

# Powerful Prayers



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Amazon.com What do sex and prayer have in common? Everybody does it, but nobody talks about it. I used to think it was just sex, but after reading talk-show host Larry King's *Powerful Prayers*, I found out that everybody's praying. Leave it up to Larry to pry it out of them. Actors Elliott Gould and Steven Seagal, writers Tom Robbins and Anthony Robbins, world leaders Gerald Ford and Margaret Thatcher. We don't normally look to these people for religious advice, but Larry King is obsessed with knowing what prayer is and why people pray. Speaking in his own voice, King, a secular hedonist, blunders through the sage advice of coauthor Rabbi Irwin Katsof, never happy until he hears personal stories of the significance of prayer in daily life. We hear from religious figures as well: Jerry Falwell, Deepak Chopra, the Dalai Lama, and Robert Schuller. But when Howard Schultz, the CEO of

Starbucks, or billionaire investor John Templeton say that they pray on a daily basis, you sit up and take notice. King learns that prayer has a personal significance unique to each person's own experience. Reading about this variety of opinions on prayer and following along on King's mission, makes Powerful Prayers one powerful experience. --Brian Bruya Amazon.com Audiobook Review When Larry King, an agnostic, decided he was going to "scope out this prayer thing," he did it as only Larry King can: by talking. And talking and talking. King starts by relating conversations with Rabbi Irwin Katsof--the rookie chatting up the seasoned pro--and then moves on to discussions of prayer with the myriad celebrities and religious figures he interviews. Since everything is in King's voice, we have to assume he's quoting all these people accurately. Of course, this is Larry King, the only guy on earth who can mention the Dalai Lama and Florence Henderson in practically the same breath and give their opinions equal significance. And although he pitches prayer with the same enthusiasm he uses to hawk garlic tablets in radio commercials, by tape's end this is an educational experience, comparing and contrasting the role of prayer in various belief systems and among disparate individuals. (Running time: three hours, two cassettes) --Lou Schuler --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title. See all Editorial Reviews

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