

Katara Patton

Biography

Katara Washington Patton is Executive Editor at Our Daily Bread Publishing, and the author of eight books, including her latest *Navigating the Blues: Where to Turn When Worry, Anxiety, or Depression Steal Your Hope*, an Amazon best-seller. She is also the author of a series of books on successful living based on Biblical characters. The series includes *Successful Moms of the Bible*, *Successful Women of the Bible* and *Successful Leaders of the Bible*. Patton's other books include: *Inspiration for Christian Teen Girls*, *The Parables of Jesus Coloring Book Devotional*, and *Joyous Advent*. Katara's books are written in a down-to-earth and authentic style, pointing to God's Word and drawing in the reader with a sprinkle of humor and real life examples. She is grateful that God has allowed her to combine her passions and interests with work and ministry.

Katara has worked in the editorial and acquisitions departments at Weekly Reader Corporation, *Jet Magazine*, Urban Ministries, Inc. (UMI), McGraw-Hill, *The African American Pulpit*, *The Chicago Defender*, Tyndale House Publishers, and *Christian Century Magazine*. She is currently also a regular contributor to the daily devotions at Our Daily Bread. She graduated summa cum laude from Dillard University (New Orleans, LA) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications and English. She then earned a Master of Journalism in magazine publishing from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University (Evanston, IL), and received a Masters of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (Evanston, IL), where she received the outstanding preaching award.

Patton is a native of Thibodaux, Louisiana. She and her husband, Derrick, reside on the South Side of Chicago. They have one daughter, Kayla. Patton is a member of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, where she is a mentor in the Intonjane Rites of Passage ministry. As much as possible, she tries to enjoy a Zumba class and a competitive game of Scrabble to keep her life balanced.

