

Images from *Golden States of Grace: Prayers of the Disinherited*, by Rick Nahmias

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Clockwise from top: *Stations of the Cross*, *Immaculate Heart Community*; *Fatima*, *Cham Muslims*; and *Mark*, *Beit T'Shuvah*.

In *Golden States of Grace: Prayers of the Disinherited* (University of New Mexico Press), Rick Nahmias documents the lives of the marginalized, focusing on religious communities, including a deaf community of the Mormon Church, a Zen Buddhist meditation group in San Quentin State Prison, and Cham Muslim survivors of Khmer Rouge genocide. With insight and craft, he blends a liturgical moment with a hovering question or a challenge. Short narratives complement the powerful stories that the photographs tell.