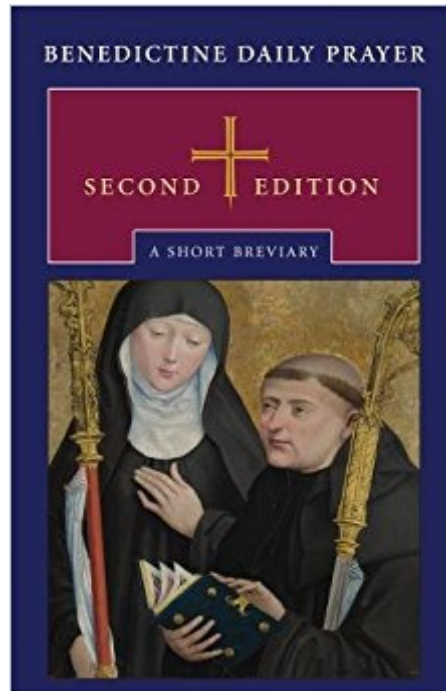




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"Anyone who desires to pray Christian daily prayer offices will welcome this fresh revision of Benedictine Daily Prayer. Much easier to use with less turning of pages, a generous selection of psalmody, additional readings from patristic sources for all three years, arranged in two-week cycles-all these features make this a more accessible and rich resource for a wide ecumenical company of prayer. Indispensable to daily spiritual practice." Don E. Saliers, Cannon Professor of Theology and Liturgy, Emeritus, Theologian-in-Residence, Emory University "Everything you need to pray the monastic Liturgy of the Hours is here between two covers. If you are traveling, praying alone, or simply looking for patristic readings to enrich your lectio, this book will satisfy. It is both

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As others have written, I've been using the earlier version of *Benedictine Daily Prayer* for the past eight years. And, despite the frequent necessity for page-turning, I became very accustomed to it and was reluctant to purchase the new edition. But, thanks to several other customer reviews, I took the plunge recently and bought the updated edition. I can't say enough how much I'm enjoying it, and how quickly I got used to the newer, simplified, format. I'm also enjoying the expanded prayers for vigils, which are closer to what I've become accustomed to when I'm at the monastery itself. Congratulations to the editors on doing a fine job. And, if anyone else is reluctant to buy the new editions, as I was, don't give it a second thought.

Belong to a group of individuals who were always mentioning the BDP -- so I decided that it was high time I owned one too! I haven't been disappointed! Much easier to use than the regular LOTH!

the Second Edition of *Benedictine Daily Prayer* is a significant improvement on the earlier edition. Everything claimed in the publicity blurb is there. This edition is much easier to use, with much less page turning. There are also significant improvements for those who wish to pray in the Benedictine way. Perhaps the most significant is the expansion of Vigils that most Benedictine of spiritual practices. I appreciated the second nocturn of psalms AND the fact that only one nocturne can be used when circumstances make it difficult to celebrate both nocturns. In fact there are enrichments

to the texts of Lauds and Vespers which are also appreciated and which remain optional. I find that, while I appreciate the fuller celebrations of these hours, the option to celebrate the shorter versions of the first edition is still there. Sometimes it is just not possible to celebrate the longer versions. Benedictine Daily Prayer is a beautiful blend of the traditional Benedictine Office with the best of modern biblical scholarship and modern liturgical "noble simplicity" as called for by Sacrosanctum Concilium (Vatican II). Benedictine Daily Prayer is a delight to hold and use. It is a good size and weight and it contains an amazing treasury of texts for prayer. The second edition is certainly worthwhile and priced very well too. Highly recommended.

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If you want to pray the divine office without the full 4 volumes; this is a great choice. It is done within the spirituality of St. Benedict and updated with greater flexibility.

Maxwell E. Johnson and the monks of St. John's Abbey are to be congratulated for the publication of this second edition of Benedictine Daily Prayer: A Short Breviary. Benedictine oblates and anyone interested in praying a daily office in the monastic tradition should welcome this revision of the 2005 edition, incorporating an expanded selection of readings and psalmody in a much more user-friendly format. Scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version, the psalms from The Psalms: An Inclusive Language Version Based on the Grail Translation from the Hebrew (1986). To me, this translation of the psalms is much to be preferred to the Revised Grail Psalms (2010), the rhythms of which sometime seem odd and clunky. The size and feel of the book are just right, the fonts legible, and the cream-colored paper is easy on the eyes. However, the volume is not without some unfortunate--and at times annoying--deficiencies, principally in the area of the careful proof-reading of copy prior to publication. The following errors are just some of what I have discovered in using the volume for daily prayer: p. 816, the third-person use of the word "God" should be replaced with the second-person word "you" to better fit the addressee as God in this context; p. 938, there is a missing semi-colon in the first line of the Litany after the word "Christ

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