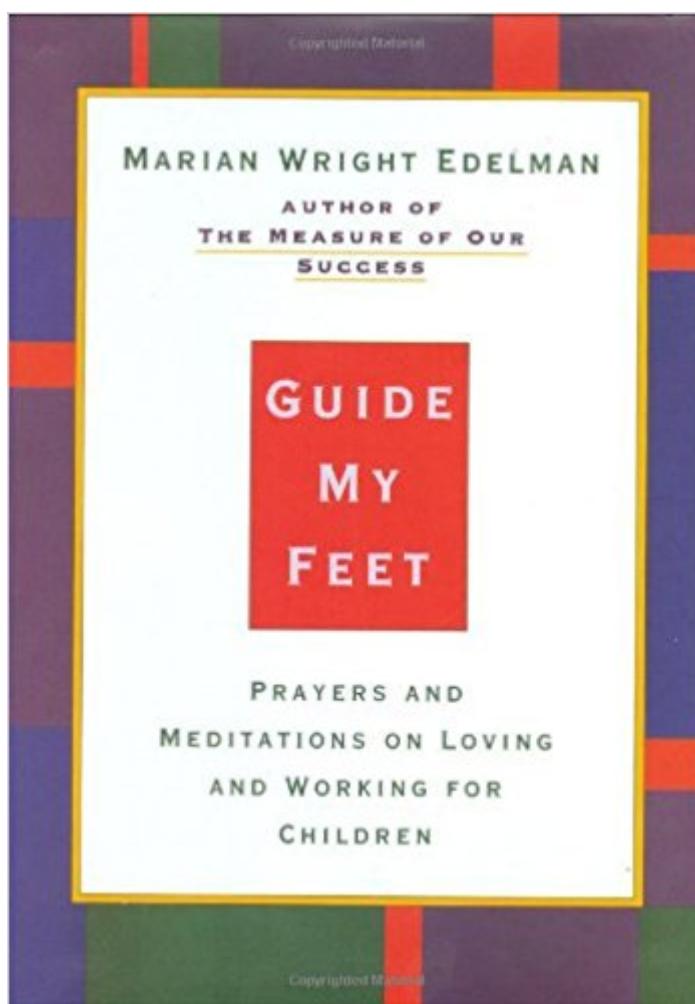


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# Guide My Feet: Prayers And Meditations On Loving And Working For Children



## **Synopsis**

The founder of the Children's Defense Fund and author of "The Measure of Our Success" presents prayers and meditations to inspire all those, such as parents, teachers, and ministers, who work on the behalf of children. Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, is one of the most important moral leaders in America. Her first book, "The Measure of Our Success" was a #1 New York Times bestseller—spending 16 weeks on the list, selling more than 450,000 copies and garnering spectacular praise from Hillary Clinton, Maya Angelou, and Oprah Winfrey. "Guide My Feet" continues her crusade for the well-being of America's children by providing a counterweight to the lesson society is teaching this generation of children—to be soulless takers instead of empowered givers. "Guide My Feet" is a collection of prayers and meditations gathered from Edelman's own holiday rituals and experiences and the writings of such inspiring leaders as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Gandhi, and Frederick Douglass. It urges readers to commit to and pray for strength and patience, and offers solace and direction for parents troubled by the commercialism and violence running rampant in today's society. Filled with wisdom, compassion and understanding, it provides an important spiritual and moral resource all caregivers can turn to as they strive to instill values, integrity, self-discipline and faith in children.

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Humorist, essayist, and occasional "deadline poet," Trillin reads a selection of his work from across

the years. The author is justly famous for wry and dry wit, and all of these "pieces" fall into the laugh-out-loud category. Ranging from the famous "Corrections" article (ostensibly from the pages of the New York Times) to some doggerel, to the wonders of suburbanites with car alarms visiting Greenwich Village, these selections are truly delightful. Unfortunately, the producer does not list the recording's contents anywhere on the package. Still, this outstanding collection should be in every library; highly recommended. Reilly Reagan, Putnam Cty. Lib., Cookeville, Tenn. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"I set out to write . . . a policy book," says America's premier children's advocate, "but out tumbled prayers instead." Indeed they did, both her own and others' prayers. Edelman focuses them all on children and their needs and arrays them in four parts, respectively devoted to love and parenting, personal faith and courage, justice for children, and creating community leadership and congregational commitment to children's welfare. They are overwhelmingly cries for help in fighting a world wallowing in evil and are probably best read in a selective, devotional manner rather than straight through. Those who, while they acknowledge the righteousness of Edelman's regard for children, do not share her bleak, beleaguered vision may find the whole book off-putting and lacking in the love of God that Jesus enjoined. EngageBeacon Press is convinced that even such readers will find the prayers eloquent and moving enough to warrant the largest first printing in its history--100,000 copies. Ray Olson

Many and varied inspirational thoughts, prayers, short meditations. I taught almost 40 years, used this often, and was going to give to a nephew who is beginning his career as an educator. I just could not part from with my copy, so purchased another.

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Great gift for new parents

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these people who care for my children are. I keep a copy by my bedside too - it really is a great little book. I wish the spiritual power behind these prayers and poems could stop all the child abuse & neglect in this country. Thank you Marian for a truly wonderful gift!

A delightful and tender book. Filled with affirmations for all of us who feel like we "blew it" today with our kids. Marian's book gives us permission to be human, make mistakes, and still love our children fiercely. It gives us strength to start new tomorrow. I give this book to every new parent and grandparent. My copy is never out of arms reach. An also must is Ms. Edelman's THE MEASURE OF OUR SUCCESS.

At a time when I was feeling discouraged about my ministry with children, this book lightened my load. I found prayers, insights, and inspirations that allowed me to attack my work with new-found zeal. As a parent, it helped me find the strength and patience to grow my own children instead of just raising them. To read this book is to grow in love

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