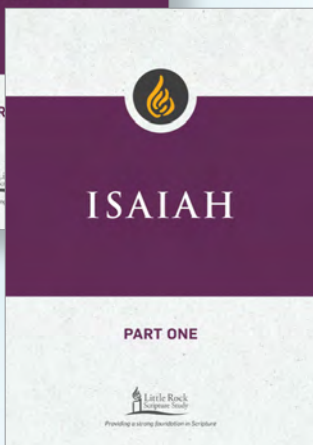
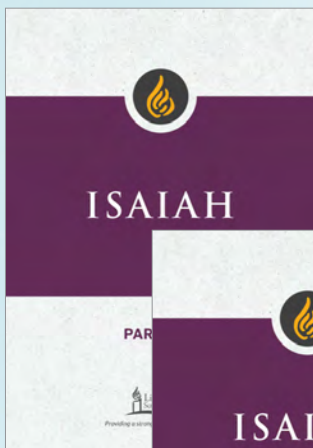
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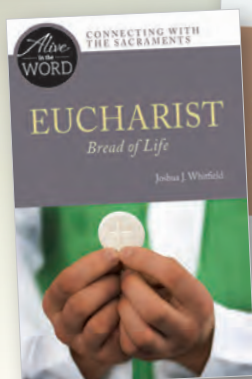
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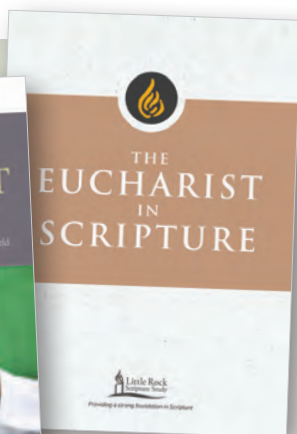
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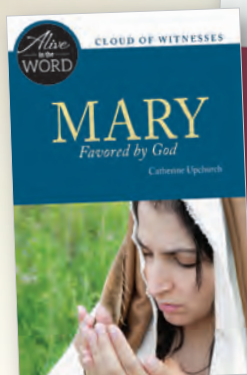
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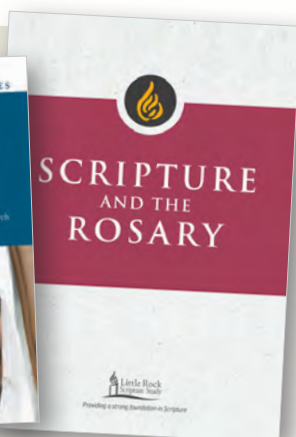
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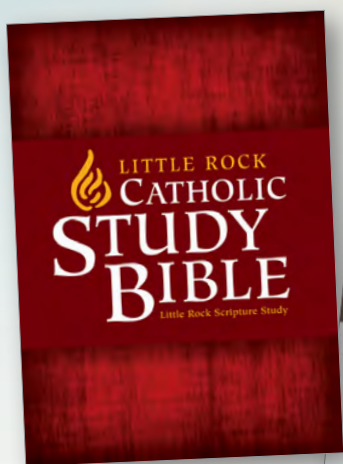


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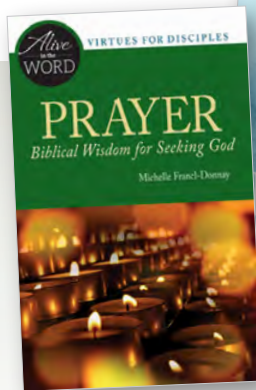
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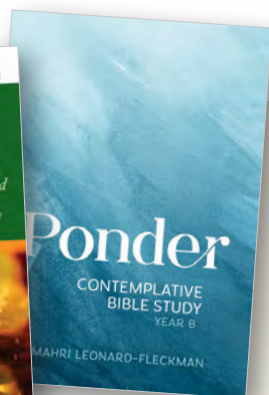
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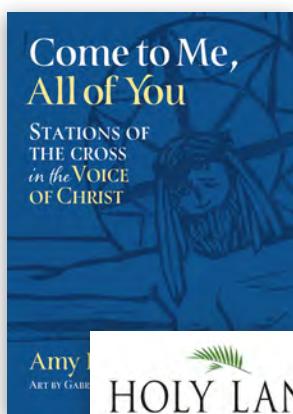
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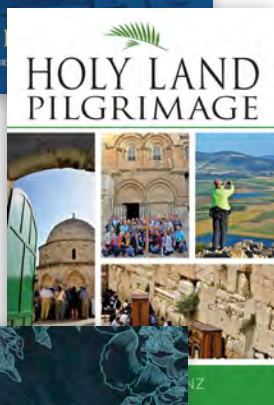
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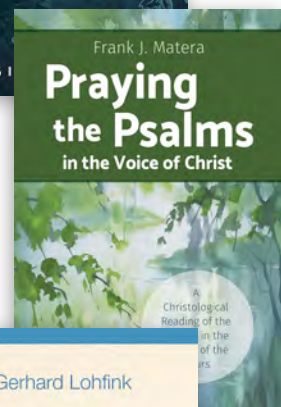
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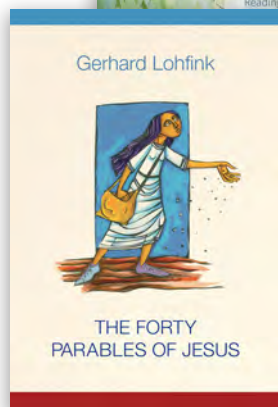
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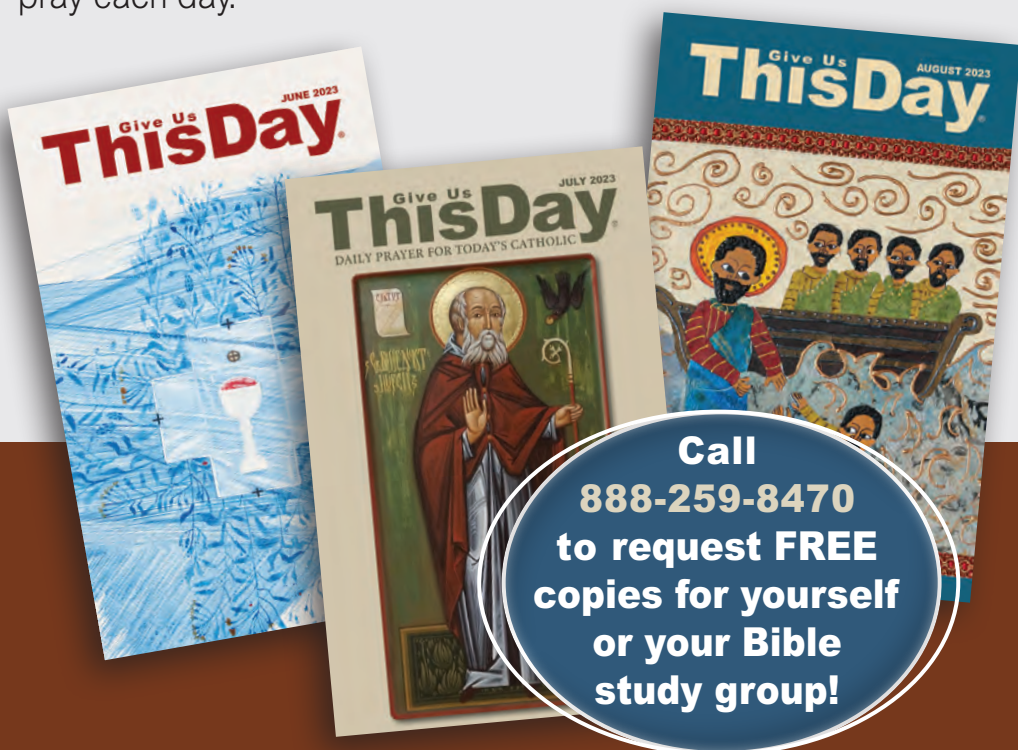
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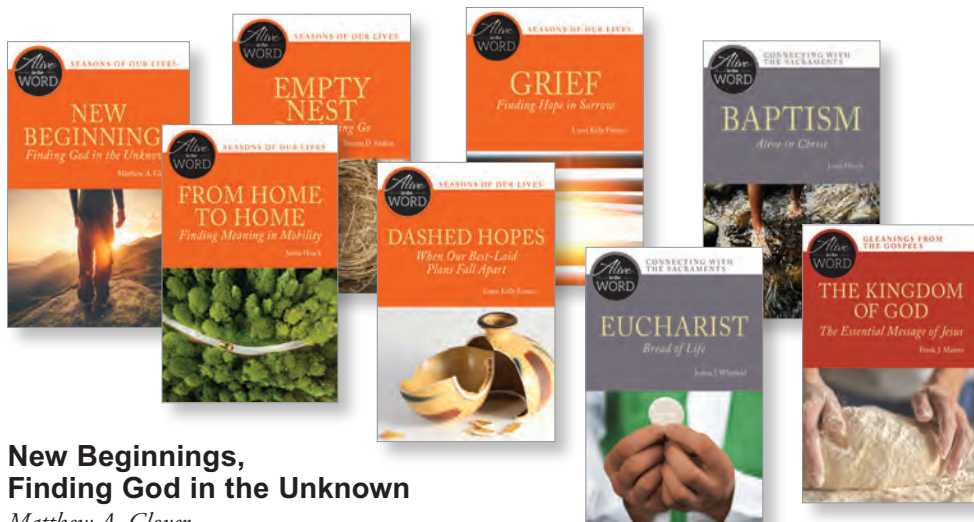
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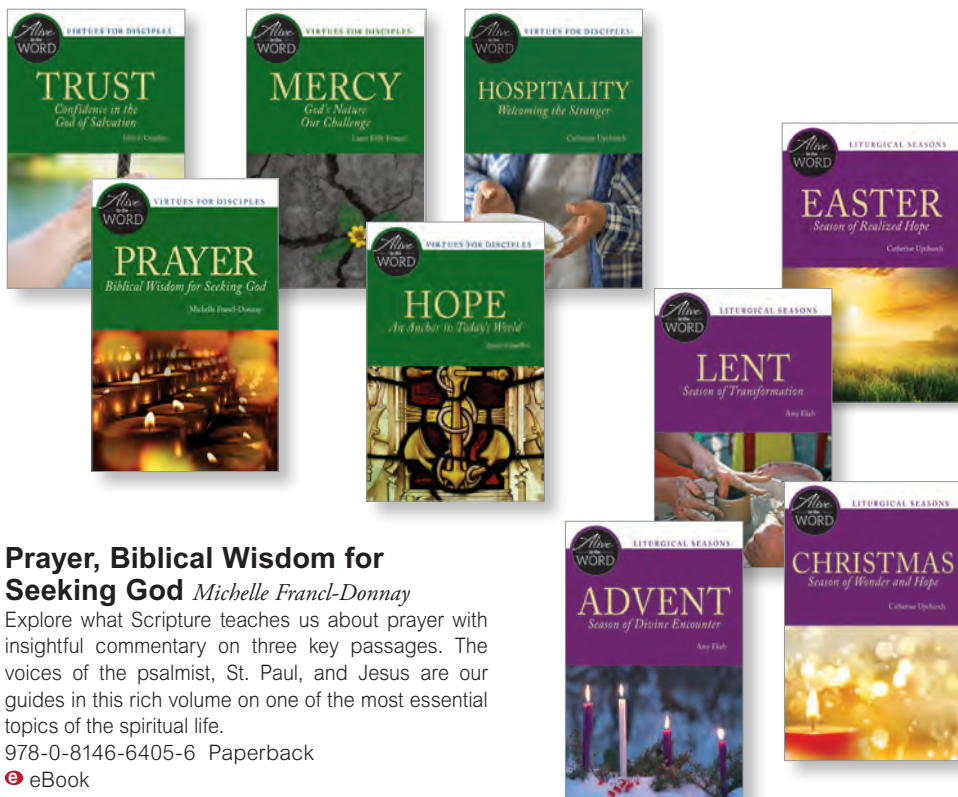
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