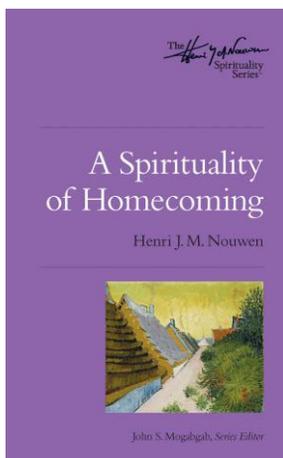


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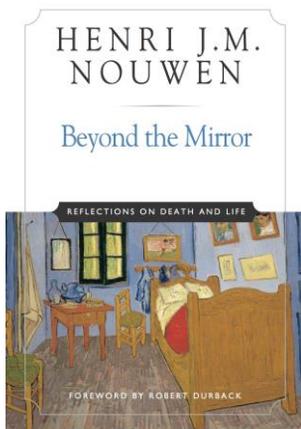
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### **A Spirituality of Homecoming By Henri Nouwen**

Renowned author Henri Nouwen offers a welcome message for our chaotic times: Come home to God, and you will no longer feel like a stranger to yourself or the world. Nouwen, a beloved pastor and teacher who authored more than 40 books, had an unusual ability to help readers see the simplicity and beauty of the spiritual life. The deep wisdom and sensitivity that shine forth in his writing encourage people to move closer to the heart of God and dwell in the knowledge of God's love. In this brief book, Nouwen explores several facets of Christian discipleship: Conversion Freedom Solidarity Suffering Joy Prayer Service

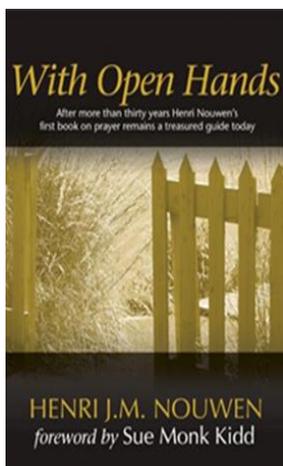
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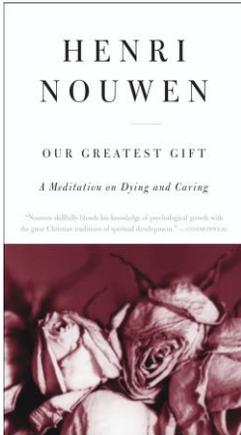
### **With Open Hands by Henri Nouwen**

With Open Hands, Henri Nouwen's first book on spirituality and a treasured introduction to prayer, has been a perennial favorite for over thirty years because it gently encourages an open, trusting stance toward God and offers insight to the components of prayer: silence, acceptance, hope, compassion, and prophetic criticism. Provocative questions invite reflection and self-awareness, while simple and beautiful prayers provide comfort, peace, and reassurance. With over half a million copies printed in seven languages, this spiritual classic has been reissued for a new generation with moving photography and a foreword by Sue Monk Kidd.

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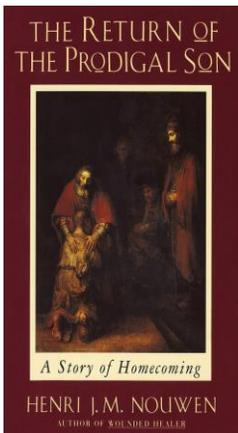
**Our Greatest Gift: A Meditation on Dying and Caring By Henri Nouwen**  
One of the best-loved spiritual writers of our time—an author ranked with C.S. Lewis and Thomas Merton—Henry Nowuen, takes a moving, personal look at human mortality in *Our Greatest Gift*. A meditation on dying and caring, *Our Greatest Gift* gently and eloquently reveals the gifts that the living and dying can give to one another. The beloved bestselling author of *With Open Hands*, *The Wounded Healer*, and *Making All Things New* shares his own experiences with aging, loss, grief, and fear in this important and life-altering work.

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**Parched by Heather King**  
In this tragicomic memoir about alcoholism as spiritual thirst, Heather King—writer, lawyer, and National Public Radio commentator—describes her descent into the depths of addiction. Spanning a decades-long downward spiral, King's harrowing story takes us from a small-town New England childhood to hitchhiking across the country to a cockroach-ridden “artist’s” loft in Boston. Saved by her family from the abyss, King finally realized that uniquely poetic, sensitive, and profound though she may have been, she was also a big-time mess. Casting her lot with the rest of humanity at last, she learned that suffering leads to redemption, that personal pain leads to compassion for others in pain, and, above all, that a sense of humor really, really helps.

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**The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming By Henri Nouwen**  
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In seizing the inspiration that came to him through Rembrandt's depiction of the powerful Gospel story, Henri Nouwen probes the several movements of the parable: the younger son's return, the father's restoration of sonship, the elder son's vengefulness, and the father's compassion.

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