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INSTRUMENT OF THY PEACE: THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS. By Alan Paton. The Seabury Press, New York, 1975. Pp. 128. Paper, \$4.95.

This famous African novelist offers here a remarkably beautiful pastiche of essays, quotations from various sources, and Scripture readings, to render the prayer of Saint Francis more applicable to people's lives. He addresses his text to those who with all their hearts wish to be better,

purser, less selfish, more useful; to those who wish to keep their faith bright and burning in a dark and faithless world; and to those who seek not so much to lean upon God as to be the active instruments of his peace.

At the right places Ray Ellis contributes stunningly realistic and artful photography. This serves to complement and enhance the lessons of the author in a most appropriate way.

The book could serve anyone well as an aid to meditative prayer. It might also be a welcome gift to others at just about any occasion.

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