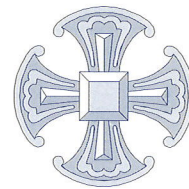


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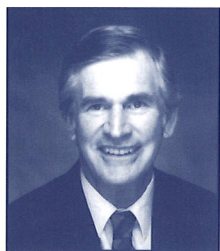
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Seeking a Balanced Deliverance Ministry in the Church

by Francis MacNutt

I've just finished reading *An Exorcist Tells His Story* by Fr. Gabriele Amorth, the official exorcist of the Catholic Church in Rome. It is very encouraging:



"the number of exorcists has increased, some bishops are now performing exorcisms ... something is moving." Writing in Italian in 1990, Fr. Amorth is bold enough to say that "allowing the ministry of exorcism to die is an unforgivable deficiency to be laid squarely at the door of bishops. Every diocese should have at least one exorcist at the cathedral and every large parish...should have one as well" (p.55). That's a gutsy thing for a priest in Rome to state.

It's very encouraging when the call comes from the chief exorcist of the Roman Catholic Church to wake up. And then, to know that some of the leaders seem to be listening.

But more must be done. There is a confusion of definitions among Christians of all denominational backgrounds: When do you need exorcism? When do you have a need for deliverance? What does it mean to be possessed? To be oppressed? What about infested with spirits? Then there is the whole area of authority — who should be allowed or encouraged to perform exorcisms, deliverances, spiritual cleansing?

Fr. Amorth is focusing on people who are "possessed." Possession is when a person's entire being is taken over by Satan — body, mind and spirit. He or she no longer exercises control over his or her life. Possession calls for exorcism, which can "be administered exclusively by bishops and by

those priests (therefore, never by lay persons) who have received specific and direct license to exorcise" (p.43). Not only Catholics, but Episcopalians and many other denominations limit the practice of exorcism to their clergy who may additionally be trained and licensed for this special ministry. There is no doubt that the forces of Satan respect the special authority granted to ordained clergy.

However, restricting all spiritual warfare to the clergy may not be



appropriate and is certainly impractical. In over 30 years of experience in the healing ministry, ministering to literally thousands of people suffering from many forms of spiritual oppression, I have seen only one case of demonic possession.

More often, a person needs prayer to break the influence of demonic forces in an area or areas of his or her life. In such an instance, we pray that the person be "delivered" from the influence of such forces. Deliverance, then, is a process of freeing a person from the influence of an evil spirit.

Historically, in the early church, ordinary lay people could free a person from such influences, or perform deliverances. Today, we find that any person, lay or clergy, who is properly trained and mentored, has appropriate gifts of the Spirit such as wisdom and discernment, and is covered by prayers for protection of the Christian community can be very effective in freeing people from spiritual oppression.

Possession is rare, but many people need deliverance. I have learned so much about deliverance, beginning with Agnes Sanford, and then Tommy Tyson, and then Derek Prince and other protestants who have written extensively about casting out demons (as in Derek's recent book, *They Shall Expel Demons*.)

There is an urgent need to resurrect a balanced ministry of deliverance! Thank God for books like Fr. Amorth's, calling for a renewed belief in the power of Satan and the need for priests to perform exorcisms.

But there is a greater need to understand the importance of deliverance prayer and the power of the ordinary Christian to engage in spiritual warfare.



Editor's Note: For more detailed information on the deliverance ministry and how to pray for deliverance, please refer to Norma Dearing's article on pages 6-7.

God is Our Lifeline: A Testimony of Healing

by Cheryl Broderick, CHM Communications Assistant

"Do not be afraid of sudden terror, nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; for the Lord will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught" Proverbs 3:25-26.



It is through the trials of life that the word of God becomes a lifeline to us. We never know what we will have to face in this life, but we have the assurance that God will never leave us nor forsake us.

In May of 1993, I was about to be graduated from Bible college, but before graduation I became very ill. I was extremely weak and had a hard time standing up. I didn't know what was wrong, so I just kept pushing myself which made my condition worse.

It's a scary feeling when you don't have any control over your body. When I pushed too hard, I couldn't even stand up without passing out or falling over. I was bedridden and missed a lot of school, but I finally was able to graduate and get my life back in order.

I did fine until December of 1993, when I began having tremendous headaches and feeling dizzy all the time. I started asking God, "What is wrong with me?"

In February of 1994, the tests began, physically as well as spiritually. I went through CAT scans, MRI's, Spinal Taps, balance tests, hearing tests — you name it, I was tested for it. The doctors prescribed seven different medications to treat the symptoms, because they didn't know what was wrong. All the tests were negative, and they couldn't find anything wrong with me.

My spiritual testing also began. My Christian friends gave me a variety of opinions, advice and counsel: I was making it up for attention; if I had faith I would be healed; I was demon-possessed; I had become difficult to be around and perhaps my attitude was wrong. Subsequently, my faith in God became much stronger, because He was the only one at that time who was a constant comfort and encouragement to me. His Word was all I had to stand upon.

As you can imagine, at this point I was beginning to wonder if I WAS making it up for attention. I asked myself, are you that "sick" that you would create this in your mind? Are you that desperate for attention? Is this all really just in your head? Then an attack would hit, and I would know without a doubt that I was not making it up: It was real.

Eventually, I was led to a neurological specialist in Nebraska. He took one look at me and said, "I know what is wrong with you. You have what is known as Vestibular Neuronitis. It's an inflammation of the inner ear nerve."

Finally, there was a name for this thing. And this doctor knew I wasn't making it up! What a relief! I asked the doctor when it would stop. He said that I would have to live with it for the rest of my life and learn to cope with it.

A deep depression tried to take over my life. But I kept relying on God's Word that He works all things together for His good and the good of those who love Him. I kept believing that He would use this condition for His ultimate plan either through healing me or through walking through it with me.

As time passed, I did learn to live with it. I learned how to take care of myself when I felt an attack come on. I learned how to change my life so that I had a little more control over the attacks.

I also was blessed with a number of people praying for me. My church body was praying for me, and the intercessors at Christian Healing Ministries were praying for me.

In late 1995, I began dating a man who at first was very kind and supportive of me and my condition. He claimed he knew God meant for us to be together, and I was praying for God's direction in this area of my life. However, after several months he told me he believed I was manipulating and controlling him with my sickness. This was the last straw. I was devastated. Here was another person judging me and my illness, a person whom I had begun to trust and depend upon.

In 1996, I went to a prayer service at church, and there was a prophesy that God was going to do miracles that night. I reached my hand out and said in my heart, "Lord, if you intend it for me, I receive it."

For two-and-a-half years prior to this, every time I stood I felt I was on a boat struggling for my balance. When the condition was at its worst, I felt I was in very choppy waters. I also had a continual sound in my ears, like static on a television.

But that night, as I stood up, I felt no dizziness or faintness. And for the first time in two-and-a-half years, I did not hear that noise in my ears. Praise God!

I believe it was through the prayers of faithful people that I was totally healed of this debilitating condition. I also believe ever more strongly in God's grace, everlasting mercy, sovereignty and healing power.

I realize now that all those who hurt me were ignorant of what I was truly going through and of what God was doing. I say that not to condemn these individuals, as I know they thought they were doing what was best, but to encourage those who may be going through what I did at this time. God was making me rely solely on Him for encouragement, strength and love. And He has used this very powerfully in my life to prepare me for where He wants me headed both in my life and in His ministry.

God is for us. He is our tower of refuge, our strength and our shield. He is our deliverer and our defender. He is a very present help in time of trouble. Be strong and know that He is God. No matter what the circumstance, God is in control, and He loves us with an everlasting love. **"If God is for us, who is against us?" (Rom. 8:31).**

Prayer works, and I praise God for people who stood in the gap for me and lifted me up when I needed support. Thank you, all you intercessors, for lifting up the hands of those who are heavily burdened.

Editor's Note: Cheryl Broderick has served the Lord at CHM for approximately six months. In August, she heads to South America with Calvary International to fulfill God's call on her life as a missionary. She will spend three months in Guatemala, and then will return to CHM to work through Christmas. In January, she will head back to Guatemala for a two-year mission. Cheryl and her team will work with the Maya Indians, meeting their physical needs and ministering to their spiritual needs. Please keep Cheryl in your prayers — for continued good health, wisdom, power in the Holy Spirit and protection. She has been a blessing to all of us at CHM, and we pray that she will be the same for all those people God is calling to Himself in Guatemala.



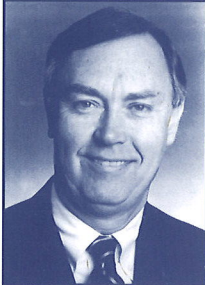
CHM is Growing Abroad

by David H. Busse,
Executive Director

Christian Healing Ministries is now being represented in England, the United Kingdom and Europe by Ms. Rosemary Phillips, a beautiful Christian teacher and missionary.

Rosemary has attended CHM's School of Healing Prayer Levels I, II and III and is currently teaching our courses and mentoring several healing prayer groups in and around London. She also has wonderful administrative and organizational skills, which she used to the glory of God while working several years with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. She also is a member of London's Holy Trinity Brompton Church, the founding church of the Alpha course series. Rosemary has been instrumental in facilitating Alpha courses there, as well as working to spread the word about Alpha around the world.

Rosemary will assist CHM in arranging speaking engagements and distributing teaching materials throughout the UK and Europe. We are very excited to have Rosemary on our team and look forward to a great expansion of our ministry in her part of the world. We hope to have more to report to you on Rosemary and update you on her planning process in the next issue of *The Healing Line*.



Rosemary Phillips,
CHM European Representative

GIVING STOCK TO CHRISTIAN HEALING MINISTRIES

Some CHM contributors kindly donate stock to the ministry. You also may be able to enjoy substantial tax benefits when you give a gift of stock to CHM.

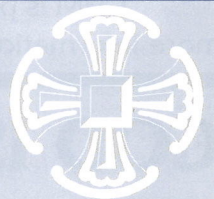
Donors receive the same income tax deduction for a gift of stock as for a gift of cash, even though the stock may have cost them much less when purchased years earlier. In addition, the individual pays no capital gains tax on the gifted stock, providing an additional tax break.

When making a gift of stock to CHM, please request your broker/custodian to deliver your certificates electronically via DTC to:

**Participant #5198, Merrill Lynch,
Christian Healing Ministries, Inc.: #742-04787.**

**To receive more information
or to notify CHM of pending transactions,
call David Busse, Executive Director,
at (904) 765-3332.**

CHM Mailing List Has Been Updated



This summer, CHM has updated our mailing list of people receiving *The Healing Line*. We have removed names of anyone who has not had some communication with the ministry within the last two years. We have kept names only if they have ordered from the bookstore, sent a contribution or simply asked to remain on the list.

If you or someone you know has been removed from the mailing list and would like to continue receiving our newsletter, please call (904) 765-3332, Ext. 214, and leave your name, complete mailing address and phone number. We will be delighted to add you back on the list.

If you would like to be added and are able, please send a \$20.00 contribution in the enclosed envelope to help cover production and mailing costs for one year. If you are unable to send a contribution, simply tell us, and we will keep you on the mailing list through our scholarship program.



CHM's First FOUNDATIONS Course is Now Available

CHM's new Foundations courses are being developed as introductory teachings on the subject of healing prayer. After developing our most intensive and in-depth teaching, the School of Healing Prayer, CHM realized there was a very real need for more basic teaching among church bodies and prayer groups. We all need the grade school level before we can go on to high school and college courses.

The Foundations courses are ideal for adult 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 now ready for purchase and would be a wonderful addition to your church's fall adult education curriculum.

Foundations: Introduction to Healing Prayer

This first 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 adult Christian education class. Francis MacNutt, author of 10 books on healing, covers very basic teachings on "Why Jesus Came" and "Physical 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 Holy Spirit" and why it is important in the healing ministry. Norma concludes the series with "The Faith and Courage to Pray for Healing."

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 in video 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. For prices, see The CHM Bookstore, page 11.

Future Foundations Courses

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

GOD IS HEALING TODAY

by Betty Heindel, CHM Program Coordinator

Wow! I would love to sit and share with each of you what we see God doing through the different programs here at CHM. God is moving through this ministry, as we are faithful to obey His Word, "Lay hands on the sick and they shall recover" (Mark 16:18). I encourage you to try prayer — it works!

In our three-day Intensive Prayer Ministry, God is healing body, mind and spirit. Each person who attends

receives some type of healing. The word has gotten out that peoples' lives are being transformed, so we are receiving more requests than we have spaces to fill. In addition, we are limited by our number of volunteer prayer ministers. Thus, we currently are booked six months in advance for IPM. If you are interested in attending this program, please make plans early. IPM is primarily for people living farther than a reasonable driving distance of Jacksonville.

For local residents or out-of-towners, we offer the Day of Healing Prayer, held one day a month from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Due to the structure of this program, we can take at least 25 people, so it does not fill up quite so rapidly. The next available dates are Sept. 27, Oct. 25 and Nov. 8.

Remember that CHM also offers daily prayer appointments and a weekly Tuesday evening healing ministry.



Volunteering at CHM

by Beth Coleman, Director of Prayer Ministry Education

Fall Volunteer Prayer Ministry Course

Each year, CHM trains new volunteers to serve as prayer ministers at the ministry. Training lasts almost three 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.

This fall, classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Class dates are: September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; and 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

Four Types of Healing

Salvation

Renouncing Occult Involvement

Inner Healing

Healing of Sexual Abuse

Conducting the Initial Interview

Introduction to Healing

Forgiveness

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Physical Healing

Healing from Conception to Birth

Introduction to Deliverance

Generational Healing

If you live in Jacksonville or within a short traveling distance 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 Beth Coleman at the CHM office for an application: (904) 765-3332, Ext. 201.


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. If you truly have a heart for CHM but cannot serve as a prayer minister, you also may want to consider becoming a CHM intercessor (see details on page 9).

For further information regarding CHM's School of Healing Prayer, see The CHM Bookstore on page 10.

Volunteer Internship Program

CHM offers an Internship Program for students who have studied CHM's SHP and want to gain more in-depth prayer ministry training on a firsthand basis. This is separate from those studying to be permanent volunteer prayer ministers at CHM. Interns serve on prayer teams alongside experienced CHM volunteer prayer ministers at the monthly three-day Intensive Prayer Ministry. Interns may serve on a one-time basis or may desire to attend several times in order to attain a deeper level of training. In order to qualify for this program, specific qualifications must be met:

1. The intern must have completed CHM's School of Healing Prayer Levels I and II.
2. The intern must have practiced with others in each of the different areas of prayer.

If you have questions or are interested in becoming a CHM intern, please contact Beth Coleman at CHM: (904) 765-3332, Ext. 201. 

KEYS FOR PRAYER MINISTERS: The Ministry of Deliverance

by Norma Dearing,
Director of
Prayer
Ministry



Deliverance is a very common and important aspect of the healing ministry. It is often difficult for people living in our society to recognize the real presence of satan and evil spirits, yet it is a continuous theme running throughout the Gospels and the New Testament: **"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Eph. 6:12).**

It is almost impossible to be involved in the healing ministry and not encounter situations where there is a need for deliverance. We have been given authority over evil through the power of the Holy Spirit. Thus, it is vital that we as Christians and prayer ministers understand what this aspect is all about in order to minister effectively.

First, we must understand the difference between deliverance and exorcism. In the early history of the church, a lay person could pray for deliverance. This is what we do and teach about at CHM, since we primarily teach lay ministers involved in the healing ministry. Deliverance is a process of freeing a person from the influence of an evil spirit.

Exorcism is a bit different. The word "exorcism," means "casting out" in Greek. In the Roman Catholic and Episcopal Churches, an exorcism is a more formal act performed by a priest who has been especially commissioned by his or her bishop. Exorcism is performed on a person who is possessed, and that must be proven. Possession means the person has been totally taken over by satan, that the person no longer has any will of his own. As you read in Francis' article on page one, in all his years of ministry, he has only encountered one person whom he believed to be possessed.

Now, there is a distinct difference between possession, oppression and infestation. Clients have come into my office, sat down on my couch and said, "I am possessed, please help me!" I begin by assuring them they are not possessed. If they were possessed, they certainly wouldn't be able to come to CHM or ask for help.

It usually turns out that they suffer from

"oppression," a word derived from the Latin verb meaning "to press down upon." Oppression is an external heaviness they feel over or around them that causes them to feel tired, discouraged and sometimes lethargic, possibly even confused and unable to concentrate or focus appropriately.

I use cutting free or cleansing prayers to deal with oppression. If a person is in ministry or related area, he can pick up oppression from other people or certain places where there is heaviness — like prisons, psychiatric units, nursing homes, etc.

In some cases, however, people can be dealing with demonic "infestation," or what is also called "to have a demon." In such instances, there is a need for deliverance, or freeing a person from the influence of an evil spirit.

Derek Prince compares infestation, or demonization, to criminal influence in a city: while the center of the city, including city hall, is free and under governmental control, a few back alleys and side streets may be controlled by criminals. Similarly, some people, even Christians, may have an area or areas of their lives that are controlled by demonic influence. This is "infestation." In such cases we pray prayers for deliverance.

For example, a man came to CHM with the presenting problem of anger. He experienced uncontrollable rage at other drivers while driving his car. Several times he became involved in altercations with other drivers, and his wife was fearful he would become seriously injured or hurt someone else with this road rage. She didn't even want to ride with him anymore.

After conducting the initial interview and listening to his spiritual and emotional history, it became obvious that he indeed had two spirits that had plagued him for years: anger and rage. A comment made by the man one day certainly made it easier to discern the level of intensity: "Norma, I feel this anger bubble up in me to a level of rage where I know without a doubt I could physically kill someone."

How do spirits get into a person in the first place and create such intensity? Usually, by one or more of the following four categories:

1. Occult involvement, which can bring spirits of the occult. This occurs when a person — in ignorance, innocence or purposefully — has some involvement with

the occult. It is usually because the person has a spiritual hunger for God and gets on the wrong path. This can include something as innocent as following horoscopes or playing with a ouija board, all the way up to belonging to a coven or making a pact with satan. There are many levels between these two extremes, and I encourage you to refer to pages 160-164 of *Deliverance From Evil Spirits*, by Francis MacNutt, for a more extensive list.

2. Spirits of sin, which usually come as a result of repeated sin, such as a spirit of lust after looking repeatedly at pornography or visiting topless bars. Another example is greed, such as after a prolonged period of embezzling funds or stealing in order to fulfill selfish desires. We have seen people with spirits of hate that have grown out of racial prejudices or judgment of others. We have seen spirits of control come into young women who have been anorexic over long periods of time.

3. Spirits of trauma enter as a result of trauma or tragedy. Often they enter in childhood, sometimes even in utero, when the person is young, vulnerable and rejected. Most of the spirits we deal with at CHM are in this category; i.e., fear, rejection, abandonment and anger.

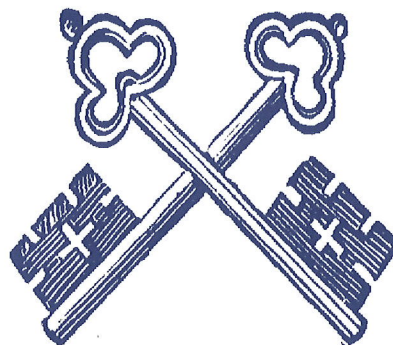
4. Generational spirits, where something has been in a family for years and seems to pass down to each generation. We certainly see this in areas such as alcoholism, incest, infidelity and various addictions. Rather than rushing into

casting out spirits, we use a number of healing methods that cause the spirits to leave on their own without an actual "formal" deliverance."

With occult spirits and spirits of sin, we encourage a renunciation or confession by the person of the occult activity or sin involved. Often the spirits will leave on their own during or after these prayers. Pray to refill the person's body, mind and spirit with the holy things of God, such as love, peace, joy, etc.

Inner Healing is the prayer method to use for spirits of trauma. Invite the Lord Jesus to walk back into the memories where the trauma, abuse or rejection occurred. At CHM, we always do inner healing before we do deliverance. If not, the spirits can return and hook back into the old wound or trauma memory.

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REACHING OUT IN MINISTRY

Date	Event	Location	Speaker(s)	Contact & Phone
9/14-16/99	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Betty Heindel at CHM
9/17-18/99	Catholic Renewal Conference	St. Pius Church Des Moines, Iowa	Francis MacNutt	Marcia Moore (319)322-6227
9/17-19/99	"Ladies at Leesburg" Women's Retreat	UM Youth Camp Leesburg, Florida	Ann Bauwens	Sandy Stegall (561) 965-4311
9/17-18/99	Church of the Holy Spirit Healing Conference	Roanoke, Virginia	Norma Dearing	Mary Jane Pattisall (540) 774-6337
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, Rev. Tommy Tyson, Jeanne Hill	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
10/23/99	Day of Reflection Christ the King Catholic Church Conf.	Marywood Retreat Center Jacksonville, FL	Francis MacNutt	Isabelle Fusco (904) 724-5186
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	Francis and Judith MacNutt	CCRC (416) 466-0776

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Generational Healing is the prayer method used for dealing with generational spirits. A person suffering from generational issues is asked to look at his family history. We then encourage people to lay these things before the altar of God and be cleansed.

Prayer for deliverance is something we recommend after these other healing tools have been implemented. Many spirits will have left on their own by this time, but it makes additional deliverance or the further casting out of spirits much easier and quicker. Always remember to send the spirits directly to Jesus, and let Him deal with them.

When in doubt or uncomfortable, learn to bind the spirits from operating and don't get into a deliverance at this time. Take time to pray, seeking the Lord's direction and wisdom. Ask for help or advice from a more experienced prayer minister or pastor. Never let a "spirit" dictate when a deliverance is to take place. It is important to be leading the prayer session under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Deliverance should always be done at God's appointed and anointed time.

The prayer should be something like this: "In the Name of Jesus Christ, with the authority given to me as a Christian, I bind all enemies of Christ from operating in _____'s life. I bind all interplay and interaction of spirits in the Name of Jesus Christ and by the power of His cross and blood. Come, Lord Jesus, and surround us with the power of Your Holy Spirit. Give us Your direction, Lord, on how to proceed. Amen."



If you facilitate School of Healing Prayer courses in your area, 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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and Intensive Prayer
Ministry.**

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

Praying for Deliverance and Protection

by **Grace M. Sarber, Editor and Director of Ministry Communications**

Deliverance can be a confusing and questionable subject for some Christians. But we can rest in the fact that God's Word clearly defines the existence of satan, of evil spirits, and of their attempts to disrupt our lives.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dealt directly with satan himself, not only in the spiritual realm as he faced death on the cross, but before that in the physical realm when satan tempted him in the wilderness. (Matt. 4:1-13, Mark 1:13, Luke 4:1-15). The enemy waited until Jesus was weakened in the physical body, having fasted 40 days, and then preyed upon Him, hoping to tempt Him into sin. If Jesus had given into satan and sinned, He would no longer be able to fulfill the role His Father had created for Him: to die for us, a perfect sacrifice for all mankind.

Jesus, of course, resisted the temptations of the evil one, and this account of His confrontation with satan serves to prove not only His perfect purity and sinless nature, but also the very real existence of satan. In addition, it describes the heavenly angels who came to minister to Jesus after He had been tested.

This is only one of many Biblical accounts that describe the real presence of satan and his evil spirits, or demons. Another account which stands out is the temptation of Job, when satan went before the throne of God to ask permission to take away all Job had (Job 1-2).

I John 3:8 tells us, "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work." Jesus not only cast out demons as part of His work on earth, as is evidenced throughout the Gospels, but He taught about satan and his demons: "Then they brought to him a demoniac who was blind and mute; and he cured him, so that the one who had been mute could speak and see. All the crowds were amazed and said, 'Can this be the Son of David?' But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, 'It is only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, that this fellow casts out the demons.' He...said to them, '... no city or house divided against itself will stand. If satan casts out satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists cast them out? ... But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you.'" (Matt. 12:22-28).

Jesus commissioned his followers to carry on His work after He went to be with His Father in heaven. He also gave them

authority over satan and his evil spirits:

"Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness... 'As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.'" (Matt. 10:1,7-8).

"Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal" (Luke 9:1-2).

"The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, "I watched satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.'" (Luke 10:17-20).

Throughout God's Holy Word, we are assured of the existence of satan and his evil works, as well as the final authority and power of God over them. We also are assured of our power over them through the Holy Spirit.

As Christians, God calls on us to pray for ourselves, our families and others. We pray for healing in many ways — for the physical, emotional and spiritual areas of people's lives. Deliverance prayer is one of the most powerful forms of prayer for spiritual healing. Once we are assured of the existence of the evil one, we can step out in faith and in the power of God's Holy Spirit to pray for others in this area and to take authority over satan.

A tool that has been helpful to many of our intercessors is the Deliverance Prayer from Joy Lamb's book, *The Sword of the Spirit, The Word of God*. This book includes many prayers for different situations. The prayers are based upon Scripture itself. The following Deliverance Prayer is found on pgs. 38, 43-44, paraphrased in some places:

"In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of His blood and the Holy Spirit, I lift to the Lord myself, my family, home, neighborhood, church, workplace, city, state, nation, and the world, and each person and area for whom I am praying. I plead the blood of Jesus Christ over all of us for our protection. By the authority of the Word of God, it is written: whatsoever is bound on earth is bound in heaven; what is loosed on earth, is loosed in heaven. (Matt. 16:19).


"I bind satan, the spirits, powers and forces of darkness...I bind any demonic as-

signments sent against any of the people and areas I am lifting up to the Lord. I bind all interaction, interplay or communication of spirits as it may affect any of the people and areas for which I am praying. I command in the name of Jesus Christ that all these satanic and demonic forces go to the feet of Jesus. I call forth and loose the Holy Spirit of God and the holy angels to come and cleanse every place where satan has had a foothold in the lives and situations of any of these people and areas, and to fill each cleansed area with the life and love of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the name of Jesus Christ.

"In the name of Jesus Christ, I rebuke and break any curses, hexes, spells, demonic activity, or any other evil thing that has been sent against me or passed down through the generations to me or to any of the people or areas for whom I am praying.

"I renounce and ask forgiveness for any negative inner vows made by me or by any of the people for whom I am praying. I ask that Jesus Christ release us from these negative inner vows and from any bondage they have caused us. I take the Sword of the Spirit and cut free myself and those for whom I am praying from all generational sins, weaknesses, character defects, and cellular and genetic disorders, in the name of Jesus Christ.

"I cut all bonds of all relationships that are not of the Lord, and put His Cross between us. We are cut free and we are free indeed (John 8:36). We are now free to become the children of God the Lord intended us to be, filled to overflowing with the power of the Holy Spirit of God, and the life and love of Jesus Christ.

"I claim the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, over all that I have lifted to You, Lord, for our protection, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen." 

"Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

Ephesians 6:10-12

Healing Through Prayer AND Medicine

My 49-year old sister was stricken with CML (Chronic Myelocytic Leukemia). It was so severe that the doctor called her on a Thursday evening, told her the news and instructed her to be at the hospital the next morning.

I called you to ask for prayer. Does prayer work? Oh, my goodness! The doctors call her their "poster child" for the way she has progressed during this process. After everything was said and done, she didn't need the marrow transplant. Instead, after her third round of chemo, they harvested her own stem cells and transplanted them in January. There is no sign of leukemia now, and she is back at work. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Janet

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I recently noted your request for more intercessors. The testimony above your notice drew my attention: "Susie" spoke of how much the book *The Sword of the Spirit* helped her maintain the faith she needed to combat breast cancer. Her enthusiasm was inspiring, and the outcome was assured as she returned again and again to the Word.

As you are aware, most Christians are unaware of God's promises regarding healing. And for those of us who are still learning of God's faithfulness and power in such areas, it remains a blessing to be discovered and shared with others again and again. When we truly become aware of what limits Christ has gone to in order to assure us of our redemption AND healing, we can reach out with the faith He intended us to use for His glory and our blessing.

Please add my name to your list of prayer warriors. Participating more closely with this ministry would be a blessing.

Yours in Him, Jim in Oregon, Ohio

No Prayer Request is Too Small

Praise to Jesus! And thanks for your prayers. Our housing situation has been settled and we have moved. Our new landlord is a jewel, and our new home is a beautiful cottage next door to family! Jesus has answered so many prayers this past month. We can't begin to share all of His goodness. We do hold YOU in OUR hearts and prayers always!

Tom and Anne in Buffalo, New York

Praise Reports

Dear CHM:

My husband had been having frequent, debilitating, painful attacks in the gut area which his primary care doctor thought to be Irritable Bowel Syndrome. But the specialist said it was too severe for that and that the fever wouldn't be present with IBS. All the tests and bloodwork came back normal. The specialist had to concur with the diagnosis given to my husband over 20 years ago: Mediterranean Fever. Very little is known about this, and the only medication found to be useful to some degree is colchicine. One thing for sure is that stress can trigger the symptoms.

Since I've asked for prayer for my husband, he has done beautifully with no problems. I was thrilled, but then he felt an attack coming on and didn't sleep well. I didn't understand why this happened. There was no apparent reason for stress. Then it came to me. I had just had a mammogram and ultrasound which showed two enlarged lymph nodes under my arm. With my 11 years of recurrent breast cancer, there was some reason for concern. There was the stress.

I reassured my husband that there are many reasons for "benign" enlarged nodes and the news did not bother me. I had the courage to pray over him and "rebuke" this sickness in the name of Jesus. I asked my husband to do the same. The next day, he was well.

Again, I was reminded of my prayer partners at CHM. Thank you! I can't help but feel more connected when I know you are praying with us than when we are praying alone.

In Him,

Carolyn in Mesa, Arizona



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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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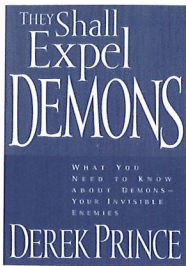
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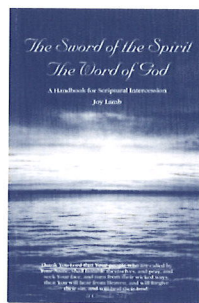
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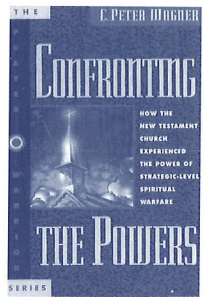
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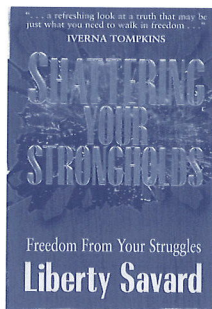
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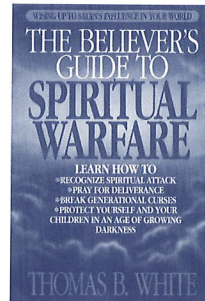
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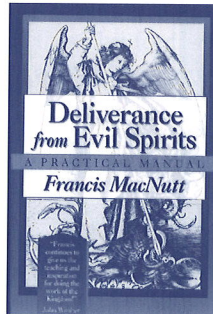
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