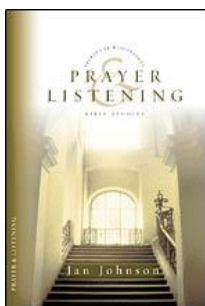


# Recommended Resources on Prayer

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After looking through numerous resources on prayer (we chose for now to limit ourselves to small group resources and devotionals), here are the items that we think would be great to recommend and use at BranchCreek at this time:



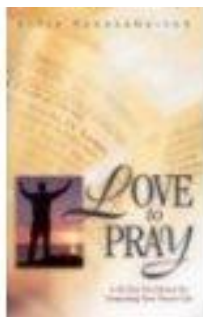
## ***Prayer & Listening*** by Jan Johnson (InterVarsity Press, 2003)

Consisting of 6 studies that take 45-60 minutes to go through in a small group setting, we liked this resource best. It obviously emphasizes both prayer and listening, and puts both of these in the larger context of Spiritual Disciplines (the series it comes from also has prayer-related volumes on Worship & Celebration, Reflection & Confession, and Silence & Solitude). The questions are well-written, and there is much practical application included. Various exercises are suggested at the end of each study, giving people options for putting into practice what they have learned. Contains guidelines for leaders.



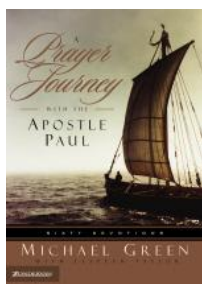
## ***Prayer: Opening Your Heart to God*** by Bill Hybels and Kevin G. Harney (Zondervan, 2005)

Also consisting of 6 studies, this is the prayer volume in the Interactions small group series, which is featured at the Community Circle table (we assume it is currently used in some small groups). However, this revised edition will be published in August, and, judging from the previous edition (1997), would be a very practical resource on the basics of prayer. It would perhaps be the best choice for a group of mostly new believers. Contains extensive leader's notes.



## ***Love to Pray: A 40-Day Devotional for Deepening Your Prayer Life*** by Alvin VanderGriend (Harvest Prayer Ministries, 2004)

This is not technically a small group resource, but rather a 40-day devotional on prayer. It would be a great personal supplement to use when a small group is doing a study on prayer (that is, people could go through this on their own during the week). Each chapter is only two pages long, and consists of a key Scripture passage, a brief devotional article, and suggestions for how to “Reflect,” “Pray,” and “Act” in response to what is learned. Can be ordered from Harvest Prayer Ministries, [www.harvestprayer.com](http://www.harvestprayer.com), 1-800-217-5200.



## ***A Prayer Journey with the Apostle Paul*** by Michael Green (Zondervan, 2004)

This is also a devotional on prayer that is really good—this time designed for 60 days, and briefly commenting on everything the apostle Paul said and modeled regarding the topic. Green is a respected New Testament scholar from England who has a passion to equip Christians to live out their faith in Christ.