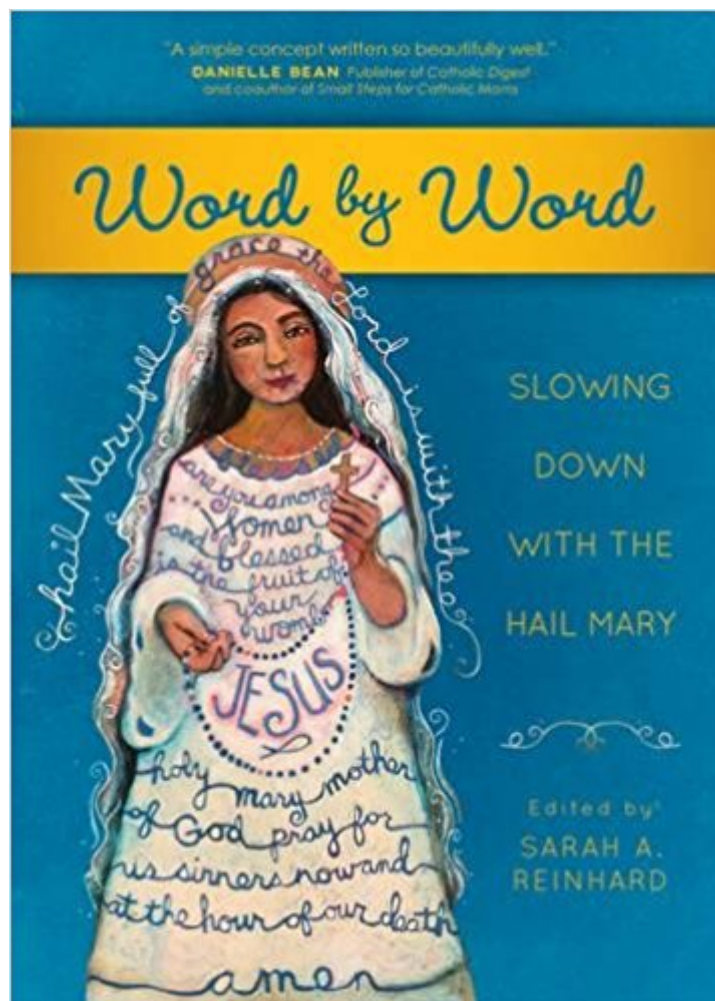


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Word By Word: Slowing Down With The Hail Mary



Synopsis

Most Catholics can recite the Hail Mary but haven't actually reflected on the meaning of the prayer. Blogger and author Sarah Reinhard invited forty of the most popular Catholic voices, including Lisa M. Hendey, Lisa Mladinich, and Brandon Vogt, to write a brief reflection on one word of the Hail Mary. In *Word by Word*, popular Catholic author Sarah Reinhard compiled an accessible, profound, and unique meditation on each word of the Hail Mary, one of the most important prayer traditions in Catholic life. Each of the forty reflections encourages readers to "slow down" with the Hail Mary and experience previously unseen dimension in the popular devotion, making it come to life in a new way. This unique, formative, and informative exploration of the beloved prayer is a gift to anyone who wants to be continually changed through it--learning to slow down and examine things more closely. The book is based on a blog series Reinhard facilitated with popular Catholic writers and social media experts, including Lisa M. Hendey, Brandon Vogt, Paula Huston, Kate Wicker, Pat Gohn, Kevin Lowry, Lisa Mladinich, Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, Fr. Patrick Toner, and Jeff Young.

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"Such a simple concept written so beautifully well. Slow down, read a few pages, and find yourself pulled into a closer and more authentic relationship with Mary the Mother of God." --Danielle Bean, Publisher of Catholic Digest, Coauthor of *Small Steps for Catholic Moms* "This is a wonderful book, prayer guide, homage to the Blessed Mother, and a gift I plan to give all of my friends this year. Well

done, Sarah Reinhard!" --Randy Hain, Author of Journey to Heaven, Cofounder of the Integrated Catholic Life "Reading Word by Word is like participating in a warm, honest, faith-sharing session among good friends. A marvelous way to enter into more intimate communion with the Blessed Mother, which means, ultimately, gazing more deeply into the face of her Son." --Amy Welborn, Author of Wish You Were Here "As a cradle Catholic who has at times taken our beautiful prayers for granted, Word by Word caused me to stop, think, and really reflect on who our Blessed Mother is and the important role she plays in bringing us and keeping us close to Jesus." --Teresa Tomeo, EWTN host and bestselling author of Extreme Makeover

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The minute I heard about this book I bought it because I loved the concept. It's often the simple act of thinking on one word that reveals to you a spiritual truth. I am halfway through this book so far and love it! Each meditation is short and thoughtful--perfect for a daily devotional. At the end of each chapter we're asked to think on the theme of the meditation while praying the Hail Mary. I find I don't want to go beyond the words I have already read about because I want to stop and recall what I had read. For unknown reasons I have struggled trying to draw close to Mary--I've done consecrations that have gone nowhere. This little volume has done more than anything I've tried to draw me closer to my Blessed Mother. Thank you to the team of writers and the wonderful Sarah Reinhard for her editing.

I've given this book away several times and have one by my night stand. Word by Word: Slowing Down with the Hail Mary is a wonderful way to spend your Lent, 40 days, 41 words, or to deepen your prayer life. One wouldn't think you could get so much out of the word "the" or "of" but each word of the prayer, as contemplated by any one of the 41 authors of these little meditations, is rich to the marrow, pregnant with wisdom. I highly recommend as a gift to anyone who struggles with the Hail Mary, anyone devoted to the Blessed Mother, or anyone you know who is seeking a way to deepen their relationship with Christ and His Mother.

This book, Word by Word is the most incredible book I've read about Mary, and the Hail Mary prayer. Each day I would read about just one word and then carry it with me all day. Some days I could hardly put it down, it is so powerful. If you have always wanted to be closer to the Blessed Mother and didn't know how to go about it, this book is for you! Madeline Miller, Woodbury, MN

Absolutely love this little book. I recommend reading each Word as a devotional and think/pray on it. I bought another 5 books for gifts after I read this.

Very interesting way to consider the Hail Mary prayer.

This is a nice little devotional composed of a different author tackling each word of the Hail Mary. Each chapter is short, just a few pages and I found them mostly engaging. I'm not sold on the whole meditate on each word style of prayer this builds off of as I believe you need context to truly get to the meaning trying to be expressed, but there is value in the meditations regardless.

Using book for a group bible study. On 2 "Mary" chapter now and every one loves this book. Wish it had a study guide to go with it. I had to create my own.

Great book broken down into very short chapters. I enjoyed reading each authors perspective of their understanding of each work in the Hail Mary.

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