Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit: 52 Prayers for Today

Paul Chilcote has written a marvelous book entitled Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit: 52 Prayers for Today.
The author has converted 52 of Wesley's sermons into 52 prayers. At the end of each prayer, a verse from one of Charles Wesley's hymns is given-so you have the essential content of all these sermons represented in this book in the form of prayers.

Let me suggest some ways for using these prayers:

1. Center each week of the year on one of the readings. I am presently taking one prayer each week and praying this daily to God.
2. Obtain a copy of John Wesley's sermons and read them in their entirety in conjunction with these prayers.
3. Use the prayers at the beginning and ending of each day. E.g. Pray selections one and two on the first day, three and four on the second day, etc.
4. Read the 52 prayers in their entirety, straight through. This approach can give you the big picture.
5. In a separate appendix the author has provided a listing of the scriptural texts associated with each prayer/sermon in their canonical order. You may prefer to read through these Scriptural texts and then read the prayer attached to each text. Notice the range and diversity of Biblical texts Wesley used.
6. Take one of the prayers and use it in corporate worship. You may wish to adapt it to form part of your pastoral prayer.
7. Use one of the prayers to begin and/or end each session of a prayer group or small group Bible study.
8. Use the prayers in a Sunday school class as the opening gathering prayer.

I am very excited about using this resource in a variety of settings in the life of the local church.

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