

ADVENTURES IN PRAYER

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BOOK DESCRIPTION

In this classic that's sold more than one million copies, Catherine Marshall describes the amazing adventures in store for believers who pray. She provides guidelines to prayer in its simplest form: asking help from a loving, heavenly Father. Adventures in Prayer will help readers rediscover prayer in the most basic form, understand how helplessness is the key to overcoming pride, and realize that God wants to make dreams come true. In eight personal entries, each followed by a prayer for practice, Catherine also includes specific teaching on relinquishment, praying in secret, and waiting.

Anyone who has ever yearned for a vibrant prayer life will find this book packed with powerful insights and godly wisdom.

ABOUT AUTHOR

Marshall was born in Johnson City, Tennessee.[1][2] She was the daughter of the Reverend John Ambrose Wood and Leonora Whitaker Wood.[1] From the age of nine until her graduation from high school, Marshall was raised in Keyser, West Virginia,[1] where her father served as pastor of a Presbyterian church from 1924 to 1942.[1] While a junior at Agnes Scott College, she met Peter Marshall, marrying him in 1936.[1] The couple moved to Washington, DC, where her husband served as pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and Chaplain of the United States Senate. In 1940, Marshall contracted tuberculosis,[1] for which at that time there was no antibiotic treatment. She spent nearly three years recovering from the illness.[1] Her husband died in 1949 of a heart attack, leaving her to care for their 9-year-old son, Peter John Marshall.

He later also became a minister and author. Marshall wrote a biography of her husband, *A Man Called Peter*, published in 1951. It became a nationwide success and was adapted as a film of the same name, released in 1955.

Her success encouraged her to keep writing. Marshall wrote or edited more than 30 books, which have sold over 16 million copies.[citation needed] They include edited collections of Peter Marshall's sermons and prayers, and her own inspirational writings. Her most successful books were *A Man Called Peter* (1951); and her novel, *Christy* (1967), which was inspired by the story of her mother's time in the mountains teaching the impoverished children of Appalachia.

Christy was adapted as a CBS television series, starring Kellie Martin, beginning in 1994. In 1959, Marshall married Leonard LeSourd,[1] who was the editor of *Guideposts Magazine* for 28 years. Together they founded a book imprint, Chosen Books.[citation needed] They had three children, Linda, Chester and Jeffery.[3] Marshall died on March 18, 1983 at the age of 68.

She was buried alongside her first husband.

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