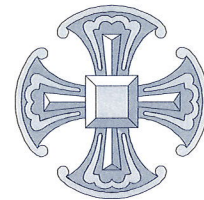


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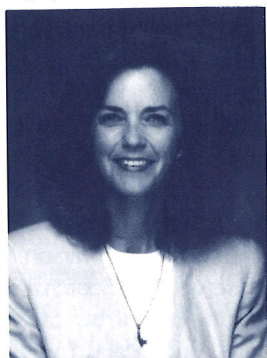
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How I Discovered Inner Healing

by Judith MacNutt



The silence in my office was broken only by the long deep sighs of my newly assigned patient, Elizabeth. She had been admitted to the psychiatric unit of the hospital after being rushed to the

emergency room following a serious suicide attempt. She had spent months stashing away sleeping pills and then, in a clear, calculated way, wrote a farewell letter to her mother (who had never been able to show her the love she needed), drove down to the ocean, consumed a large quantity of pills and alcohol and then waited. Within a few hours she was discovered and rushed to our facility for treatment.

My encouragement and human care failed to retrieve her from the pit into which she was slipping. Even to speak was too much effort for a woman so wearied by years of turmoil and pain. Instead of words, her sighs and silence spoke volumes. Her hopelessness filled every corner of the room, and slowly it

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began to infuse my spirit, too. As I counseled her, Elizabeth revealed numerous sickening events in her fractured past. Her father had raped her; her mother had failed to protect her; she had suffered through countless broken, abusive

relationships; and then, the final tragedy, her baby son had died.

I had always successfully managed to separate my spiritual life from my clinical profession. But now, after years of observing wasted lives, I realized nothing short of a miracle would make any difference. Something had to be done about Elizabeth and all of the countless others who were crushed and barely existing on the edge of life. "Lord what can I do?"

After waiting for what seemed like hours, a warm, loving presence entered my room, and I sensed God's love and deep concern for Elizabeth and all the others for whom I had been praying. Then came God's strong, steady, loving response. "Bring them to me...pray for their healing...I will restore them." The Lord then directed me to read Isaiah 61:1, "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted..." (NIV).

Suddenly everything became so obvious; a veil had been lifted from my mind. It was not what I had to do, it was what God wanted to do. These broken, desperate people were God's children, God's creation, the ones for whom Jesus had died. Of course God wanted to heal and redeem them. I was being called upon to journey with them, and the Lord would gently, lovingly rebuild everything that had been destroyed. That night, I contacted several devoted Christian friends who committed to pray for Elizabeth.

Returning to the hospital the following morning after much prayer, I asked to see Elizabeth. She was markedly changed! Her depression had lessened considerably, and she wanted to talk! Although her speech was slow and halting, she began to reveal her innermost fears, disclosing much more than the factual list of traumas she had presented before. She said she felt differently and shared something she had experienced the preceding night. She described how she was awakened around 11:00 p.m.,

precisely when I and my Christian friends were praying. She became aware of a light in her room, although all the lights were out, except for a hall light filtering through her open door. The light (which she recognized as coming from Jesus) enveloped her, spreading warmth and healing love throughout her body and spirit. For the first time in her life, she felt protected and loved. This presence remained with her all through the night, strengthening and ministering to her. Though her outward situation remained unchanged, her heart and deep mind were being healed. As her daily therapy progressed, the walls of pain and isolation slowly eroded. In time she relived each memory while the Lord's healing power transformed and released her. Everything the Lord had promised me was now becoming a reality.

Elizabeth was soon released to outpatient therapy where she continued in her newfound freedom. During the first week I started praying for them, several other patients displayed such marked improvement that I could only attribute their change to the power of God. What an exciting and life-changing discovery this was for me as a therapist! The implications were revolutionary. Therapy alone was not enough; healing prayer had to be included.

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Summer Excerpts: Letters from Francis

July 22, 1998 Suffolk, England

There is so much to share...Mostly I want to tell you about our time the last couple of weeks in Malta. It is a fascinating place — the whole island is a rocky fortress with all kinds of fortifications like the one we know in St. Augustine. They were built by the knights of Malta to ward off the Turks. Only 16 miles long, it has been occupied by waves of invaders: Normans, Sicilians, Arabs, French and English. They acquired independence from the English in 1964.

The language, Maltese, is its own — 80 percent Arabic but mixed with everything else. The people have an olive-complexion and are very Mediterranean and hospitable, just as Paul found them. The main business is tourism, with a million and a half visitors last year, mostly Germans, English and Italians. To them, America is like the promised land, and the influences of our culture are everywhere — our T-shirts, Coke, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, etc. A waiter told us his king is Elvis and he wants to journey to Graceland! They seem about 20 years behind us. For young people, the discos (which Rachel and David quickly discovered) are like "Saturday Night Fever!"

Most of the island is Catholic. There are two strong Catholic charismatic communities. The one that invited us is made up of people mainly in their 20s and 30s. Founded 10 years ago, it is the strongest such group in all of Europe. We were really impressed by the combination of fervor and wise young leadership. They seem to have avoided the overcontrol of some of the communities in the U.S. and simply emphasize loving each other and reaching out to others. The community could not have been more kind or generous, taking us all around the island to see the sites.

About 230 came to the conference in Sliema. Also, they have an outreach meeting every Saturday night for over 800 people, where I spoke last week. Young people come because they have a great praise band, like the one at Vineyard. Laypeople lead, and the priest is more like a chaplain than the head.

They invited us after reading my book on deliverance, believing there was a need for it in the community. They have some good experience with healing and deliverance. Judith and I were scheduled to give several three-hour talks, but they cut those down to one-and-a-half hours each so we could spend the rest of the time praying with the leaders. About half of the prayers were deliverance of a dramatic kind.

It is so clear God is doing something similar all over the world: raising up pockets of Christians who really experience the presence of God and the power of the Spirit, desire to evangelize and share in the midst of a basically inert institutional church. The bishop in Malta is favorable, so these two groups are flourishing spiritually and reaching out to a starving world.

It is wonderful to see our friends here in England again. Rosemary Phillips is taking me to a bird sanctuary today before I have to speak (!!!), and I had two hours last night to talk to Sandy Miller, pastor of Holy Trinity Brompton.

P.S. The only sad thing about Malta is that the people are known for killing small birds. The "Maltese Falcon" is no more.

July 29/30, 1998 Just outside London

Everyone here is talking about the Lambeth Conference of the Anglican Council. It is all over the news. It has been an exciting time to be in England.



MALTA

Our time in London has been so rewarding. I spoke in Suffolk, along the coast, at the summer camp sponsored by the very alive Anglican church, Holy Trinity Brompton in London. Some 1500 attended, mostly younger families with children. At a time when the churches in England and Europe are struggling, HTB and churches like it are a breath of life. HTB started the celebrated "Alpha" course to draw people to Christ. Their goal is to make Alpha available to every church in England.

Both HTB and the group in Malta exhibit the same common elements: 1) They are truly sold out, committing their lives to Jesus and to the power of the Holy Spirit. 2) They are under wise leadership. 3) They are balanced and exercise prudence; they are free in the Spirit but avoid excesses. 4) There are no class distinctions. 5) They make an effort to evangelize.

Also in England, I met with Rev. Peter

Denton and about 330 people involved in the healing ministry in the London area, as well as Rev. John Ryeland and a dozen leaders of English healing homes, a unique feature in English renewal. As you can see, a major part of spiritual renewal in England is coming from the healing ministry.

We head for Scotland tomorrow. Will write from there. Give my love to everyone.

Aug. 13, 1998 From Scotland

We made it! Thank you for your prayers!

The retreat for clergy in Scotland went very well. Of the 75 who came, 15 were Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) ministers, 10 were Episcopal Church of Scotland, a couple of Baptist pastors came, and no priests but four Catholic laypeople. The Episcopal Bishop of Elisabetown, South Africa, came from Lambeth, as did Ann Watson, widow of the famous David Watson.

The group was very reserved (the Scotch are even more reserved than the British!) but came to life after the first night. Judith and I went around the room praying for them as we usually do and all but one asked for prayer. It was very powerful and beautiful.

Most of them were older, which is a major problem here and in England, as the young people are not in church. There are very few younger pastors whom God might use to lead the Scottish churches into a more charismatic future. A heavy spiritual oppression shadows the country, which has a long history of witchcraft and the Scottish rite of masonry, centered in Ayr, where we were two weeks ago. But people here really responded to prayer — both the clergy and the 550 people who attended the last night of the conference at the ice rink last week in Perth. When we prayed for the group, there were surprisingly many deliverances. They want us to come back, which we would love to do. We hope we have at least somewhat encouraged the Christians here who have been worn down.

The place where we are staying is run by a young couple in their 40s. It is a beautiful site, reminiscent of all those Jane Austen movies, and they plan to turn it into a healing home.

The place where we gave the clergy retreat, Bonskeid House, is run by the YMCA and is in the Highlands. It is gorgeous country with some sun and mostly gentle rain — huge picture windows looking out onto giant fir trees and small mountains.

They just called for dinner, so goodbye for now. We can't wait to see you next week.

Much love, Francis

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How I Discovered Inner Healing

After many years of individual and group counseling with people who exhibit varying degrees of emotional health, I have come to believe that a deficiency in love is at the heart of most of our trouble. The greatest longing of our hearts is to be in union, to love and to be loved. God has created us in His divine image, and He desires union with us; therefore our hearts cannot be at rest until this desire for union with God is satisfied.

In some mysterious way, when I asked Jesus to heal the destructive aspects of my patients' past, it would happen. Sometimes he would even appear to the person. In other words, prayer really can change our lives. This method of prayer has been named inner healing, the healing of the heart, or the healing of memories. Through inner healing, God goes into those regions we cannot reach and does for us what we cannot do for ourselves. God can truly heal and transform our painful life experiences, allowing us to be free from the bondage of unexplored memories.

Things seemingly forgotten have the potential of becoming a great source of harm. These secrets of the soul dwell in the darkness of our shame. These crushing, painful memories can rise up to destroy us in body, mind, and spirit. We may be able to survive with broken bodies but not with broken spirits: "The human spirit will endure sickness; but a broken spirit—who can bear?" (Proverbs 18:14, NRSV).

In the process of inner healing, our wounded memories become a source of healing. In order to bring about that change, we must uncover those root memories—something effectively achieved through traditional psychotherapy.

But what I discovered is that through prayer we can then drain those memories of their poison through the healing love of Jesus. Once we identify the pain and bring it into the light, Jesus can transform it and free us from its crippling effects. He doesn't erase the memory, but he does remove the devastating effect of the memory. After prayer we can still remember what happened, but the memory no longer has its old power over us.

For example, one woman I prayed with several years ago shared a secret about how she had been sexually abused. She felt deep shame in telling me how, as an eight-year old, climbing

the dark stairwell in her apartment, she was molested by a neighbor. When he left her she began to weep, and (she) had been deeply fearful ever since. She had never shared this devastating experience with anyone until she trusted me. When we prayed, I invited Jesus to go back to that little girl sitting on the stairs weeping and to fill her with his healing love. At this point she was thrilled to see Jesus loving and holding her as a wounded, weeping little child. With our Lord's help she was able to forgive her assailant. After that she found herself free from the bondage of this shameful memory.

Her self-hatred disappeared and she was able to relate to men without shuddering fear. A simple prayer, which took only a few minutes, accomplished more than months, or perhaps even years, of therapy.

As I recall this and many other marvelous examples of God's healing love in people's lives, I am filled with joy. Healing is real and forever!

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Q&A FORUM

by Francis MacNutt



Q: Over a year ago, you wrote an article on aging. Could you share more about your thoughts on this subject?

A: Since I am personally going through the process myself, I cannot avoid struggling with the whole issue. First, aging isn't a sickness; you simply start to wear out. The joints begin to wear thin after thousands of miles of use in a lifetime. You may develop osteoarthritis, the most common kind of arthritis. (Rheumatoid arthritis, the second most common variety, is a disease of the immune system.) And yet, these effects of aging act like disease, causing pain and impairment of function. So when praying about aging, we should ask God: 1) to slow the aging process, or 2) to reverse the process by creating or supplying whatever is wearing out or no longer being produced by our bodies. Why not pray for a strengthening of our memories, a return of our sight, a restoration of hearing and anything else that might be weakening?

I find, however, that just when we need these prayers most, we tend not to ask for prayer. We feel our falling apart is inevitable, so why bother people to pray against a gradual, natural process that seems to be normal? Moreover, these aches and pains and impairments of motion don't usually change (except to grow worse), so it's very boring to repeat to your friends the same old thing, day after day. Out of kindness and consideration we do not want to bore people with the same old complaints. "My lower back still hurts," we may say, while mentally adding, "as it has for the past 10 years!" So we shut up, grin and bear it.

But I'm coming to believe that we really should pray about all these things, just as we do for sickness. From time to time, we all need prayer! In fact, I think in the ideal order, it would be wonderful to receive 10 minutes a day of soaking prayer from our spouse or prayer partner. Besides, it's the slowing of those life forces that also leads to more sickness as people grow older. The immune system slows down and may not be able to fight off disease as strongly as it did in younger days, so we may grow more sickly when we least feel like bearing up under it.

Now, having said all these dismal things, I believe we should pray against them — for life. I think we want to become younger in spirit as the years go by — more full of wonder and joy, more compassionate and loving, seeing more deeply into the beauty and awe of God's creation. We see that in some people, don't we? As their bodies age, their eyes burn yet more strongly with radiance, innocence and love.

We all know there comes a time to die. Even Lazarus and the daughter of Jairus, raised to life by Jesus, are no longer with us. For us, death is an entrance to a new life. But here, too, we can pray. Wouldn't it be marvelous if, instead of fading out of this life, crippled by pain and sedated into unconsciousness, we left this "mortal world" with our minds alert and our bodies in comparatively good health? Perhaps our Christian ideal should be that we quietly die when our hearts stop beating.

Many believe the saints are forewarned by God as to when they are to die. Something like this did seem to happen to our dear friend and mentor, Agnes Sanford. When she reached her 80s, she felt she had completed the tasks God had given her. She was quietly living in Monrovia, Calif., just outside of Los Angeles, in a house she had purchased on the San Andreas Fault, so that she might pray directly to stop the earthquakes that threaten to devastate the California coast. Yet in her pioneering spirit, she had booked a glider flight, a dream she had always had.

One morning her companion and secretary, Edith Drury, came into her room, and Agnes said, "Edith, I am going to be taking the Big Glide." Edith caught her drift immediately and replied, "Agnes, that's wonderful; you'll soon be with the Lord!" To which Agnes retorted, "I wish you wouldn't act so happy about my going. You're supposed to be sad and say you're going to miss me!" A few mornings later Edith walked into Agnes' room to find that she had quietly passed away in her sleep.

Agnes knew she was going to die; she was ready and fully alert in her last days. That sounds like an ideal way for a Christian to die! (Unless, of course, you're martyred!)

As we live in our older days and approach the day we will come face to face with our Father, let us become filled anew with Jesus' life to counter that slow march toward physical death.

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REACHING OUT IN MINISTRY

Date	Event	Location	Speaker(s)	Contact & Phone
9/15-17/98	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Beth Coleman at CHM
9/21/98	Day of Healing Prayer	CHM	Francis MacNutt and Staff	Beth Coleman at CHM
9/25-26/98	St. Luke's Episcopal ECW Retreat	Marywood Retreat Center Jacksonville, Florida	Norma Dearing	Vicki Bittleman (904) 744-2133
10/1-4/98	Annual Vail Conference	Vail, Colorado	Francis and Judith MacNutt, Tommy Tyson, Jeanne Hill	Paul Johnston (970) 476-5641
10/13-15/98	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Beth Coleman at CHM
10/9-11/98	Fishnet Conference	Stamford, Connecticut	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Fishnet (802) 773-7210 or Fishnet@sover.net
10/17/98	Order of St. Luke Healing Conference	St. Anne's Episcopal Church Crystal River, Florida	Norma Dearing	Father Russell Griffin (352)795-2176
10/19/98	Day of Healing Prayer	CHM	Francis MacNutt and Staff	Beth Coleman at CHM
10/26-29/98	School of Healing Prayer Level II	CHM	Francis and Judith MacNutt, Norma Dearing, Ann Bauwens	Ann Bauwens at CHM
11/9/98	Day of Healing Prayer	CHM	Francis MacNutt and Staff	Beth Coleman at CHM
1/20-21/99	January Term at All Saints' Episcopal Church w/ Alliance Trinity Seminary	All Saints' Episcopal Church 3560 Kings River Road Pawley's Island, SC 29585	Francis MacNutt	Rev. Chuck Murphy (803) 237-4223
2/4-7/99	CHM Annual National Advisory Board Meeting	CHM and Holiday Inn Airport, Jacksonville, FL	Francis MacNutt, Judith MacNutt, David Busse, Norma Dearing, Ann Bauwens	Betty Heindel at CHM
4/14-18/99	International Convention of the Chris- tian Association of Psychological Studies (licensed professionals only)	Sheraton Hotel Colorado Springs, CO	Francis MacNutt	John Rodwick (719) 264-0667

CHM Speaker Series

The MacNutts have so many demands on their time that it is impossible for them to fulfill all the speaking engagements to which they are invited. During the years that CHM has been headquartered in Jacksonville, God has raised up some servants in the ministry who are gifted speakers and eloquent testimonies to the ministry of healing. We encourage you to consider them for your retreat or conference.

Two of the speakers the Lord has so clearly gifted are Norma Dearing, CHM's director of prayer ministry, and Ann Bauwens, director of prayer ministry education. Both of these women of God can teach about virtually any aspect of the healing ministry and are two of the most learned and experienced people in the ministry. Also, Joy Lamb is truly anointed by the Holy Spirit in her ministry of leading people in intercessory prayer and teaching about intercession.

Please remember that CHM also offers an extensive video/audio series which captures Francis and Judith on tape giving some of their best teaching on healing. These tapes offer wonderful material for a conference on healing, particularly if you are trying to build a healing ministry in your church or community.

If you would like more information about CHM speakers, their backgrounds and areas of expertise, speakers' fees or the video/audio series (outlined on page 11), please call us at CHM.

KEYS FOR PRAYER MINISTERS:

Praying for Inner Healing: An Integral Part of Prayer Ministry

by Norma Dearing,
Director of
Prayer
Ministry



Inner healing is allowing the transforming power of God into the memories of the past. The basic idea of inner healing is simple: Jesus — who is the same yesterday, today and forever — can take the memories of the past and heal the wounds that remain and affect present lives.

Even after we forgive someone, pain and deep hurt can still affect us when we recall the memory. Even after we have repented and been forgiven of our mistakes, memories of how we caused pain to another can still torment us.

Inner healing usually comes after forgiveness. This healing helps remove the things that block the flow of the Holy Spirit, so we can live more abundant lives.

The following is an abbreviated checklist of questions to discern if inner healing might be helpful to a person:

- 1) Were you greatly embarrassed when you were a child or young adult?
- 2) Do you have unreasonable fears?
- 3) Do you often find your reaction to something said or done is out of proportion to whatever the stimulus was?
- 4) Do you have a recurring memory of a past hurt? Does it still trouble you to think about it?
- 5) Are there people you cannot forgive? Do you have trouble asking someone else to forgive you?
- 6) Do you have overwhelming feelings of guilt?
- 7) Do you find it nearly impossible to admit making a mistake? Do you usually look for someone else to blame for what goes wrong in your life?
- 8) Do you have a nearly continuous feeling of anger? Are you usually critical in your remarks or thoughts about others?
- 9) Do you suffer physical or mental exhaustion from wrestling with inner problems?
- 10) Were you an adult before you ever felt loved by another person?
- 11) Do you often compare yourself with others and end up feeling inadequate and

discouraged?

12) Do you have a constant need for physical affection, or do you not like to be touched at all?

13) Do you have a deep sense of insecurity, feeling unloved or disapproved of?

14) Is it hard for you to believe that God loves you or approves of you?

15) Do you find it difficult to give and receive love?

An important aspect of any healing prayer is to bind off the enemy and pray for the release of the Holy Spirit. This is especially vital when praying for inner healing. Remember that the enemy has held this person in bondage with these memories, creating years of shame, guilt, fear and rejection. He doesn't want to let that person go. Bind off all interference of the enemy. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to fill the room.

The following is a simple prayer that can be used when beginning to pray with a person who needs inner healing:

"Lord Jesus, I thank You for (name). I thank You for the opportunity to be here today, gathering in Your Name. Lord, I know that (name) is Your child and that You know everything there is to know about her/him. Thank You for loving her/him so much. I thank You that You have brought her/him here today to receive Your healing in specific areas of her/his life. Lord, I ask that by the power of Your Holy Spirit, You would show (name) that first memory You want to heal for her/him today."

After three to five minutes of silence, ask the person if anything was brought to his or her mind. Let the person briefly tell you the memory. It is important to realize that this memory can be anytime during the person's development — as far back as conception or as recent as last week.

After this brief discussion, pray a simple prayer of inviting the Lord into the memory:

"Lord, we thank You for bringing this memory to (name)'s mind. We know, Lord, that You showed it to her/him for a reason and that You want to heal this place of hurt. Lord, we invite You to come into this memory with Your love and holy presence. Come, Lord Jesus, with Your healing

power." (Silence)

Caution: At this point, it is important NOT to dictate what the Lord does in this memory. Dictating the Lord's involvement is called "guided imagery" and is the reason inner healing has been criticized by some as being New Age. The Lord taught me long ago that my job as a prayer minister is to invite Him into the memory. He does all the rest.

Everyone sees, feels and experiences the Lord in different ways. The Lord is able to come into a memory and heal it in an especially individualized manner for each person. Let the Holy Spirit work.

After a period of silence, perhaps glancing at the person periodically to discern expression, i.e. tears, joy, peace, gently ask, "Can you share what is happening?"

This allows the person to verbalize what he or she is experiencing, and it helps solidify the healing in his or her memory. It is also a checkpoint for the prayer minister to assess the inner healing, and it usually serves as an encouragement to see how powerfully the Holy Spirit works!

After the healing of the first memory, it is usually best to proceed in the same manner with additional memories. Encourage the person to continue, but remember to ask the Holy Spirit, as you go along, how much inner healing He wants to work in the person at this time.

After years of prayer ministry experience, I have seen the majority of people with whom I have prayed experience this type of healing in one or more of the following ways:

- 1) They feel deep peace come over them and into the memory.
- 2) They see light or a brightness that fills the memory.
- 3) They can actually see the Lord Jesus come into the memory.

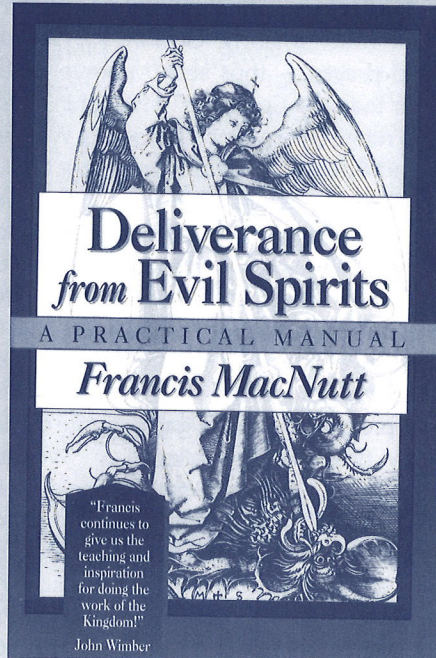
4) They hear the Lord's voice actually speak to them in their mind or spirit.

Special Note: An extremely cerebral person may find it difficult to experience inner healing as described above. What the Lord has taught me in these circumstances is to ask the person, "What do you THINK Jesus would do in the healing of this memory?"

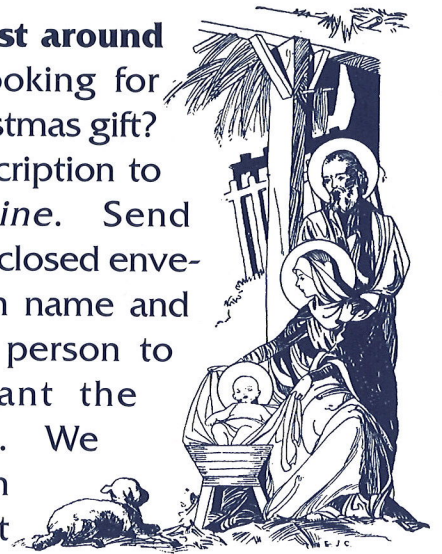


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CHM is Looking for Prayer Warriors!

Beginning October 8, a five-month course will begin for people in the Jacksonville area who are interested in becoming a prayer minister at CHM. This course is designed to instruct and train volunteer prayer ministers and is based upon the School of Healing Prayer Level I, as well as a few additional teachings from Level II. The course will be held on Thursday mornings, with some interspersed evening sessions. In order to enroll in the class, an application must be completed and sent to Beth Coleman, Director of Volunteers, for consideration. Applications are available from the CHM office. Please call or write if you are interested.

If you do not live in Jacksonville but would like to take Level I or are interested in the School of Healing Prayer, we hope you will consider purchasing the video or audio series, which are available from the CHM Bookstore (see Bookstore, page 10, for details). These courses are a wonderful way to begin a healing ministry in your church or community, and they offer excellent teaching in ministering God's healing to others.

Interceding for Our Nation & World: Prayer Does Change Things

by Joy Lamb,
Director of
Intercessory
Prayer Ministry



"The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of those who...suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them... Ever since the creation of the world His eternal power and divine nature... have been understood and seen through the things He has made. So they are without excuse; for though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their senseless minds were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools; and they exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling a mortal...Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity... because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! ... For this reason God gave them up to degrading passions. Their women exchanged natural intercourse for unnatural, and in the same way also the men, giving up natural intercourse with women, were consumed with passion for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the due penalty for their error. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up ... They were filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, covetousness, malice. Full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, craftiness, they are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, rebellious toward parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. They know God's decree, that those who practice such things deserve to die — yet they not only do them but even applaud others who practice them." — Romans 1:18-32

Does it concern you that...

Division and confusion are consuming all denominations of the Church today. Christ's teachings and Biblical doctrine are in jeopardy.

Most people in our nation spend much more time and money worshipping sports figures, TV and movie personalities, rock and rap music stars, their bodies, etc., instead of God? He only asks for a few minutes a day and a short time on the Sabbath. Time set aside

to honor Him has been replaced with "other activities" we deem more important.

People question the authenticity of Scripture, challenging and denying the truth of His Word, these sacred truths honored by rulers, kings and presidents for thousands of years?

Most of the population look to horoscopes, tarot cards, psychics, self-help books, lucky charms, New Age/cult activities, etc., for guidance, rather than seeking God through Scripture and prayer — thus serving the creature rather than the Creator?

Homosexuality is running rampant? Bisexuality is even "in" among young people?

Courses in homosexuality techniques are taught in major universities? These institutions, originally intended as divinity schools, now mock God and deny His very existence.

Books promoting homosexuality are being introduced to all age levels from kindergarten to college, teaching that gay is okay?

Most mainline TV programs depict a gay lifestyle as acceptable? A Broadway play called "Corpus Christi" even depicts Christ as a gay man having relations with the disciples?

TV has more impact on a child's mind and personality than most parents or teachers?

A judge in Mississippi was forced by "the law" to remove the Ten Commandments from his courtroom?

A group of people praying at the Washington monument was threatened with arrest?

The fight to return prayer to schools continues? And yet, murder is being committed in the classroom by mere children?

Laws are being made to do away with Christmas and to force us to replace the word "Christmas" with "Winter Holiday?"

Supplying birth control in our children's schools, sex before marriage and living together outside of marriage are acceptable as "the way of the '90s?"

Our laws currently allow a medical procedure that allows a perfectly normal baby to be born feet first, but killed by the doctor just before its head is delivered?

The nation's #1 talk show is the Gerry Springer Show, and the rage among young adults is an R-rated cartoon called "South Park?"

Our courts are filled to overflowing with people constantly suing each other, each side claiming that the other is lying?

If your answer is a loud YES to most of these questions, I beg you to join us in prayer for Our Nation, for the Lord tells us:

"If My people who are called by My Name humble themselves, pray, seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their

sin and heal their land. — II Chron. 7:14

Ten years ago, God spoke to me: "Pray My Word, child. It brings healing to all areas. Trust Me, and pray My Word." So we did.

We prayed the medical field would recognize prayer as important to healing. At that time, only three colleges recognized prayer. Today, 30 medical schools recognize prayer as a positive factor in healing.

We prayed the media would recognize prayer and begin to give it "good press." Within days, everyone was reporting on prayer.

We prayed television would have shows about God. Against all odds such shows began to appear and get a wonderful response.

In October of 1994, we prayed for Godly men to be elected to Congress. Two years ago we began to pray God would reveal all ungodliness in the government, and that He would bring to light all things He wanted to come out of darkness. We are now praying the Lord will purge our land from all evil.

We prayed that producers, including Steven Spielberg when he formed his company *Dreamworks*, would produce movies about God and draw audiences that knew nothing or very little of God's Word. Spielberg's first movie was "The Prince of Egypt," the story of Moses!

In 1996 we began to pray for the economy and for crime in our nation. Crime has dropped dramatically in all major U.S. cities.

We pray against abortion. Even though the horror of late-term abortion is still in effect and abortions are still performed legally, abortion is the lowest it has been since legalization.

We prayed for intercessors to come forth from across the land. Prayer groups and prayer ministries seem to be stronger than ever.

We prayed for rock and rap music. I read this week in *Time* magazine that CD sales are slow, MTV is changing its format, and alternative rock isn't dead but is in crisis.

We prayed for prisons. A prisoner wrote me that when she prayed the deliverance prayer, things in her prison became much calmer. She now prays often. We prayed that prayer groups would start in prisons. They are forming.

We plead the blood of Jesus over our neighborhoods, cities, churches, nation and world. We prayed the Lord would bring about a spiritual awakening. He has. We are praying He will purge the land from all evil.....He WILL.

So regardless of the bleak situation facing our country, God IS changing things. The more we pray, the more things will change. I urge you to be diligent in your prayers. Intercession is the key to unlocking hope for our future.

God reigns. Thanks be to God!

GOD in the midst of breast cancer

Dear CHM Prayer Intercessors,
I wanted to thank you so much for your faithful prayers on my behalf with regard to my having breast cancer. I had a mastectomy in April, and the surgery went beautifully. Not only was there no cancer in my lymph nodes or chest wall, but I learned the following week that I would not have to have chemotherapy because the cancer had been detected so early!! What a miracle that God blessed my girls and me as a result of all the prayers lifted up on my behalf. I am a single parent, and the thought of facing chemo was pretty frightening. I prayed God would make the surgeon's news clear one way or another with regard to the chemotherapy, never expecting He would answer that I didn't need to have it!

One small way God was glorified through this trial: the morning after the surgery, the surgeon removed my drain, saying I didn't need to go home with it. When the ladies from the American Cancer Society came into the room the next morning, they were shocked at that news. One of the ladies had to keep her drain for two weeks, and the other said that in over five years of visiting women who had had mastectomies, she had NEVER heard of anyone getting their drain out before leaving the hospital. PRAISE GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS AND COMPASSION!

Thank you for your ministry and for the comfort it gave me in knowing you were praying for me.
Ginny, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

Dear CHM:

I LOVE your newsletter and photocopy Francis' message for my pastor and doctors.
I had cancer two years ago and Francis prayed for me at Vail. God touched and healed me — Praise Him!
I am now visiting the sick in the hospital and offer prayer for healing. I loved Joy's article about her hospital stay; I had one that was very much like it.
God is so good and faithful. I pray for you!
Serving Christ with you,
Lucy, Grand Junction, Colorado

Praise Reports

Out of a Coma

Praise God and Hallelujah! God, because of the sacrifice of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, miraculously healed my soon-to-be daughter-in-law, Maria, in an amazingly short period of time. I sent you an Express mail letter asking for your spiritual intervention.

Doctors, nurses, attendants and all those who in some manner worked with her were astounded and actually shocked at her rapid recovery. They didn't surmise that she would come out of her coma due to the fact that no one knew how long she had not been breathing and without a pulse (Dead!). They also wondered what her mental capability might be if she did recover.

Everyone said it was a miracle. My son, Brad, explained to them that many people had prayed for her. He and Maria are planning to be married. Maria is gradually regaining her strength and appears to be mentally capable, for which we are continually praising Jesus.

I do so very much appreciate your kind and considerate phone call, information shared and your prayers. Thank you for your kindness, compassion, love and grace extended to all of us and especially for your prayers and intercession. God bless you in your service to God's family.

Alverda, Newell, Pennsylvania

We Want YOU for God's Army!

Want to become an Intercessor? God's Army can always use more prayer warriors! CHM intercessors receive a bi-monthly newsletter with prayer requests for which they are asked to pray faithfully for two months. Also, Joy Lamb sends them a copy of *The Sword of the Spirit — The Word of God*, so that they can more effectively pray Scriptural prayers for the prayer requests. The intercessors support Christian Healing Ministries through prayer covering.

If you would like to become a CHM intercessor, please write to Joy Lamb, CHM Intercessors, P.O. Box 9520, Jacksonville, FL 32208.



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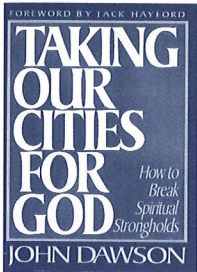
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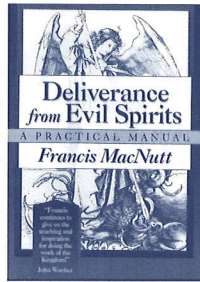
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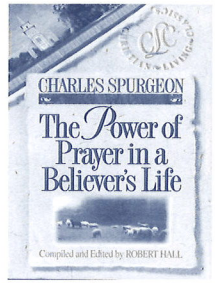
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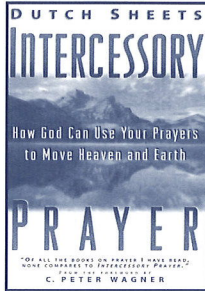


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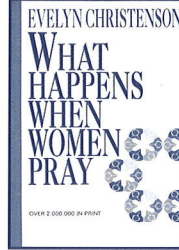
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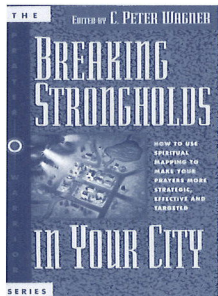
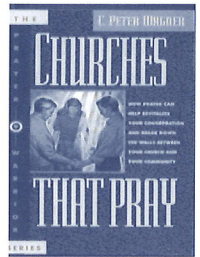
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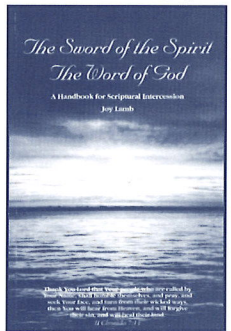
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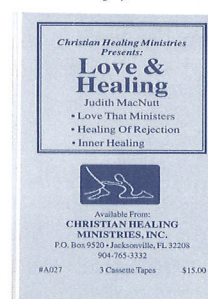
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