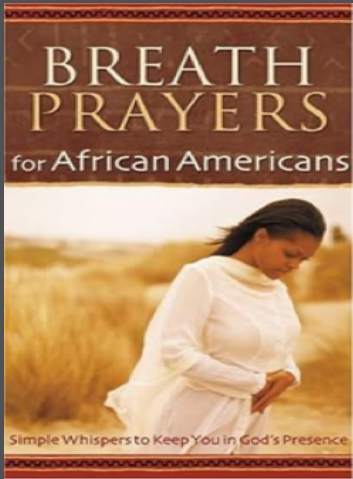


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Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: *"There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!"* —
Proverbs 31:28-29 (NLT)

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Breath Prayers for African Americans
Simple Whispers to Keep You in God's Presence
By: Honor Books Publishing Staff & Edna G. Jordan
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SCRIPTURES:

Celebration

May 1-2

Psalms 118:23-24

May 3-9

Psalms 16:11

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Proverbs 31:26

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Numbers 6:24-26

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Colossians 2:6-7

Held by Love, Carried by Grace, Remembered with Honor

There are moments in life when gratitude reaches beyond what words can fully express, and this season has been one of those moments for me. Celebrating my mother's 100th birthday last month has stirred my heart in ways that are both humbling and deeply sacred. Through her life, **I have witnessed the quiet strength, enduring faith, and selfless love that only a mother can give—love that carries, corrects, and continually points us back to God.** This Mother's Day, we honor more than a title—we honor a divine calling lived out daily through sacrifice, prayer, and perseverance. I thank God for my mother, and I thank Him for every mother whose faithful love has shaped families, strengthened the church, and left an imprint on generations to come.

In one sacred breath...

And as Mount Zion walks through this full and meaningful month, our hearts are lifted in both celebration and remembrance. **We rejoice with our graduates**, whose accomplishments reflect discipline, growth, and a hopeful future ahead. **I am personally grateful to celebrate my 72nd birthday** this month, *thankful for every year God has allowed me to serve alongside this devoted church family.* And as we approach Memorial Day weekend, **we pause to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, remembering that our freedoms are not free.** *So in one sacred breath*, we celebrate life, legacy, and sacrifice—mothers who nurtured us, graduates who inspire us, years that sustain us, and heroes who gave for us. May we never take any of it for granted, but instead live with grateful hearts, honoring God in how we remember, how we celebrate, and how we carry these blessings forward.

Pastor Daniel Simmons