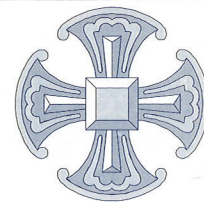


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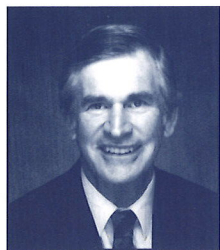
Being Freed From Generational Bondage

by Francis MacNutt

As we begin a new century and millennium, we at CHM have a renewed excitement in the healing ministry of our Lord Jesus. We always have the joy of seeing the elation on people's faces when Jesus heals them, and we also are learning constantly so many new things about what God heals and how He heals. Although prayer for healing was so long neglected among God's people, it now seems excitingly new to us.

One area of prayer for healing that is particularly appropriate to consider during this period in history is generational healing. When I first learned about healing in the '60s, I didn't hear anything about generational healing, but in recent years more and more leaders in the healing ministry have discovered how important it is for most people's lives, including their own. As we look toward the future, it is important for us to consider our past.

Most of us are familiar with the Scripture in the Old Testament where God is giving Moses the third commandment: "I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth generations of those who



hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments" (Deuteronomy 5:10). If you have committed your life to Christ, you probably aren't too worried about the sins of your ancestors affecting you.

But we have discovered there is much more to it than that, and we have found

from generation to generation. In addition, we have learned that spiritual generational influences can affect us — for good or evil. Many world cultures, such as Asian, Native American, and African believe ancestral influences can dramatically affect living individuals, and their tribal religions deal with freeing them from harmful ancestral influences. Even

Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* reflects this belief.

Let me suggest to you that you write out a simple spiritual family tree, mapping out the positive spiritual influences that you recognize in your forebears, but also listing the negative patterns. This is very similar to what we do every time we go to a doctor's office and are asked to check off a list of physical diseases that run in our family. For example, doctors want to know if there is a pattern of heart disease, cancer or stroke in a family, because if so, the

patient might be subject to the same physical weakness.

The same is true of spiritual weaknesses. Patterns can run through an entire family. On a larger scale, we realize that entire ethnic groups are predisposed to certain problems, such as the Irish to alcoholism and the Africans to sickle cell anemia. If you look at the characteristics of your own ancestry, especially your parents, your grandparents, your broth-



several very practical areas where Jesus can free us.

Certainly, we know that physical traits and illnesses can be passed down

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ers and sisters, your aunts and uncles, you probably will observe certain patterns of behavior.

When the patterns are positive, such as with a godly heritage, we thank God — especially for how He has gifted us through our parents and grandparents. When we find patterns of weakness or sin, we can pray for healing. The good news is that Jesus can break that inherited pattern or disposition as it affects us and our children. Jesus came to set the captive free (Luke 4:16-22), and that captive may lie within us, a prisoner of the past.

The first step in the healing process is simply to recognize that your family's history may affect you and need healing. Sometimes this influence may even be demonic and can descend from generation to generation until it is finally broken. But most of what we experience is far more ordinary.

When I outlined my generational family tree, I was surprised to see the patterns that emerged. I found that my family reveals a history of abandonment, primarily through death and sickness. My parents and grandparents grew up in many ways as orphans, and this pattern has gone back for generations. The effect upon me is that I was a lonely child who felt more comfortable being alone and preferred to do everything by myself. In some ways, of course, this has been a blessing (for instance, in writing books), but in other important ways, it has made it hard to fulfill Jesus' great commandment to love others and to go out to them. It has taken a lifetime, but

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God has been faithful to gradually change that excessively introverted side. Whenever we discover such a harmful pattern, Jesus desires to free us.

The following is a prayer that you might say for yourself (or a friend):

"Lord Jesus, gently reveal to me, through the Holy Spirit, those ways in which I may be living out certain patterns of inherited weakness or sin." (Here wait to see what you receive in prayer.)

"Now, Jesus, if there is any predisposition in me to _____ (alcoholism, lust, etc.) that has come down to me through my ancestry, I ask you through your power to set me free. Send your Holy Spirit, and by the power of your Spirit and by the sword of the Spirit, cut me free from that disposition to _____.


"For any sins I have committed — or my ancestors committed — in this regard, I ask your forgiveness, Lord. In the name of Jesus Christ and his precious blood, set me free, heavenly Father.

"And now, Lord Jesus, in place of

this weakness, fill me with the power of your Spirit; fill me with your spirit of (self-control, courage, sobriety or whatever gift counteracts the weakness you have). And Lord, I ask you also to cut my children free from any harmful disposition they may have inherited from me or my ancestors."

If there seems to be an evil spirit connected with this trait, you can simply command that spirit (for example, a spirit of rejection) to leave. "I command you, spirit of _____, to leave in the name of Jesus Christ. And I command you to go to Jesus Christ to dispose of as He will." Of course, you can also ask a minister or friend to pray these kinds of prayers for you.

It is a great help to pray for generational healing within the context of a Eucharistic service or celebration of the Lord's Supper, for it is through Christ's death and resurrection that we are able to obtain freedom and forgiveness. At CHM, this is done three times a month for people who come for ministry.

As you begin this new millennium, I encourage you to consider what generational patterns and areas in your life as a whole are in need of the Lord's healing touch. Remember: Jesus came to set the captives free! 

Francis' book, *Healing*, has been translated into Finnish by the Paiva Press and is entitled *Sinun Parantajasi*. This is the fifth translation of *Healing* and the 22nd translation of his five books on healing into a foreign language.

Changes at CHM

David Busse, a CHM board member for several years and then CHM's Executive Director for over five years, has been called by the Lord to perform new works in God's kingdom. Our beloved David has left his ministry at CHM to work in other areas of ministry here in Jacksonville, among them the Billy Graham Crusade coming to our city next fall, about which every Christian in our area is very excited. David has been instrumental in bringing CHM to the place it is today, stepping out in faith to support the creation of the School of Healing Prayer and Foundations courses, and helping CHM to plan for the future. We miss his presence terribly.


Following David's resignation, we have enlarged our staff for what we believe are marvelous opportunities for the coming years of ministry. Realizing what a great gift David has been to us, we are replacing his position, not just with one person, but with three:

1) Judith MacNutt has taken on a new leadership role at CHM as Vice President. She will direct the ministry aspects of CHM, in addition to her previous commitments to speak at various conferences.

2) Robert Fallin will serve as Director of Administration. For eight years,

Robert and his wife have been associated with CHM, and they have traveled with the MacNutts as far as Birmingham, England, to help in our Lord's ministry. Robert is also a lay pastor at Lakewood United Methodist Church here in Jacksonville, and he writes, "Much of my own healing has come through my association with the prayer ministry at CHM. I am looking forward to being able to serve on the staff of this great ministry and am hopeful about what CHM will do in this new millennium."

3) Dale Recinella has come on board part-time as Director of Special Projects. Dale was a highly successful corporate lawyer who was touched by God in a way reminiscent of how St. Francis of Assisi was touched. His response was, with his wife Susan, to simplify their lives, and he now spends four days a week in ministry in Florida State prisons, especially on death row, where he has helped a number of prisoners prepare for baptism. With his business background, he will help CHM prioritize and decide how best to concentrate our efforts to bring Christ's healing presence into the world.

We covet your prayers as we enter this new period in the healing ministry of our Lord. 

School of Healing Prayer Practicum

June 8-10, 2000

Students of CHM's School of Healing Prayer courses have expressed a great deal of interest in participating in an internship or supervised format to practice healing prayer. In response to many such requests over the last two years, Christian Healing Ministries is pleased to announce its first School of Healing Prayer Practicum to be held at CHM Thursday, June 8 through Saturday, June 10, 2000.

The practicum is offered to prayer ministers who have completed Level I or higher of the School of Healing Prayer. The purpose of the practicum is to have hands-on practice in healing prayer ministry, with supervision of various aspects of the SHP training. For example, participants will be split into small groups where they may practice prayer for inner healing, prayer for healing of the conception to birth experience, soaking prayer for physical healing, forgiveness prayers and deliverance prayers. A brief teaching and opportunity to ask questions regarding ministry also will be offered. The CHM staff will conduct this practical application of the healing ministry as outlined in the teachings from Levels I and II.

To register for the SHP Practicum, call Ann Bauwens at Extension 210. 

Volunteer Internship Program

CHM offers an Internship Program for students who have studied CHM's School of Healing Prayer and want to gain more in-depth prayer ministry training on a firsthand basis. This is a separate program from the training of those who serve as 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.
3. The intern must be recommended by his or her pastor or church leader.

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

FOUNDATIONS Teaching Series

CHM's new Foundations of Healing Prayer 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 is a very real need for more basic teaching among church bodies and prayer groups. We all need the gradeschool level before we can go on to the high school and college courses.

The Foundations 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 and second courses in this series are now complete and would be wonderful additions to your church's 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 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 Power of 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 manual, 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 include more in-depth teaching on how to conduct a healing prayer ministry. For prices, see box at right. To order, use the Bookstore Order Form on page 11.

Foundations: Introductory Training for Prayer Teams

The second Foundations course is "Foundations: Introductory Training for Prayer Teams," or "Praying Effectively in Five Minutes." This course is a must for every church wanting to begin basic prayer team ministry. It is a very introductory, simple teaching on healing and praying for one another in churches, altar ministry, home and hospital visitations, or any small group setting. It covers basic teachings on such topics as the Biblical background for healing prayer, the types of healing (spiritual, physical and emotional), forgiveness, how to minister in teams, the laying on of hands, and expectations and faith. This course focuses on the practical application of prayer ministry.

This Foundations course is designed as a FIRST STEP in beginning a prayer ministry in your church or community and is intended to be taught in a one-day format. It consists of two videos and a resource manual.

"Introductory Training for Prayer Teams" is taught by CHM's Director of Prayer Ministry Norma Dearing. This course also can be given by a CHM speaker in a one-day conference format, depending upon speaker availability and scheduling. For prices, see box at right. To order, see CHM Bookstore, page 11. 

FOUNDATIONS TEACHING SERIES

Course 1: FOUNDATIONS: INTRODUCTION TO HEALING PRAYER. An introductory course appropriate for church adult education classes, prayer groups and home or small groups.

Learn about the Biblical foundation for healing prayer, as well as how to implement it in your own life and the life of your family and church. Teachings include:

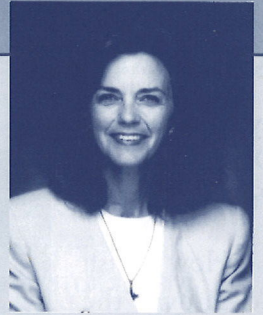
Why Jesus Came	Francis MacNutt
Salvation	Norma Dearing
The Holy Spirit	Peter Dearing
Physical Healing	Francis MacNutt
Emotional Healing	Judith MacNutt
The Importance of Forgiveness in Healing	Judith MacNutt
The Faith and Courage to Pray for Healing	Norma Dearing

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Each set comes with one manual. Additional manuals are \$6.00 each.

Course 2: FOUNDATIONS: INTRODUCTORY TRAINING FOR PRAYER TEAMS. Subtitled "Praying Effectively in Five Minutes," this course is a must for churches wanting to begin basic prayer team ministry and is taught by CHM's Director of Prayer Ministry Norma Dearing.

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Personal Experiences in Generational Healing by Judith MacNutt



Two prayer experiences in relation to healing of generational influences have touched me profoundly. You see, my dad is a nearly full-blooded Cherokee, descended from those ancestors who fled into the forests 150 years ago in order to escape the tragic Trail of Tears, when so many Cherokees died on the long march to Oklahoma. I am proud of my Cherokee heritage.

Yet, I had a disturbing experience about 25 years ago. At that time, I was a missionary in Jerusalem and had fallen victim to a mysterious fever that would not respond to medical treatment. To my surprise, a female missionary whom I scarcely knew came bustling into the room where I lay in bed.

Although she had no natural means of knowing about my Native American ancestry, she proceeded to ask me if I was Cherokee. When I said yes, she told me she believed God was leading her to pray for me to be healed of the generational effects of witchcraft related to my Cherokee ancestors' occult involvement. When I gave her permission to pray, this woman uttered a powerful prayer of deliverance.

Immediately my fever disappeared.

Twenty years later, a beautiful generational blessing followed this healing. Our friends, George and Rena Larson (George went to be with the Lord last year) were praying

for me to receive an inner healing. Unexpectedly, God gave me a vision in which I clearly saw the Cherokees, suffering as the soldiers forced them West along the wintry roads. Naturally, I responded by praying for my people. Then the vision ended with the scene changing: Jesus appeared to me after He had brought me in prayer to

my favorite childhood spot — a natural stone bridge overlooking the Red River Gorge in my native Kentucky. Stretching out his arm over the luxuriant forests below, Jesus turned to me with great love and majesty and said, "All this is yours." When I asked what this meant he added, "This is your inheritance."

I believe the Lord was telling me through this vision that He had released me from the negative effects of that part of my family background but was continuing to bless me

through the holy and godly parts of that same ancestry.

These two powerful experiences in generational healing were remarkable moments in my life. One broke the negative effects passed down to me through my ancestors' occult involvement. The second balanced the breaking of the curse: Jesus blessed and affirmed the beautiful part of my Cherokee heritage! ✝



The First Time I Experienced Generational Healing by Robert Fallin

As a young adult I decided to follow Christ. I was taught that Jesus provides the basis for the forgiveness of my sins and that was all I really needed from God. I failed to recognize that God desires to heal my emotional wounds and physical ailments. I was blinded to that for many years. Still later, I found out about generational healing — how God gently asks us to bring the darkness of our family's past into the healing light of His presence.

After my own conversion, I prayed for my brother. Each time I would try to talk to him about God, a wall would separate us and he would get defensive and angry. I didn't know how to pray for him.

Then in 1992, through a teaching at CHM, I discovered how to pray to break generational patterns and bring healing to a family. So I started praying this kind of prayer for my brother.

Less than two weeks after beginning to pray like this, I received a phone call from him telling me he had just become a Christian. I nearly dropped the receiver on the floor! I was stunned.

Through this experience, I learned just how powerful generational healing can be. Some might call this answer to prayer a coincidence, but I believe it took me 25 years to learn how to pray effectively for my family. When we learn to pray like this, the power of the Holy Spirit is released to work in lives. Isn't there someone in your family who needs this kind of prayer?

KEYS FOR PRAYER MINISTERS

Generational Healing: The First Step

by Norma Dearing,
Director of
Prayer Ministry



How I wish I'd known the importance of generational healing before six years ago! As I reflect back on my years as a prayer minister, I realize that so many people with whom I worked had severe generational issues that prevented them from living a life pleasing to God and to themselves.

As I prayed many hours with others for physical healing, inner healing, forgiveness and deliverance, I was missing the entire area of generational healing. What we have learned by experience and know today is that generational issues can block healing in these other areas. For this reason, the healing of the generations should be the **FIRST STEP** in prayer for healing.

When CHM first instituted the Day of Healing Prayer and Intensive Prayer Ministry programs, we concluded each program with a Eucharist for the Healing of Generations. After several programs with this format and a great deal of prayer, the staff decided to try *beginning* each of these programs with the Eucharist instead, to see if we experienced better results. The outcome was incredibly amazing! We began seeing greater degrees of physical healing and deliverance taking place almost immediately.

When you realize the extent of the ways in which we are affected by our ancestors, you begin to understand how these things can block the Holy Spirit from working and prevent us from walking in wholeness — physically, spiritually, mentally and emotionally.

It is easy to grasp the concept of having a generational predisposition to can-

cer, high blood pressure, heart disease or diabetes. This is something we realize when filling out medical forms or reading the papers and watching television shows about genetics. But there are other generational influences that can be even more debilitating, like a family pattern of unusual or violent deaths, occult activity, habitual patterns of sin such as alcoholism, and destructive or abnormal patterns of relationships.

A generational pattern of unusual deaths, for example, might be a family's male line dying at an early age. Father Marshall Lowell, an Episcopal priest who conducts CHM's Generational Eucharists, is a huge advocate for generational healing. His family had a repeated pattern of one male per generation dying at alternating ages: one at 42, the next at 65, the next at 42 again, and so on. When recognizing this and realizing that his father died at 65 and Marshall himself was 41, he prayed for healing of this generational pattern, or curse. He is now 54 and pleased to share this story with others.

We have so many testimonies from people who have experienced generational healing. One young man, who was adopted and knew absolutely nothing about his family history, had a violent reaction whenever he heard the name *Jesus*. After participating in prayer for generational healing, he experienced an immediate change in his reactions and behavior.

A couple visiting CHM from Pennsylvania had left a teenage daughter at home who had a rare illness. At the same time the parents placed their written family tree on the altar during our Eucharist for the Healing of Generations,

their daughter was physically healed.

One of our prayer ministers prayed for generational healing for his family during a Generational Eucharist. The next day his sister called from California and told him she felt totally different at exactly the time the Eucharist had taken place — not knowing he had done this!

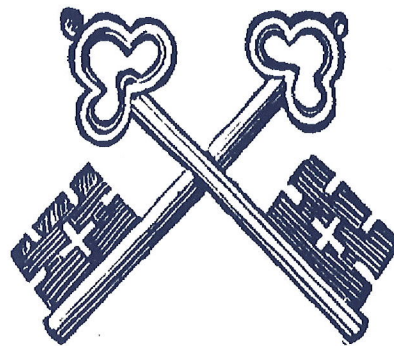
Following are a few practical aspects to remember when praying for generational healing either for yourself or others:

1. Renounce anything contrary to the Lord, such as unforgiveness or occult involvement.
2. Renew baptismal vows.
3. Ask Jesus to forgive you or your family for occult activity, habitual patterns of sin or destructive or abnormal patterns of relationships.
4. Personally forgive your ancestors for any of these activities or sins.
5. Ask forgiveness of yourself for any way you have judged your family or followed some of these patterns in your own life, perhaps even influencing others.
6. Ask Jesus

into the situations, showing Himself as Redeemer and Lord.

7. Realize that if some of the above-mentioned areas are severe and have existed for years, you may need to receive continued prayer for healing over a period of time, perhaps in the context of a Eucharist or celebration of the Lord's Supper.

8. After praying for generational healing, move on to other areas of healing, such as inner, emotional and physical. You most likely will experience significant changes in these areas, as well.



REACHING OUT IN MINISTRY

Date	Event	Location	Speaker(s)	Contact & Phone
3/31-4/1/00	Daughters of the King Women's Retreat	Versailles, Kentucky	Norma Dearing	Patty Pierce (606) 873-1795
4/3/00	Day of Healing Prayer	CHM	Staff	Audie Hall at CHM
4/7-8/00	Ecumenical Healing Conference	Richmond, Virginia	Francis and Judith MacNutt,	Fr. Bob Kerner (804) 744-2164
4/14-16/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Audie Hall at CHM
4/25-27/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Audie Hall at CHM
4/27-30/00	"Preaching Good News to the Poor" St. Luke's Episcopal Church	Akron, Ohio	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Gretsie Ames (330) 665-2227
5/5-7/00	Life in the Spirit Conference	St. Anne's Episcopal Church Crystal River, Florida	Peter and Norma Dearing	Fr. Russell Griffin (352) 795-2176
5/15/00	Day of Healing Prayer	CHM	Staff	Audie Hall at CHM
5/18-20/00	"Healing Winds: Setting Captives Free"	Black Mountain, N.C.	Francis and Judith MacNutt, Ann Bauwens	Margaret Collins (828) 669-6479
5/22/00	Francis MacNutt's 75th Birthday —	Happy Birthday, Francis!		
5/23-25/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Audie Hall at CHM
6/5/00	Day of Healing Prayer	CHM	Staff	Audie Hall at CHM
6/8-10/00	School of Healing Prayer Practicum	CHM	Staff	Ann Bauwens at CHM
6/14-17/00	Annual Conference, North American Order of St. Luke	Simpsonwood Retreat Center	Norma Dearing	Rev. Hazel Kunderling (321) 729-4296
6/20-22/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Audie Hall at CHM
6/22-24/00	Celebrate Jesus 2000 — North Atlantic Renewal Service Committee	St. Louis, Missouri	Judith MacNutt and Norma Dearing	(877) 255-4463
6/28-7/1/00	Annual Fishnet Conference	Rutland, Vermont	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Rena Larson (802) 773-7210
7/10/00	Day of Healing Prayer	CHM	Staff	Audie Hall at CHM
7/18-20/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Audie Hall at CHM
7/21-22/00	Northwest Arkansas Order of St. Luke	Bella Vista, Arkansas	Peter and Norma Dearing	Jack Curran (501) 855-0001
8/4-6/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Audie Hall at CHM
8/14/00	Day of Healing Prayer	CHM	Staff	Audie Hall at CHM
9/11/00	Day of Healing Prayer	CHM	Staff	Audie Hall at CHM
9/19-21/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Audie Hall at CHM
9/29-10/1/00	Ecumenical Weekend of Renewal	Vail, Colorado	Francis and Judith MacNutt, Rev. Tommy Tyson	Paul Johnston (970) 476-5641
10/2/00	Day of Healing Prayer	CHM	Staff	Audie Hall at CHM
10/13-15/00	Fishnet Conference	Radisson Hotel Cromwell, Connecticut	Francis and Judith MacNutt, Rev. Don Williams	Rena Larson (802) 773-7210
10/24-26/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Audie Hall at CHM
11/6/00	Day of Healing Prayer	CHM	Staff	Audie Hall at CHM
11/10-12/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	CHM Prayer Ministers	Audie Hall at CHM
11/15-18/00	Healing Life's Hurts Conference	Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Steve Long (416) 674-8463



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

for Day of Healing Prayer and Intensive Prayer Ministry.

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



Prayers for Generational Healing

from School of Healing Prayer, Level I, Lesson XII, Generational Healing
(for information on ordering Level I, see *The Bookstore*, page 10-11)

Prayer For Revealing and Setting One Free from Generational Bondage

Heavenly Father, I come before You, in the blessed name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit. I thank You for sending Jesus by whose holy blood and precious sacrifice I and my loved ones can be set free from the brokenness, woundedness, sinful attitudes and negative patterns of my (our) ancestry. I thank You, Father, that You have called me to be free from all bondage in the name of Jesus, and I praise You that, in Christ, I shall be set free.

And now, Lord Jesus, gently reveal to me in the power of the Holy Spirit those ways in which I may be living out inherited sin patterns. All of these sin patterns, known and unknown to me, in my life and in the lives of my ancestors (in my spouse's life, in his/her ancestors, and in our offspring) — I acknowledge them all before You, Father. I confess to You the evil inclinations, compulsions and bad habits that have influenced us. I ask You to forgive me and all of my ancestors (my spouse and his/her ancestors and our offspring) for all these sins. In the name of Jesus and by His holy blood, set us free in You forever, Holy Father. Empty our souls of sin, and fill them with the holiness of Jesus.

I claim the Lord Jesus Christ as my true inheritance, and I thank You, Father, for the most wonderful gift of Your Holy Son. I bless You, Jesus, that You have come to show me my true roots, which are within the very heart of God the Father. I praise You, Holy Trinity. Those whom the Son sets free are free indeed. Alleluia! Amen.

Prayer for the Healing of Generational Predispositions


"Dear Lord, if there is any predisposition to _____ (alcoholism, lust, etc.) that has come down to me through my parents, my father, my grandparents, etc., I ask You through Your power to set me free. Send Your Holy Spirit, and by the power of Your Holy Spirit, and by the Sword of the Spirit, cut me free from any predisposition to _____."

"Lord Jesus, in place of this weakness, fill me with the power of Your Holy Spirit, and fill me with Your spirit of (self-control, confidence, courage, fortitude, or whatever fruit of the Spirit counteracts this weakness that I have). Thank You, Lord, for healing me and my descendants. In Your precious Name I pray, Amen."

Prayer of Thanks for Generational Blessings

"Dear Father, I thank You and praise Your Holy Name for the blessings of _____ (list them all) that have been passed down to me through my family. I thank You for the faithfulness of those in my ancestry who were godly, and I thank You that in any family, we not only have inherited sins for which we should seek forgiveness, but we always have some inherited blessings for which we can praise You. Thank You, Lord. Amen."

Prayer of Command for the Healing of Spiritual Influences

"In the Name of Jesus Christ, I command you, spirit, to loosen your influence and hold upon me (or this person). You have intruded in my (this person's) life long enough. I command you to go to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, that He might deal with you as He sees fit, in His justice and mercy." 

"Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed His Name, the Lord. And He passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, 'The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished; He punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.' Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. 'O Lord, if I have found favor in Your eyes,' he said, 'then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.'"

— Exodus 34:5-9

A Very Special Praise Report

Healing of Environmental Illness

God, in his great mercy, healed me of a medically incurable disease.

For seven long years, I struggled with Environmental Illness, also known as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity. I had pesticide poisoning, and my immune system rapidly declined. Eventually, I became allergic to nearly everything, including cigarette smoke, perfume, cleansers, detergents, lotions, car exhaust, pesticides and anything new. I developed dust, mold and food allergies.

My allergies were so severe it was hard to leave my home. I could not attend church, movies or other events. I could not go into shopping malls, theaters, office buildings, grocery stores or even most people's homes. We had portable air filtering machines in our home, where I was a prisoner. The fear, pain and isolation were unbearable.

Eventually, we sold our beautiful home because we added new insulation and the chemicals emitted from the attic made me sick. We bought another home and I was never able to move in because the previous owners had saturated every nook and cranny with mothballs, and we were never able to get the chemicals or smell out. We had no choice but to sell this house also.

I finally got my hopes up when I discovered a doctor who specialized in environmental medicine. He felt he could help me and started new treatments. To our horror, this good, caring man's treatments made my allergies even worse. I was desperate. I had no place to live now, so I had to move to my car. My husband took the back seats out of our van so I could at least lie down to sleep at night.

I spent many hours searching for answers. I went to many doctors and experts across the country. Each time I tried something new I would be filled with hope. I always believed I had at last found the answer and could get well, but it never happened. I was in despair. I was preparing to die.

I went to an environmental health center in Texas, and returned home in even worse condition. I am 5'9" and was down to 99 pounds because my food allergies were so severe. My esophagus closed when I ate. I had an oxygen tank. My circulation would shut down.

I heard about how God could heal illnesses, but I totally rejected it. Then a woman I barely knew gave me a Merlin Carothers' book on the power of praising God and how He heals when you turn to Him. I had never read anything about this. I felt some faith stirring in me and I wondered if it was true. I realized I had been trying to do this myself. So I had a talk with God: "Okay, God, I'm yours. I'm either going to die or I'm going to get well. I'm in your hands. I am through seeking for answers. I'm through worrying about it, struggling and fearing. I just can't do it anymore. I'm putting my life in your hands and turning everything over to you."

I felt a burden lift from me. I actually felt some hope and joy. I realized that although I had been a church-going Christian all my life, I did not really have a personal relationship with God. I was a cradle Catholic, as is my whole family. We are many generations Catholic. I had no teachings about the gifts of the Spirit or how God heals today. I had to step outside my religion to get my healing.

A friend of mine called and insisted that I call a non-denominational healing ministry in Georgia, Pleasant Valley Church and Ministry. The Pastor, Henry Wright, is an expert on environmental illness and many other diseases. He teaches that there are spiritual roots to many diseases and that there are also many blocks to healing. He feels people are not healed when prayed for because often they have not dealt with the spiritual roots and removed the blocks.

I called. One of the things they told me was to read the Bible everyday. I spent many hours each day reading the Word of God, and it filled me with hope and faith to receive my healing. There is healing power in God's Word, like medicine, and I made sure I took my medicine morning, noon and night. **The Bible, the Holy Word of God, was the most powerful instrument in my healing.**

I also prayed for my healing everyday. I prayed healing scriptures and God's promises back to Him daily. I thanked God daily for healing me, even though, in the beginning, there was no strong evidence that He was. Repentance is also a key to healing. I went through my life and repented for anything that I might have done, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant.

My sister, Rita, held a family gathering one evening, where nine people prayed for me. We got the idea from Francis MacNutt's book *The Power to Heal*. That evening, I had some dramatic healing and improvement in my back. Christian Healing Ministries then put me on their Intercessory Prayer List. I read all of MacNutt's books on healing, plus many others on the subject. Rita came by daily for many months, laying hands on me and praying for my healing.

MacNutt's book *Healing* is what really gave me the faith to seek a complete healing. I was so excited as Rita and I learned how to pray for healing. But as years went by and I only got worse, I lost all belief — but God's time is not our time.

In the summer of 1997, I spent a month at the Pleasant Valley Ministry. I received wonderful teachings on the Word of God and met a number of people whom God had healed and many in the process of healing. They counseled me on the spiritual roots of my illness and on the blocks to healing. Upon returning home, I was finally able to move into a house.

It took over a year from that time to completely heal from this incurable illness, but my allergies are gone. I now go wherever I want, do what I want, eat what I want. I shop at my neighborhood supermarket without worrying if the food is pesticide-free. I have gained my weight back and more. I have flown on an airplane, driven across country, eaten in restaurants and stayed in many motels. I can go anywhere now, no matter how foul or polluted the environment is. More incredible than all of this: last summer I helped my husband paint our house!

I now belong to a wonderful non-denominational charismatic church that believes in all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They also believe strongly that God heals today and have an active healing ministry.

No doctor or alternative medicine or any 12-step program or other works of man could accomplish my healing. But God can do anything.

God is our Healer, our Physician, our Deliverer. Praise God!

Mary T. Gracey, Overland Park, Kansas

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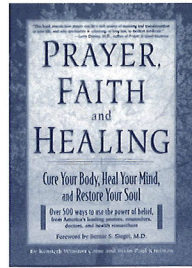
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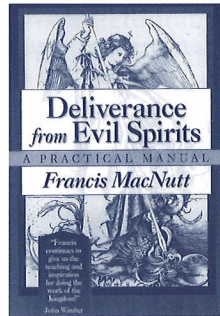


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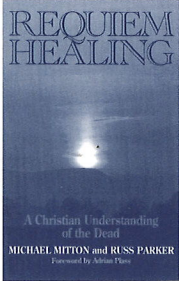
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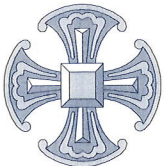
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