

*Song in a Weary Throat: Memoir of an American Pilgrimage,*

The Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray

“During his prayers he blessed me, and later said to me, ‘You are a child of destiny.’ Those words were to have a lasting impact on my life.”

In her memoir, *Song in a Weary Throat: Memoir of an American Pilgrimage*, The Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray shares her life and the many twists and turns it took on her way to becoming scholar, civil-rights activist, and finally ordination as the first African-American female Episcopal priest. In a book that took her a decade to write, she takes us on a journey from her near noble beginnings as a daughter of community leaders, to becoming orphaned, to living with a deeply loving, but stern aunt, to colleges, social activism, law school and so much more.

We see through her eyes the joys and pain of family love, misunderstanding and deep support. We see how racism limited her choices at nearly every turn for education, employment, advancement, and even something so basic as food and housing. And we see her perseverance, power, and faith that enabled her to continue despite nearly impossible odds.

This is a book that will help you understand the backstory of Rosa Park’s bus trip, the effect of Jim & Jane Crow laws, the importance of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and the America that still has not fulfilled its promise to ALL of its citizens. It will inspire you to do everything you can to ensure that each one of God’s children have a chance to live out their full potential.