



Vernet Clemons Nettles, EdD
Author & Speaker





About The Author

Vernet Clemons Nettles, Ed.D. is a parent, educator, and poet. Born in Mobile, AL, she currently resides in Montgomery, AL. Dr. Nettles has served in various capacities of church service, including Youth Department advisor, Sunday school and Bible Study teacher, and Director of Christian Education.

Since 2014, she has shared daily original prayers on her website *Another Day's Journey* - www.vcndailypray.com. The scriptures and prayers focus on spiritual growth and connecting with God.

Professionally, Dr. Nettles works in the Montgomery Public Schools System and as an adjunct instructor for a local university. Having worked in education since 1990, she has focused her career on facilitating services for students considered underserved and less likely to succeed.

Dr. Nettles has allowed her life lessons – her hills and valleys – to shape her Christian walk. Over the years, Dr. Nettles has often said that despite all, life is wonderful and that she “lives in the overflow, in the saucer of life.” She hopes to inspire others to trust, believe, and grow in God’s grace through the sharing of her devotion and her poetry.



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FAQ

1. Where are you from? Where do you live now?

I was born in Mobile, AL and graduated from John Shaw High School. I attended Xavier University of Louisiana and majored in Education. I worked in the Mobile County Public School System until I moved to Montgomery, AL. Over the course of my career, I have acquired leadership degrees from the University of South Alabama and my doctorate from Nova Southeastern University. Currently, I work in the Montgomery Public School System.

2. How long have you been writing?

I have written short poems and little stories since elementary school. I still remember taking Creative Writing class in the summer community programs. I used to know where copies of my Cinquains were packed away. Much of my writing is inspirational or personal life poetry.

3. How long have you been writing devotionals?

I began writing what morphed into devotionals around 2011. I began writing to remember words I heard in sermons, to send text messages to my daughter, and to share with my close friends. Somehow, God turns those notes and my memories into devotionals. Writing devotionals has truly been a walk with and toward God and his grace.

4. What do you love about writing poetry?

When I write poetry, I can say all of the words in my heart, and sometimes words I didn't even know were there. I often say, "from God's mouth to my pen" because sometimes, I didn't even know that I felt that way until I read the written words. God has also allowed me to write memorial poems that celebrate the live of a loved one. It is an honor to help someone express their love in written form.

5. Have you always wanted to be in education?

*I have wanted to be a teacher since elementary school. My first-grade teacher and my childhood Sunday school youth director have been my lifelong inspirations. My first-grade teacher purchased my first book, *Why Should I Be Bound*, and told me how proud she is of me. I have worked in several roles in education, including an English and Reading teacher, a Federal Programs Specialist and Director, a Logistics Director, and a Personnel Evaluation Specialist. I have even served as a Sunday School and Youth Bible Study teacher, as well.*