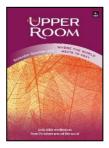
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The Upper Room Bible reading notes

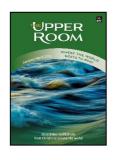
Writing competition 2023





BRF Ministries is offering aspiring writers the opportunity to write for a unique publication in a new competition. *The Upper Room* is a series of Bible reading notes published in 33 languages and read by an estimated three million people across the world every day. Known as the place 'where the world meets to pray', what makes *The Upper Room* unique is the fact that its readers are its writers. Contributors from the widest imaginable range of backgrounds and locations share their faith experiences and biblical insights with the entire Upper Room community

Calling Christian writers



BRF Ministries, publishers of the UK edition of *The Upper Room*, is launching the latest competition to encourage new writers to contribute to the series by writing a short meditation on a Bible verse, rooted in their own experience. The aim of each day's meditation is to help people make a connection between their lives and what God is doing in the world.

The winning entry will be published in a future edition of *The Upper Room* and the winner and runner-up will receive a year's subscription to the series. Full details of the competition, including terms and conditions, information on submission and judging and tips to get you started, can be found <u>here</u>. If you need any further

information, email <u>writingcompetition@brf.org.uk</u>. If you would like to study what makes a successful meditation, you can view sample pages for the <u>Sept-Dec 23</u>, <u>May-Aug 23</u> and <u>Jan-April 23</u> issues. *The Upper Room* can be purchased via <u>brfonline.org.uk</u>.

Derek Morgan and Valerie Eker were successful in the last competition and have gone on to write further reflections for our Bible reading notes. Derek says: 'There's something very special about seeing a piece of your own writing appear in a printed publication. The thought that God can use your creativity to bless hundreds of other people is both humbling and inspiring! If you are thinking about entering the competition, first pray, ask God for inspiration and then write something about which you feel passionate.'

And Valerie adds: 'To see my words in print was immensely satisfying. I would encourage anyone who is wondering whether to enter this year's competition to "have a go". It might set you off along a new and exciting pathway.'

The deadline for entries is midnight on 30 November 2023.

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