

LUIGI GIOIA, SAY IT TO GOD. IN SEARCH OF PRAYER – LENT READING GUIDE

WEEK	PAGES	CHAPTERS	QUESTIONS
<i>Optional</i>	1-31	<i>Any scrap of wood</i> <i>Blessed crisis</i> <i>Closing the door</i> <i>A presence we discover in us</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why do I find it so difficult to pray?</li> <li>• Are there things I would never want to say to God even in prayer? Why?</li> <li>• In my prayer am I talking to God or rather to my ideas of God, my projections of God?</li> <li>• Is it possible that my familiarity with Scripture and my religious practices have made me impervious to the living action and presence of the Lord in my life?</li> </ul>
<b>1</b>	33-61	<i>Saving time</i> <i>Meaning words</i> <i>Something mysterious</i> <i>Unexpected glimpses</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can I change my relation to time? How can I take some distance from the way I organize my work and my life so as to find time for myself and for the Lord?</li> <li>• Why do I want to pray?</li> <li>• What difference does it make for my prayer to know that God is Father, Son and Spirit?</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	63-92	<i>Fine-tuning</i> <i>An ever-flowing river</i> <i>A room not of our making</i> <i>The right posture</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why do I doubt so easily of God's presence and action in my life whenever something threatens or upsets me?</li> <li>• Do I take the time to verify whether what I do and especially my successes really advance God's kingdom and are intended to fulfil God's will?</li> <li>• What does it mean for me to be daughter or son of Jesus's Father?</li> <li>• Where and how do I search for the right inner disposition to pray?</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	93-122	<i>Overcoming suspicion</i> <i>A larger picture</i> <i>Reclaiming our freedom</i> <i>A new day</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Am I able to understand <b>God's will</b> as what makes me truly free?</li> <li>• What are the ways in which I misunderstand God's will in my life?</li> <li>• What does it mean for me to have a common history with God, to live in a covenant with him, to walk with him?</li> </ul>

4	123-152	<i>A new heart As for me, I trust in you Throwing mountains in the sea</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do I see my negligences and weaknesses as an obstacle or as an opportunity in my relation with the Father?</li> <li>• Do I believe that everything is possible thanks to prayer? How and in what sense?</li> <li>• Why is <b>forgiveness</b> so crucial for prayer? Why is prayer so crucial for forgiveness?</li> </ul>
5	153-189	<i>Delays The wings of a dove A whisper</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How bold and confident am I prepared to be in my prayer?</li> <li>• How do I explain to myself God's <b>delays</b> in answering my prayer?</li> <li>• Am I afraid of silence in prayer (i.e. a prayer without words)? Do I ever try simply to remain in God's presence with love and trust in him?</li> </ul>
7 <i>Optional</i>	191-220	<i>The shepherd's whistle Afraid of disappointment These words I could not say Say it to God</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does praying ever bring me a peace and a joy that surprise me?</li> <li>• Am I ever disappointed by God? How do I deal with this disappointment?</li> <li>• Do I acknowledge God's presence and action all around me, even where I expect it less, and am I open to learn from it?</li> <li>• What is my approach to truth? Is there something I think I can possess and impose on others?</li> </ul>