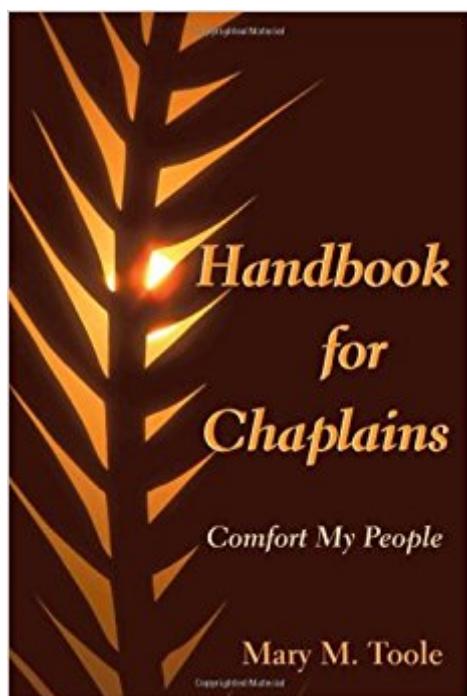


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# Handbook For Chaplains: Comfort My People



## **Synopsis**

Sometimes chaplains are called on to minister to people of a different faith tradition than their own. Here is a handy little book that will help them accomplish this with appropriateness and grace. Mary Toole focuses on eight different faith traditions. For each tradition, she provides a there is a brief outline of the principle beliefs, information about birth, diet regulations, sickness, dying/death, and appropriate prayers that could be said with patients. She also includes facts about cremation, autopsies, and organ donation. This is a book that no chaplain will want to be without.

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## **Customer Reviews**

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Often clergy are out of their comfort zone when dealing with people of other faiths. A chaplain is expected to provide some degree of spiritual service to those that ask, regardless of the individual in crisis' belief structure. This book gives the chaplain an insight to doctrinal differences within the Christian denominations as well as non-Christian beliefs. It is not meant to be a definite study of religious doctrines - but it will provide insight to many. A good, little, quick read book for a chaplain to have! A chaplain's job is not to proselytize - something difficult to refrain from when a person is in crisis; especially if they are of another faith. This book helps a chaplain understand the differences of beliefs, rites and ceremonies, so if asked, the chaplain can provide the person requesting comfort

in a manner consistent with THEIR faith!

I am a police chaplain. This is a handy reference for key info on different religions that are beneficial for chaplains.

Great book for chaplains

As a newly elected chaplain of our Disabled American Veterans chapter, I was a bit apprehensive in regards to prayers and beliefs at it pertains to different religions which this book has addressed!

I liked that the book's chapters on each tradition was brief and concise. I read the description to someone unfamiliar with religious concepts and he said he had an understanding, yet brief, but enough to have a little insight to the tradition. I would love to see a few more traditions added since our world in spirituality is growing, such as some of the earth based traditions. Yet, I understand that the adding chapters for more traditions would probably create such a large book, it would be less convenient to carry if one is a traveling chaplain. All in all, a great companion book for a chaplain's tote bag.

Lots of wonderful prayers for many situations. It briefly explained why /how certain religions practice, to aid in administering to them.

The Handbook for Chaplains falls into a category of small packages that provide a useful service. Essentially this is a very short "crib sheet" (a total of small-format 75 pages) on key concepts and practices in the major faiths found in America. Most useful are the prayers for various contingencies of life. The book is most heavily concentrated on the differing flavors of Christianity (about 35 pages out of the total). I am sorry that there is nothing on Mormons which is a significant religion in America. In the end, if one receives a late night call to assist someone in distress who is of a differing faith than one's own, at least, this little book gives some essential understanding and tools to help support people in their struggles. A nice book to keep in a chaplain's glove compartment. Well worth purchasing, particularly in good used condition.

A great little compact resource for chaplains of eight major faiths. It's so handy for understanding the beliefs and practices of people of faiths or belief systems different from one's own. It covers,

within each faith system, prayers and rituals and customs or mores for most life situations or situations in which a chaplain may be involved. It is absolutely an invaluable resource for both lay and commissioned chaplains.

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