

Address to

Vincent Brümmer

on the occasion of the presentation of the
Andrew Murray-Desmond Tutu Prize for
WHAT ARE WE DOING WHEN WE PRAY? published by
Ashgate Publishing



Dear Prof Brümmer

The Controlling Body of the Andrew Murray Prize Fund takes pleasure in awarding you with the Andrew Murray-Desmond Tutu Prize for Christian and Theological Books for 2009 for "What are we doing when we pray?" published by Ashgate Publishing.

THIS IS WHAT THE JUDGES HAD TO SAY:

What are we doing when we pray? is a honest, engaging and well-thought-out gem of a book on prayer and faith. Brümmer reminds us with due regard to the complexities inherent in prayer, that faith is not a thing like a theory but a thing like a love affair.

Prayer to God is therefore to enrol in a school of seeing where the heart and mind align with the will of God which gives meaning to our lives.

The book's Trinitarian perspective on the God that answers prayer in a relationship with us, gives this book a combination of gravitas and grace that motivates one to pray.

His portrayal of God as the One that *enlightens* us by the Son to know His will, *empowers* us by the Father to do His will and gives us the *taste for the good* and *motivates* us by the Spirit to do His will out of love, is both intellectually sound and existentially invigorating.

What are we doing when we pray? will challenge believers and non-believers alike to engage in a journey of faith with the God that weaves our prayers into the great tapestry of life.

The Controlling Body heartily congratulates you with the awarding and sharing of the 2009 Andrew Murray-Desmond Tutu Prize.

JUDGES

Prof Denise Ackermann
Dr Daniel Maluleke
Dr Chris van Wyk




SECRETARY


CHAIRPERSON

Cape Town 7 MAY 2009