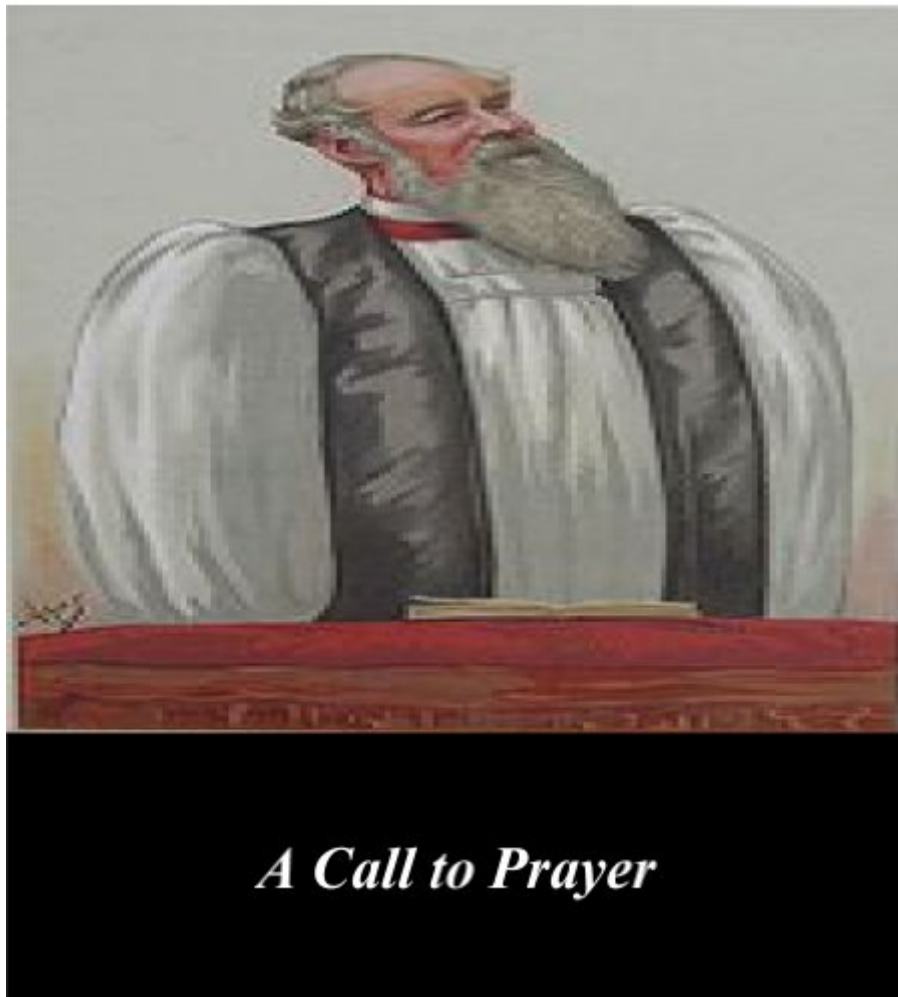




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Synopsis

John Charles Ryle was the first Anglican bishop of Liverpool. Ryle was educated at Christ Church, Oxford where he was also a gifted athlete who played cricket and rowed. Ryle was born to a wealthy family and it seemed likely that he would have a career in politics before joining the ministry. Ryle was ordained in 1842. Ryle supported the evangelical school and was a strong critic of Ritualism. Ryle was a writer as well as a pastor. Ryle's writing strongly advocates his beliefs yet has a comforting disposition for the reader. This edition of Ryle's *A Call to Prayer* includes a table of contents.

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Customer Reviews

The urgent question of this book is this: "DO YOU PRAY?" Ryle asks it so many times that I lost count. Instead of counting, I became overwhelmed with the conviction that so many times what I have thought was "true prayer" in my life was really lack-luster attempts at controlling God. At times, do I truly come to the throne of God in prayer? Of course. But, do I pray regularly with the fervency, urgency, and desperation that Ryle describes of true pray-ers in this book? Not hardly. Do

you want to know why people pray? Read this book. Do you want to know how to pray? Read this book. Do you want to have a renewed passion to be a person of prayer? Read this book. Do you think you are a true person of prayer? Read this book. I cannot recommend it highly enough, but it bears saying: this book encouraged and challenged and convicted me of my own failures in the personal practice of prayer. Whether you do not pray at all or pray for hours each day or fall somewhere in the middle of those two extremes, this book is for you.

Though written in an old style (it IS an older booklet) the truth contained in this short book is as relevant today as ever. Prayer is needed and prayer is lacking. This is not exactly a "how to" book, though it does contain many practical examples. The book is exactly what its title says, a call to the reader to increase and strengthen prayer in his/her own life. Ryle gives many reasons to do so and roots them firmly in scripture, as he should. I found myself inspired to do what he urges as I read. Seeing the benefits and importance of prayer so clearly laid out was helpful.

The author puts into easily understood words, how very important and critical private prayer is. This book was recommended to me and I read it in one sitting. I would recommend it to anyone seeking a closer relationship to our Lord.

There are very few good books on prayer out there today. I consider this book to be one of them because J.C. Ryle questions are normal paradigms. He asks "Do you pray?" After asking if you pray he questions the motives and intent of the prayer. It is a very clear and concise book on how and why we should pray. It has changed the way I view prayer and by extension it has helped to give me an even higher view of God.

Yes, we will read this one over and over again. An excellent reminder of what needs to be done! Do you pray?

I have yet to read anything by Ryle that wasn't worth re-reading, and I'll re-read this one at least one or twice.

I was truly blessed by the reading of this tract. Although I am a praying woman of God, Ryle's words to the person who prays enlightened me and I will have a better prayer life as a result. I would recommend this small book. There is meat here....

Bishop of Liverpool, J.C. Ryle (1816-1900), had a way of putting things and a way of teaching the Scriptures that really just made them snap home. He held nothing back in his preaching but always laid out plain Scriptural truth with deep application. That same boldness and passion for the Lord Jesus Christ comes across plain and clear in his tract, "A Call to Prayer". At only 33 pages in length, this is one of the most powerful works on prayer that I've ever read. He opens it up simply with one question that drives the rest of his thoughts. "Do you pray?" A simple question, yet is there anything that is more intimate in the life of a believer than their prayer life?

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