

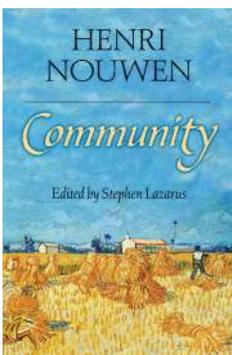


A New Nouwen Book!

Henri Nouwen thought a lot about *community*. Understanding it. Encouraging it. Living it. It was one of his constant themes. Yet he never wrote a full book on the subject. Over time, his thinking about community evolved and developed, particularly after moving to L'Arche Daybreak where he lived for the last ten years of his life.

Drawn entirely from Henri Nouwen's personal writings and previously unavailable transcripts of talks, *Community* offers readers the book that Nouwen never wrote!

Edited by Stephen Lazarus, *Community* explores Nouwen's profound and uplifting insights on what Christian community means.



**SET FOR
RELEASE THIS
SEPTEMBER**

**Community will
be available
through the
publisher.**

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Greetings from the Executive Director – Karen Pascal

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, 2021 is the 25th anniversary of Henri Nouwen's death. Rather than mourn his loss, we have chosen to celebrate Henri's life throughout the year.

Already we have had the pleasure of hosting three stellar online events, including the acclaimed *Henri Nouwen and the Art of Living* conference, a virtual two-day gathering that connected, encouraged and blessed Nouwen readers from around the globe. Twenty-five years later and Henri's life is still bearing fruit!

One of the great joys of my work is seeing how the words of Henri Nouwen continue to influence lives through our many outreaches and initiatives. It's an enormous delight to see new and younger audiences discover Henri Nouwen through our various social media platforms. Henri would be amazed to see the extent of his reach on a daily basis.

It's somewhat ironic, given his decision to abandon the prestige of Harvard and Yale to live a life of "downward mobility" at L'Arche Daybreak, that Henri is more widely known and read today than he was during his own lifetime. I suspect if Henri knew he shared a common destiny with Van Gogh and Rembrandt, the two artists whose lives most influenced his own life and spirituality, he would be very pleased indeed.

Please check our website for details of our next online event on September 21 as we continue to celebrate Henri Nouwen – *Remembering Henri: The Gifts of a Fruitful Life*.

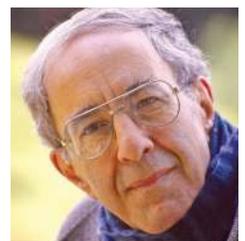
I wish you all a blessed and safe summer!

Karen Pascal
Executive Director



An Encouraging Word from Henri

“Every time you feel hurt, offended, or rejected, you have to dare to say to yourself: “These feelings, strong as they may be, are not telling me the truth about myself. **The truth, even though I cannot feel it right now, is that I am the chosen child of God, precious in God's eyes, called the Beloved from all eternity and held safe in an everlasting embrace.**” – LIFE OF THE BELOVED



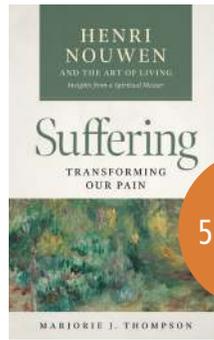
Reasons for Monthly Support

Over the past few months, you have likely received an invitation from us asking you to consider becoming a monthly supporter. While these “asks” might be a tad irksome to some, many readers of Henri Nouwen will recognize that we are actually adhering to his advice. “Fundraising,” said Henri, “allows others an opportunity to participate in your organization’s vision and mission.”

Monthly support impacts the Henri Nouwen Society in a variety of crucial ways. Most importantly, it offers a degree of stability for our operation and outreach. There is something reassuring in knowing that we can depend on a consistent level of support in order to carry out our work. It helps us plan and budget for new initiatives. And it allows us to be more forward-thinking in how to best serve an ever-growing audience of Nouwen readers.

Thank you for considering partnering with us in our work and ministry by becoming a monthly supporter. To find out more, visit our DONATE page at henrinouwen.org.

“As always, Henri’s comments on hope and faith provide an anchor during this turbulent time.”



Henri Nouwen and the Art of Living

We are delighted to announce the release of *Henri Nouwen and the Art of Living*, a new five-booklet series written by Dr. Chris Pritchett and Marjorie Thompson, members of the Board of Directors for the Henri Nouwen Society. Each 32-page booklet breaks open Henri’s words, offering fresh context, meaning, and insight for both new and longtime Nouwen readers.

**NEW
5 VOLUME
SET**

Perfect for personal meditation, this series is also ideal for group study. Questions for reflection and/or discussion are included in each chapter. The complete set can be purchased from the publisher’s website at www.bayardfaithresources.com.

Talk About an Impact!

It has been a lo-o-ong pandemic. Fortunately, with a lot of patience and a little humor, most of us have made the best of it.

But for many seniors, it’s been a time of unexpected isolation and loneliness. Cut off from family and friends and uncertain when they might be able to hug their loved ones again, COVID also brought a sense of unrelenting fear and anxiety.

It’s during stressful times such as these that Henri Nouwen’s words often have the most impact. Here are a few of the poignant comments we have received from our Daily Meditation subscribers this year.

Thank **YOU** for sharing our Daily Meditations with your friends and family. Even better, invite them to subscribe at henrinouwen.org.

“Henri Nouwen, you save my life every day by your life-giving comments.”

“The grief, isolation and loneliness are hard to bear. Hope in the Lord is just about all that is left... Thank you for your words, old friend.”

“The news is so horrible... it has gotten almost unbearable. Henri’s words are exactly what we need to hear today. Thank you.”



Books that Speak to the Heart

Henri Nouwen wrote eloquently and persuasively about the benefits of cultivating a fruitful life. “We have been called to be fruitful – not successful, not productive, not accomplished. Success comes from strength, stress, and human effort. Fruitfulness comes from vulnerability and the admission of our own weakness.”

Perhaps that is why Henri Nouwen’s books are so enduring; few spiritual writers have been so unabashedly candid about their own struggles and brokenness. His words speak directly to the woundedness we all have experienced in our own lives, and they remind us that we are each a fully loved child of God, scars and all. If you haven’t read a Henri Nouwen book, or if it’s been awhile, pick one up and prepare to be blessed. No one speaks to the heart quite like Henri Nouwen.