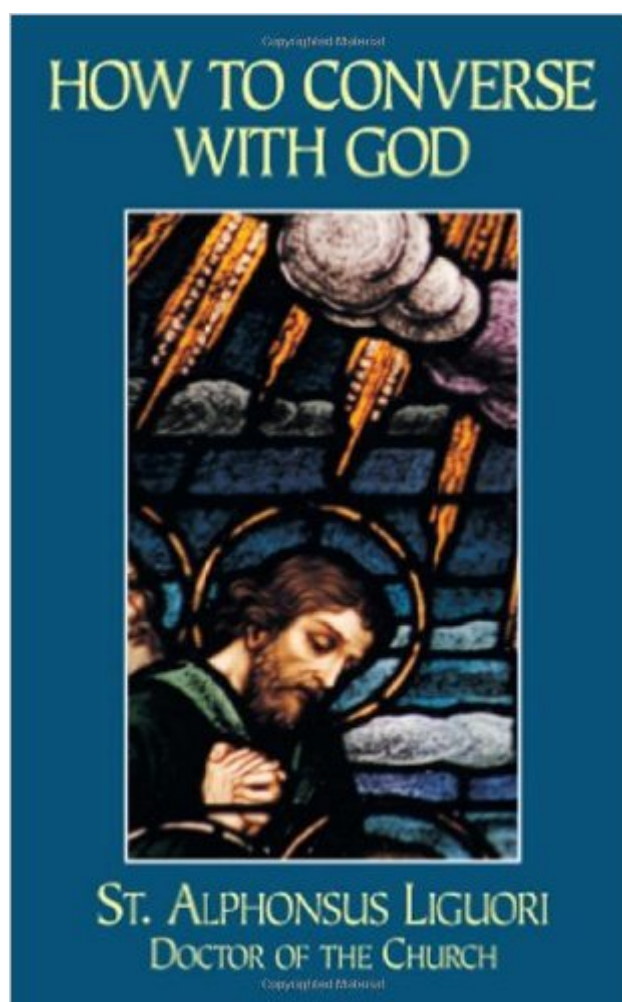


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In this booklet, St. Alphonsus Ligouri teaches us how to use the small events of everyday life to raise our hearts and minds to God: in praise, contrition, hope, joy, and union with God's will. In this way, we can pray unceasingly and converse with God in the way most pleasing to him personally and confidently. This booklet features 20 bite-sized chapters, either for study or for daily meditation, and an index full of short prayers and aspirations. It is the perfect size to slip into a wallet, purse, or pocket, for use in church, at home, or at work wherever you may be, for as this booklet shows, we can pray to God at any place and at any time. (77 pgs. PB.)

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How to Converse Familiarly with God
Anxious because your bus is late? Angry because your bus is late? Bored because your bus is late? Distracted by worry, grief, anxiety, your LIFE, etc., because your bloody bus is late??? I don't know any girl (or, sure, guy) who wouldn't want Fr. Liguori in her jeans pocket, backpack or purse. I'm not even Catholic, but I wish I could have known this sweet, gentle soul, but I'm glad I can have his calming, hopeful, encouraging, instructional presence anywhere I go. This tiny, friendly book reminds me that God wants all of me and warmly invites me to share EVERYTHING. And I might as well, Liguori reminds me at one point, because God knows and loves us, and was aware that we'd have faults, shortcomings, errors and flaws before we were even born, and chose to create us anyway out of love and pure enjoyment. Liguori reminds me that God ENJOYS us and welcomes us back into open arms every time we fall. We need only get back up and turn around. We are never alone. I cherish this book so much I buy several at a time so I can

give them away. I keep mine and highlight and underline in it till it falls apart, then order a new one and start highlighting what strikes me all over again.

There are two books in this vein, whereby we practice the presence of God, that should be read if you want to move your lips (mostly silently), head, eyes and heart to God, simply and quickly throughout your day. This one is by far the best, but a distant but no less necessary second is 'The Practice of the Presence of God' by Brother Lawrence. My recommendation, buy both. Recommended The Practice of the Presence of God

Once again, anything written by St Alphonsus Liguori is remarkable and outstanding. He is, after all, a saint and a Doctor of the Catholic Church. This small booklet is quite extraordinary and very well written with many biblical references. It is a must have in your library if you wish to know how to talk to God in a more familiar manner. I also thought so much of this booklet that I bought fifty [50] more to hand out to my friends. Do I like it? You bet, and I believe once you read it you will be back for more writings by St Alphonsus. Also see his booklet - What Will Hell Be Like?

Excellent, beautiful and useful little booklet on how to have the close and personal relationship with God that the New Covenant intended- (John 15:15, 1 Cor 1:9, Rom 8:14). It's really a crime that with such a rich 2,000 year old spiritual heritage, as this booklet is one example of, all we get from the pulpits of the modern Catholic Church (at least in America) are banalities and bread-and-water spirituality of the "God is Love" and "Be good" variety.

This little book helped me realize that praying to God doesn't have to be ridged and formal. After reading this I have the feeling that I am talking to a much loved friend for family member. Relaxed, the words flow so much easier.

"You are not asked to apply your mind continually to the thought of God and lay aside the fulfillment of your duties and your recreations. Nothing else is required than to act toward God, in the midst of your occupations, as you do, even when busy, toward those who love you and whom you love." Chapter 4 The Paradise of God "God wishes to be feared as a mighty and terrible Lord by those who despise His grace; but on the other hand, He wishes to be treated like a most affectionate friend by those who love Him. Hence, He desires that we love Him. Hence, He desires that we speak to Him often with familiarity and without any restriction." St Alphonsus, Chapter 5 Taste and Seelt does not

seem that the Christian world of today has a problem being familiar with God (even taking great privileges with the honor and majesty owed to Him). More than once I have felt uncomfortable by banal, insipid and emotional public prayer that someone has done without any form of preparation at a public event or in a prayer group, making me feel embarrassed or frustrated more than edified. These off the cuff prayers, I believe, have damaged the divine mandate for Christians to pray and give thanks without ceasing. By them men are tempted to regard a friendly conversation with God as something that is lame rather than the most intimate and cherished of all conversations. This book is a great remedy for those who feel uncomfortable approaching God in familiar conversation and a great encouragement to those who already frequently converse with Him. As you can see from the quotes above, Saint Alphonsus in his authoritative (and at times repetitive) fashion shows both the obligation and the benefits to frequent conversation with our loving God. We are surrounded with spiritual "gurus" teaching un-Christian methods of prayer, babbling and making strange noises, others trying to water down great mystical treatises by "short-cutting" everyone to contemplation. This book encourages the heart to go back to God in a way that all people are capable of, whether they be children or already advanced in prayer. I will be rereading it myself, as well as to my children.

I just received this book, and have only read a few pages. I have several Christian books, but none of them compare to the "WOW" factor from this small book! The author says to talk to God as if He is with you as a you would talk to a friend. Well, I'm a talker, to say the least, and many times I have heard myself talking to God. I have thought I was being NOT reverent, that He deserves to be talked differently than I would talk to a friend! The little I have read so far, I now know He likes to hear all of us just talk to Him--plain and simple. I frequently say "What do you want to do today, God? Now I have to finish the book to HEAR His answer.

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