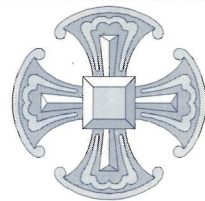


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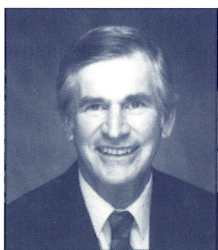
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He's Really Got the Whole World in His Hands

by Francis MacNutt



When most of you began praying for healing (and I hope you do pray for healing), it was probably for one person — someone very dear to you. It may have been for healing of a serious or life-threatening illness, like cancer. Or perhaps it was less serious, like an ankle sprain. Hopefully, that friend or relative got better — or was totally cured. Jesus encouraged you, and you kept going.

That vision, where most of us began, was limited. What we are discovering is an incredible vision of healing, stretching far beyond the horizon of what we first knew! We are not just talking about the healing of our individual bones, but about the healing of the whole world. Our relationships, our societies, our nations all need healing. As human beings, we realize our whole society needs to be healed; it doesn't take a genius to see this. As Christians, we realize that the Christ-like response is to pray for resurrection in the midst of darkness.

I encourage you to read the first chapter of Colossians and the eighth chapter of Romans, where Paul says astounding things like:

"For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in (Jesus), and through (Jesus) to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross" (Colossians 1:19-20, NIV).

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed" (Romans 8:18-19, NIV).

All around us we see an exciting new dimension of healing opening up — larger than we have ever seen before. Though the forces of evil are evident, the power of the Spirit is strong. The reconciliation Paul talked about in Colossians is being revealed in our world everyday.

For example: although it took 2,000 years, slavery as an acceptable ideal was abolished in the modern era. Although ethnic and religious wars and persecutions continue in Kosovo, Northern Ireland, Israel, India and other places, Christians throughout the world are praying and working toward reconciliation and the healing of ancient wounds. In South Africa, much bloodshed was averted and reconciliation is being realized through Christians like Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

The April 5 issue of *Time* magazine contains an article about current research on the relationship between forgiveness and health. Medical researchers are breaking down the 400-year-old hostility between science and spirituality.

The Pope and other religious leaders are beginning to recognize a profound Christian dimension to our stewardship of the earth and all its resources. And perhaps most importantly, age-old barriers between Christians are beginning to break down, as God is calling us to reconciliation and one body, despite denominational differences.

These healings, breaking down ancient walls between people, are the result of God's pouring out a vision of His love upon us. Even while we see mass murder and genocide on our TV news screens every night, God's love is being poured out in even greater measure.

Let us, as Christ's children and army, take our commission seriously and continue to pray for the healing of our world.

We need to see with new eyes.

We need to love with new hearts.

And our whole world needs our prayers.



Sufficient Evidence by Vicki Dearing, Esquire

My family did not attend church except on holidays, and even then we would go to the non-denominational church at the Air Force Base. The services were nice, but God's existence did not seem real or even possible to me as a little girl.

When I was in the ninth grade, a girl-friend invited me to a "week-long revival" at her church. At the end of the week, the speaker gave an altar call, and I became hot inside and a little choked up. With rubbery legs, I found myself moving toward the aisle, and the following Sunday I was baptized. The rest of the day I felt like I had indigestion, and my dad joked that it was all that sin leaving my body.

I still wasn't sure about God, though. I couldn't imagine that Jesus would have the time to be my "personal" savior even though I had orally confessed this belief to the whole church. I sporadically attended church throughout high school and college mostly due to a guilty conscience from all the partying I was doing. I had a sense of wonder and reverence for God but I still had my doubts.

I met David in law school, and I became an Episcopalian while we were dating. He was much more religious than I and his grandfather was even an Episcopalian priest. The church we attended as law students in Alabama was very traditional, and I really liked watching people taking communion. There was something very touching about it, but when I took the cup and ate the bread I never thought of it as Christ's body and blood being poured out personally for me.

All the while, David kept telling me that his Episcopal church back home in Jacksonville, Florida, was a little different from the one we attended in Birmingham. When we were engaged, I went home with him and attended his church. I was shocked and a little uncomfortable with the people raising their hands and singing their own praises to the Lord at the end of the praise and worship time. Everyone was singing something different to the Lord, and although I had to admit it sounded very harmonious and beautiful, it was still too much for me. Besides, I had a conservative image to uphold as a new lawyer in a downtown law firm.

Because my husband had worshipped there all of his life, I thought I'd better stick it out. He was a lawyer, and

he didn't seem to mind all the hoopla. I told myself I'd adjust.

During that year, the sermons often referenced the Holy Spirit and how He convicts and cleanses us and then leads us to Jesus to heal us. Finally, He equips and empowers us to minister to others.

I was confused about this Holy Spirit person, and I did not have much of a prayer life so I didn't know how to ask God about this. In fact, I was still praying, "Now I lay me down to sleep..." So my earnest prayer simply became, "Lord, if you are real, teach me to pray so that I may get to know you better."

Soon, I began having dreams that I was praying in a different language. This really scared me. I didn't want to "speak in tongues." Although I knew it was Biblical, I thought only fanatical, snake-handling Christians did that stuff. But the dreams continued.

I confessed my fear about this to my mother-in-law. I told her I had been asking God to help my prayer life but I didn't want a prayer language that would suddenly fly out of my mouth in the grocery checkout line. She laughed and assured me that would never happen and that I would have complete control over it. She said to keep praying about it and that the Lord wouldn't give me anything that wasn't good for me. She also said that I would have to make the choice to receive it, and she suggested I read *The Holy Spirit and You*, by Dennis and Rita Bennett, which I did.

Several weeks later, I was in my car on the way to a deposition in Gainesville, and I popped in a praise tape. I got that same warm feeling I had felt when I first asked Jesus into my heart, and I said, "Lord, I know this is something you must want me to have, and if you want me to have it then I want it, too, because I must need it." With that, I opened my mouth and just sang LA, LA, LA. All of a sudden out flowed the most beautiful language I had ever heard — rapid, beautiful words that I did not understand. My heart started beating so fast, and I was extremely excited because it was my first experience with the supernatural.


As I drove on, I brought to mind all the people I loved and prayed for them in this new prayer language.

With each person, the prayers were different. I didn't know what to pray for them, but my spirit could intercede for them. It was truly amazing, as I knew no other language besides English.

That was six years ago, and I have never again doubted God's existence. Now that I know God better, prayers in English come easily, but I still pray in the Spirit whenever I need clarity or when I am afraid or frustrated. I especially pray in the Spirit when I'm not sure what God's will is on a particular matter.

I have a toddler and a nine-month old, and when I am too tired at night to articulate a prayer, I sometimes close my eyes and use this special prayer language God has given me, and I fall asleep feeling close to God. I also sing in the spirit to my children when I forget the words to nursery songs.

Not everyone needs a special prayer language to have a good prayer life. In fact, Paul says it is the very least of the spiritual gifts because it does not necessarily edify others and that we should seek spiritual gifts that build up the body of Christ. Yet for me, God graciously performed this miracle in my life to prove He wasn't too busy or too big to answer my simple prayer of "Lord, teach me to pray."

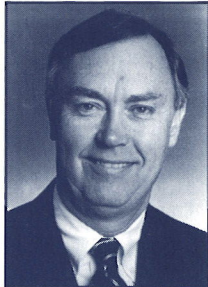
His grace was sufficient for me. 

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CHM's Special Needs

by David H. Busse,
Executive Director



Truly, our Lord has blessed Christian Healing Ministries with wonderful volunteer prayer ministers, staff and board members. Our ministry has grown in terms of numbers of trained prayer ministers, teaching/healing events, and people for whom we have prayed and interceded. Thanks to our Lord working through many people, we have received financial blessings, as well.

Often, those people desiring to bless the ministry financially ask us what specific needs the ministry has. In this way, God has seen fit, through the faithfulness of these precious people, to answer our prayers down to the bottom dollar, and we are able to do what we need to do in order to fulfill His Will for this ministry.

Over a year ago, we published a needs list in *The Healing Line*. Every one of those needs was met. Thus, we are once again letting our readers know our needs.

In addition to day-to-day operating expenses, which are always so important, we currently have the following special needs:

Repairs to Roof: \$4,000

New and additional furniture for client reception/waiting area: \$3,000

School of Healing Prayer Level III video recording, editing & preparation of accompanying manuals: \$22,000

Should you wish to make a donation in the form of securities, we will be pleased to work with your investment advisor and/or broker to facilitate a transfer.

If you can help or would like further information regarding any of the above giving options, please contact David Busse at the ministry. We are confident that our gracious Savior will continue to provide all resources necessary to further His ministry of prayer for healing.



If you facilitate a School of Healing Prayer course in your area, we want to hear from you. Please call to register as a CHM/SHP Facilitator. This will enable you to receive special mailings about discounts and new materials and will make your class eligible for group discounts. Contact Ann Bauwens: (904) 765-3332 Ext. 210.

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Each year, CHM updates our mailing list of people receiving *The Healing Line*. Our annual update will take place before publication of the fall issue. PLEASE — if you wish to continue receiving *The Healing Line*, let us know. If you are able, a \$20.00 contribution will help cover production and mailing. If you are unable to send a contribution, simply return the form, and we will keep you on the mailing list through our scholarship program. Send the completed form in the enclosed envelope. If you wish NOT to continue receiving the newsletter, please indicate that on the form and mail to us. If you are a new addition to our mailing list, allow us to give you the newsletter free for one year.

God calls us to be good stewards of our financial resources. The cost of production and mailing *The Healing Line* is not insignificant. For this reason, we will remove names of those who, in the last two years, have not ordered from the bookstore, sent a contribution or simply asked to remain on our mailing list. Please help us to remain good stewards. God bless you!

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“Foundations” of Healing Prayer: A New Course Series

Christian Healing Ministries' School of Healing Prayer is a series of teachings that thoroughly addresses the subject of healing prayer. It focuses on how to pray for many different types of healing and how to create and conduct a prayer ministry in your church. However, CHM recognizes that not everyone has been exposed to the subject of healing prayer in such depth and may need a more foundational introduction first.

For this reason, Christian Healing Ministries is in the process of developing a new series of courses entitled the “Foundations” series. These courses are ideal for Sunday School, Christian Education or small group format. They are appropriate for churches which have not had much exposure to the subject of healing prayer but desire to be introduced to this vital and much-needed area of ministry. The first course in this series is being developed currently.

Foundations: Introduction to Healing Prayer

This Foundations course is a basic introduction to healing. Designed in seven short, 30-minute individual teachings, it is perfect for use in Sunday school classes, home groups or any Christian education class. Francis MacNutt, author of 10 books on healing, covers very basic teachings on “Why Jesus Came” and “The Four Types of Healing.” Judith MacNutt, Christian psychotherapist, covers the very important topics of “Forgiveness” and “Emotional Healing.” Norma Dearing, Director of CHM's Prayer Ministry, speaks on the importance of “Salvation” and its relationship to healing, and Judge Peter Dearing speaks simply and beautifully on the “Baptism of the Holy Spirit” and why it is important in the healing ministry.

This course explains the Biblical foundation of healing prayer, defining in simple terms the mystery surrounding this often misunderstood ministry. If you desire to develop a healing prayer ministry in your church, this course is the ideal place to begin. “Introduction to Healing Prayer” will encourage those members of your church who want to be involved in healing prayer but don't know where to start. It also will answer the questions most Christians ask who have not been exposed to healing prayer, questions that all of us have wondered at one point or another. This course is offered both in video and audio format, and it includes a facilitator's booklet, with discussion questions for small group interaction.

“Foundations: Introduction to Healing Prayer” is a perfect beginning and a pre-cursor to our School of Healing Prayer courses, which are more in-depth. This course will be available for purchase in the fall, and prices will be advertised in our Fall '99 issue of *The Healing Line*.

Future Foundations Courses

CHM is planning to pursue other exciting Foundations course topics once the development of the first course is complete. Stay tuned to *The Healing Line* for more information about the Foundations series.



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REACHING OUT IN MINISTRY

Date	Event	Location	Speaker(s)	Contact & Phone
6/7/99	Day of Healing Prayer	CHM	Francis MacNutt and Staff	Betty Heindel at CHM
6/10-13/99	1999 National Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference	University of Notre Dame	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Walter Matthews (540) 972-0225
6/15-17/99	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Betty Heindel at CHM
6/25/99	"Life in the Spirit" Teaching Series	CHM	Norma Dearing	Angie Mims at CHM
6/27-7/1/99	Fishnet Conference	Rutland, Vermont	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Rena Larson (802) 773-7210
7/20-22/99	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Betty Heindel at CHM
7/23/99	"Life in the Spirit" Teaching Series	CHM	TBA	Angie Mims at CHM
8/7-10/99	Clergy Conference	Edinburgh, Scotland	Francis and Judith MacNutt, The Rev. Don Williams	Gail Mosely at CHM
9/14-16/99	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Betty Heindel at CHM
9/17-18/99	Catholic Renewal Conference	Des Moines, Iowa	Francis MacNutt	Marcia Moore (319)322-6227
9/17-19/99	Healing Conference	Leesburg, Florida	Ann Bauwens	Sandy Stegall (561) 965-4311
9/17-19/99	Church of the Holy Spirit Healing Conference	Roanoke, Virginia	Norma Dearing	Tom McVane (540) 297-5974
9/27/99	Day of Healing Prayer	CHM	Francis MacNutt and Staff	Betty Heindel at CHM
10/1-3/99	Ecumenical Weekend of Renewal	Vail, Colorado	Judith MacNutt	Paul Johnston (970) 476-5641
10/9-10/99	St. Luke's Methodist Church	Houston, Texas	Norma Dearing and Judith MacNutt	Linda Christian (713) 402-5114
10/19-21/99	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Betty Heindel at CHM
10/25/99	Day of Healing Prayer	CHM	Francis MacNutt and Staff	Betty Heindel at CHM
11/8/99	Day of Healing Prayer	CHM	Francis MacNutt and Staff	Betty Heindel at CHM
11/16-18/99	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Betty Heindel at CHM
11/19-20/99	Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conf.	Toronto, Ontario civic arena	more information to follow	



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED



**for Day of Healing Prayer
and Intensive Prayer
Ministry.**

**TO REGISTER for either of these
programs, contact Betty Heindel
at CHM: (904) 765-3332 Ext. 204.**

"The Life in the Spirit" Teaching Series Continues

Francis and Judith MacNutt, along with Norma Dearing, are teaching a series which focuses on living and walking in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a vital component of prayer for healing, as well as many other areas of Christian ministry. It empowers us to live and work for God. The series began in April and continues through July from 9:30 to noon on the following dates: May 28, June 25 and July 23.

Reservations are required (904-765-3332). If you live in or will be visiting the Jacksonville area and are interested in learning more about this very important topic, we hope you will consider joining us.

KEYS FOR PRAYER MINISTERS: Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Ministry

by Norma Dearing,
Director of
Prayer
Ministry



In the last edition of *The Healing Line*, I began an article on the importance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in ministry. Gifts covered previously were wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing and miracles. In this edition, we will cover the final four: prophecy, discernment, tongues and the interpretation of tongues.

Prophecy: Paul places great emphasis on the gift of prophecy in relation to the church. "Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy...But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort. He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church" (1 Cor. 14:1, 3-4).

The gift of prophecy is for the edification of believers first, and secondly for unbelievers. In *The Holy Spirit and You*, author Dennis Bennett states that Scripture gives us three ways in which prophecy ministers to believers: edification, exhortation and comfort, or building up by encouragement.

Years ago, when I was very new in the power of the Holy Spirit and knew absolutely nothing about the healing ministry, a very mature Christian woman prayed a word of prophecy over me. She prophesied that God was going to call me into the healing ministry and use me not only in the healing of others, but in teaching about the healing ministry as well.

She was very specific in describing her vision of my standing in front of people in churches teaching about healing. She said God would call me to pray for the sick and He would give me guidance and wisdom as to how to pray for these people.

I left that day perplexed, sure she had me mixed up with someone else! Evangelism was the only thing I was remotely interested in at that time. However, within five years, everything she prophesied was realized. And here I am today, Director of Prayer Ministry at CHM, where I've been on staff for 12 years.

Discernment: The gift of discernment is a supernatural gift for prayer warriors for the express purpose of ministering to those held in bondage by the enemy (oppressed, beaten down and not able to live in the

fullness of life in Christ, often because the person is burdened with such things as fear, rebellion, rejection, etc.). This God-given ability enables us to distinguish whether a person is influenced by the Holy Spirit; by natural, human, psychological or created causes; or by an evil spirit.

According to Francis MacNutt's book *Deliverance From Evil Spirits*, discernment operates on two levels. The first is the ability to recognize the presence of an evil spirit, and the second is the ability to identify it.

Discernment is given in order to help Christians know how to best minister to a person. For example, before attempting to cast out a spirit you have discerned, bind the spirit from operating in any way. Then, pray for healing: renouncing occult involvement, repenting of sin, praying for generational healing, and praying for deep inner healing. Usually, a combination of these various forms of healing prayer are used.

It is very important to mention a word of caution here to those who may become overzealous operating in this gift. After being given discernment, it is vital to ask the Lord what you are to do with this information. Do not begin praying immediately for deliverance for a person. Above all, the person probably needs deep inner healing. We never want to do anything that would further hurt one of God's lambs.

Tongues: Much confusion about the gift of tongues exists in the church today, particularly in mainline churches, where we've only been involved in the charismatic renewal for some 30 years. There is a lot of misconception about prayer language, the gift of tongues, and the differences between the two.

Prayer language is a gift God gives to believers when they are baptized in the Holy Spirit. It is one of the evidences the disciples looked for in the book of Acts to see if someone had received the Holy Spirit. This is what Vicki Dearing describes in her article in this issue of *The Healing Line*.

Prayer language is distinguishable from the gift of tongues Paul talks about in 1 Cor. 14:27. Paul says there should be no more than two or three occasions where tongues are used in a meeting, and then only with interpretation. That's different from prayer language.

When we talk about "the gift of tongues," we are speaking about the pub-

lic manifestation of tongues, which should be interpreted. This gift edifies others by the gift of interpretation which follows.

There are two ways the gift of tongues can be a sign. The first is that the message and the interpretation have such a powerful impact that the listener is profoundly affected, seeing it as a definite sign from God. The second is that the tongue may be God speaking directly to a person in a language known to the listener but unknown to the person speaking, such as Chinese, Swahili or Slovak. This is what happened in Acts on the day of Pentecost: "Are not all these men Galileans?...how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?...we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues" (Acts 2:8-11).

Interpretation of Tongues: When the gift of tongues is used at a public meeting, the interpretation of the tongues is given afterward to bring meaning and understanding for the group. Interpretation of tongues is similar to prophecy in that its purpose is also "edification, exhortation or comfort" (1 Cor. 14:3-5).

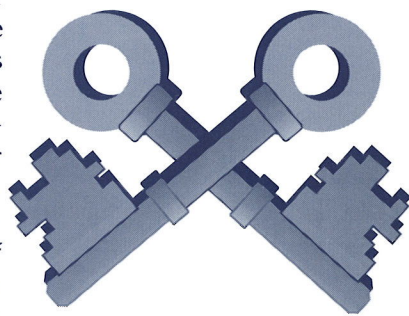
Interpretation of tongues is a transitory gift: it may be given only at a certain time for a certain situation. These gifts are Holy Spirit-inspired and Holy Spirit-directed.

My father-in-law, the late Father Frank Dearing, used to say the gifts of the Holy Spirit were like carrying tools in a tool box. As God gave you a particular job to accomplish in His kingdom,

you were to utilize the necessary tool for the job. The important thing in the healing ministry is to have access to these necessary tools and gifts of the Spirit.

Many people do not operate in some of these gifts because they have never asked for them. These are serving gifts to be used in ministry to God's people, but some of us experience fear or anxiety at the very thought of prophesying or interpreting an unknown tongue. The real question is: Are you available to step out and be used by God, empowered by the Holy Spirit to promote healing to a broken world?

"If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him?" (Matthew 7:11)



CHM's Fall Volunteer Prayer Ministry Course Changes to Evenings to Accommodate More People

Each year, CHM trains new volunteers to serve as prayer ministers here at the ministry. Training lasts two-and-a-half months, with classes once a week. Classes are led by CHM's Director of Prayer Ministry Education, Beth Coleman, and include video teachings from the School of Healing Prayer Level I course, as well as individual teachings, guest speakers and practice prayer sessions. The training is intense, but the benefits of learning how to perform prayer ministry lasts a lifetime.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: In order to accommodate a greater number of individual schedules, classes will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning September 14 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The last class includes a dinner and commissioning.

Class dates are as follows: September 14, 21, 28

October 5, 12, 19, 26

November 2, 9, 16

Topics covered are a bit more inclusive than the Level I School of Healing Prayer audio/video series:

Introduction to Prayer Ministry

Introduction to Healing

Four Types of Healing

Forgiveness

Salvation and Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Renouncing Occult Involvement

Physical Healing

Inner Healing

Healing from Conception to Birth

Healing of Sexual Abuse


Introduction to Deliverance

Conducting the Initial Interview

Generational Healing

If you live in North Florida or South Georgia and would like to serve as a CHM prayer minister on a regular basis, we hope you will consider whether God is calling you to take this course at this time. We ask that all those who complete our training course commit to volunteering at CHM for at least one year, either at monthly Intensive Prayer Ministries, weekly Tuesday evening prayer ministry or regular daily prayer appointments — whichever works best for your schedule. **Please call the CHM office for an application.**

If you are interested in learning more about being a prayer minister but do not live close enough to CHM to serve as a volunteer prayer minister, we encourage you to take the Level I course on your own! This course is a basic teaching on healing prayer and is beneficial to individuals desiring to learn more about this subject, as well as churches, prayer groups, counselors and other prayer ministries.

For further information regarding CHM's School of Healing Prayer, see The CHM Bookstore on page 10. If you have questions regarding the School or any of our teaching courses, contact the CHM Bookstore at (904) 765-3332 Ext. 203. 

Christ Calls Christians to Intercession

**by Joy Lamb, Director of
Intercessory Prayer Ministry
and Grace M. Sarber, Director of
Ministry Communications**

As Christians, we need to realize the importance of intercession. Our commitment to this task is vital to the healing of each other, our churches, our communities, our society and our world.

The literal meaning of intercession is "the lightning of God reaching the mark!" The Hebrew root of our word "intercession" is "pagah," which means "to strike the mark." It is a warfare term. So when we use the word "intercession" we are literally talking about warfare.

God is light. When He releases His light, lightning flashes and His glory is seen. Whatever is in view of His light is struck by it. "He fills His hands with lightning and commands it to strike its mark" (Job 36:32).

God desires to strike the mark through His believers, who are the light of the world: "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men..." (Matthew 5:14)

We need to hear the heart of our Father and release His light into our world through prayer. That is what the CHM intercessors are all about, and that is what every Christian intercessory group is doing — releasing God's light into the world so that it will strike the mark.

Furthermore, we have many examples of intercession in the Bible, beginning in the Old Testament. For example: "For the LORD will not cast away his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you a people for himself...far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you..." (I Samuel 12:22-24). "The king said to the man of God, 'Entreat now the favor of the LORD your God, and pray for me, so that my hand may be restored to me.' So the man of God entreated the LORD; and the king's hand was restored to him, and became as it was before" (I Kings 13:6). "...go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall

pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly..." (Job 42:8).

In the book of Psalms, we are even told to pray specifically: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem" (Psalm 122:6).

Perhaps Jesus is our perfect example of intercession. He is constantly interceding for us. If our desire is to become more like Him, let us recognize His model of prayer: "...but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:24-25).

Jesus even gives us the commandment to pray for our enemies: "But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). "...bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you" (Luke 6:28).

And Paul often emphasized his need for others to intercede on his behalf: "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, so that I may reveal it clearly, as I should" (Col. 4:3-4). "Beloved, pray for us" (I Thess. 5:25). "Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you, and that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one" (II Thess. 3:1-3).

Paul also talked about how much he interceded for others: "To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God

will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ" (II Thess. 1:11-12).

James, the brother of Christ and one of the leaders of the early church in Jerusalem, wrote his letter to Christians everywhere to help teach them the practice of Christianity. In it, he gives us a model of prayer: "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest" (James 5:14-19).

In her prayer time recently, Joy Lamb was feeling a little discouraged, especially in light of recent events in the news, and she prayed, "Lord, oh Lord, hear my plea to hear You. Is my prayer too redundant? As I roll call all those for whom I pray, is it boring to your ears? Am I stuck in a rut, or am I right on? I only want to do what You want me to do."

And God answered: "Continue to do exactly as you are doing. It pleases me. Your prayers are jewels upon My altar. You are chosen, and your prayers to Me are chosen. Each time you lift a name, My Spirit listens. You, through your prayers, are preparing people's hearts for My home where I will dwell in them. My Word is the answer — always pray My Word! My Word is so simple, yet so powerful. Continue. Bless you this day, My precious child."

So be encouraged! And continue to pray diligently. Know that your prayers do not go unheard. God loves to hear them. And He does answer them.

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Dear CHM:

Thank you so much for your prayers for my niece's husband, Andrew. They are a young couple with a four-year-old son. Andrew recently became ill with leukemia in a very acute, virulent form. We were very concerned. But Hallelujah! I just heard that the last tests show he is free from all cancer! We are rejoicing and thanking God for the wonderful answer to our prayers. All of you who stood in the gap with us were a part of this overcoming victory. Thank you so much. I am so thankful to be able to call you when we are in crisis. All of you are a blessing!

Love in Jesus,
Ann in Jacksonville

I've never shared with you God's beautiful inner healing that took place at CHM when I was there for a School of Healing Prayer course over a year ago. Between giving birth to our first and second children, we had five miscarriages in five-and-a-half years. And then another miscarriage following our second child's birth and just after the adoption of our third child. We lost six little ones in six-and-a-half years. Back then, 30 years ago, you just braved it out and grieved privately. I was gloriously familiar with physical healing but only intellectually with inner healing. I didn't understand it at all until it happened to me with such power and gentleness.

Norma was leading us in prayer and asked us to ask the Lord to bring to mind a happy memory, and then a sad or difficult memory. And that's when it happened.

As I sat in your meeting room with head bowed, Jesus gave me a beautiful vision. He showed me six bassinets lined up in a row. Three were blue, and three were pink. Then, as I watched, He gently picked up each baby one by one from their bassinets and took them to Himself. It was so beautiful. I even know their names! And a peace which passeth all understanding came upon me.

Jesus is my Healer. He has restored my body, mind and spirit with such love and such joy! Thanks be to Him!

And thanks be to you, my dear, dear friends.

Love,

Barbara in Delaware

Praise Reports

Dear CHM:

I want to praise God and thank you for the Day of Healing Prayer on March 29. I received a deep inner healing that day. I have been floating on air ever since.

I have had many emotional and psychological problems for most of my life, suffering from clinical depression and anxiety. I have been under the care of a psychiatrist since the 1980s. Over the years, my problems have gradually improved.

I have been a Christian since age 12, and although I love God, I have felt distant from Him at times for reasons I could not explain. At my last visit to CHM, I realized for the first time why I felt this way: I never experienced the love of my earthly father. Perhaps my father loved me, but I was not able to receive his love, or perhaps my earthly father was emotionally distant. This created a distance between myself and God since our view of the heavenly Father is often shaped by the image of our earthly father.

When I received prayer at Day of Healing Prayer, I experienced the Father's love for the first time. I feel the Father's love immensely. I am also at peace. I don't feel anxious or depressed, and I am less afraid of people.

Later in the day, when I experienced the Eucharist for the Healing of Generations, I felt a break with my harmful generational ties. This also left me feeling at peace.

Thank you for taking the time to pray with me and others. God is using your ministry in a mighty way.

For His sake,
Cathy in Kentucky



Become a CHM Prayer Angel

CHM always needs more Prayer Angels, those precious men and women of God who faithfully and prayerfully support us and all those who call or write to CHM requesting prayer! They are our prayer covering.

CHM intercessors receive a bi-monthly newsletter with prayer requests for which they pray 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. If you would like to become a CHM intercessor, please write to CHM Intercessors, P.O. Box 9520, Jacksonville, FL 32208.

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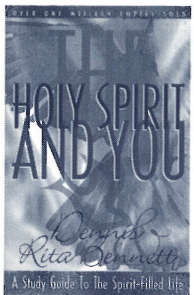
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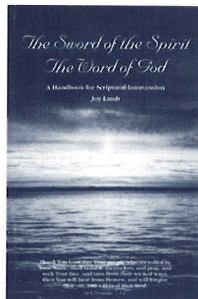
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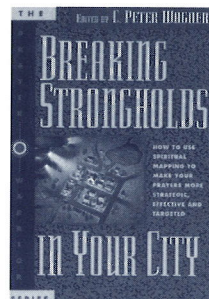
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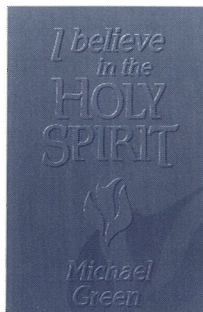
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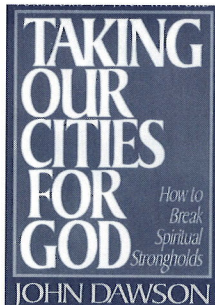
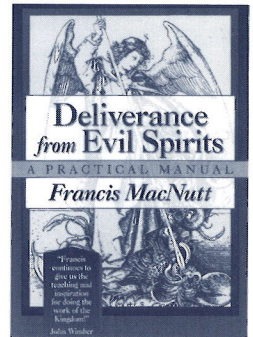
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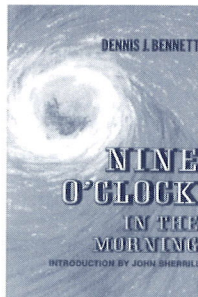
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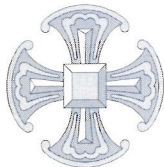
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