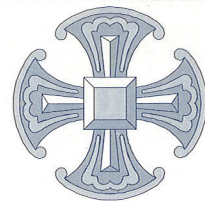


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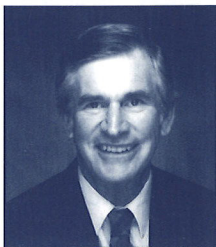
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Healing Our Image of God

by Francis MacNutt



My wife, Judith, often says, "The longest journey I've ever made is the 18-inch journey from my head to my heart."

Most of us have an intellectual, or "head," knowledge of what God is like: "God is love" as John the Evangelist writes; "God is just;" "God is merciful;" "God is wise."

And yet, in our heart of hearts we may feel something very different. Often, our distorted image comes from a teaching we heard as a child. For example, in *Angela's Ashes*, a best-seller which won the Pulitzer Prize, Frank McCourt writes about the time he found out he was born four months after his parents married:

"Why am I doomed? Tisn't my fault I'm a bastard. All bastards are doomed. They're like babies that weren't baptized. They're sent to Limbo for eternity and there's no way out and it's not their fault. It makes you wonder about God up there on His throne with no mercy for the little unbaptized babies. That's why I don't go near the chapel anymore. Anyway, you're doomed" (p. 319 in the Touchstone paperback).

This powerful book portrays a sad example of a child who grew up surrounded by "religious" people but was terrified by God, not at all encouraging an intimate relationship with Him. If you somewhere learned such an unmerciful view of God when you were a child from a parent, a teacher, a preacher or any other important authority — even if you learned something else later in life — that fearsome image may lurk in the corners of your mind to make it hard for you to develop a close relationship with God — or with Jesus.

This distance is very common, which is especially tragic since Jesus came precisely to enable us to develop an intimate, loving relationship with God. This is God's greatest gift to us. At the Last Supper, Jesus

prayed that we would "know that You sent me and have loved them even as You have loved me" (John 17:23). The most beautiful change I ever see in prayer ministry is when people who don't really believe God loves them suddenly discover this truth and are dramatically transformed, their eyes filled with joy.

If you have been robbed of this great gift and feel distant from God, you should first deal with sin in your life, a subject covered in Norma Dearing's article, p. 6. Beyond that, here are two simple things you might do:

1) Fill your mind with reading that counteracts your image of a distant, threatening God. Paul encourages us to fill our minds with whatever is true, noble, lovely and admirable: "...think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). For years, I struggled with feelings that God disapproved of me, even when I had confessed my sins — and for years, the best antidote I knew was to fill my mind with reading that reflected a gentler image of God. The first place to start is Scripture. But many moving books also will help, such as Brennan Manning's *Lion and Lamb: The Relentless Tenderness of Jesus* or chapters seven and eight of David Seamand's *Healing of Memories*. (See Bookstore, page 11.)

2) But although reading does help, it is usually not enough. If you are wounded in this area, you need to pray for a deep healing that will reach into the harsh memories that

have robbed you of a heartfelt belief in the goodness of God. For instance, many women in our society have been incested by their fathers. How can they ever feel comfortable when they hear about the love of God the Father? Or how can you ever get close to God if you have been terrified by a sermon that made you feel that you had committed the "unpardonable sin"?

The answer, thanks be to God, is that Jesus can heal us when we pray for healing of those dark memories of pain or rejection — or whatever else caused us to question God's love for us. Our image of God can be healed.

There are many ways to pray for this type of healing. We cannot manufacture it, because it is pure gift, but we can pray. Furthermore, this kind of healing is manifested in many different ways, as God communicates differently to different people. Sometimes, Jesus reveals Himself to the person with such a look of pure love that the distance is instantly dissolved. Just last week, I prayed for a small group and an older woman came up to say she had felt God take the little sad child that was still within her, put her in his arms and rock her.

There is no one way to pray for this healing, but I believe this is the prayer closest to Jesus' heart: that we come to know Him as our friend and brother, and that through Him we come to know His Father.

Consider the following prayer of St. Paul:

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom His whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:14-19).

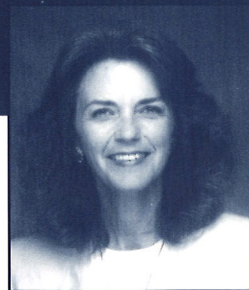
All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making His appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

— II Corinthians 5:18-20



Touching the Heart of Abba

by Judith S. MacNutt



Years ago, when our daughter Rachel was an infant, I had an experience that revealed to me the depths of God's heart. One morning, Rachel woke up crying for her mid-morning feeding. Gathering her into my arms from out of her cozy crib, I settled comfortably into my favorite wicker rocker. Soon Rachel was happily satisfying her hunger and I was humming a lullaby to her.

As I gazed at her, I became aware of the overwhelming love I felt for her. Up to this moment nothing had ever stirred such a profound feeling of love within me. I began gently weeping for joy as she rested contentedly on my breast while she nursed. This beautiful, innocent child had done little to love me in return. She certainly hadn't accomplished great deeds or made her mark in the world....only in my heart. The unfathomable love that filled me was totally unearned; it was pure gift.

Then God used this moment to reveal His awesome love for me. As I gazed upon her face, I heard a tender voice within me say, "You love Rachel very much, don't you?"

I answered, "Oh yes, you know I do." To which God responded, "I love you more than you love Rachel." I had a hard time accepting that! "Oh no you don't; you couldn't!" You see, I knew how strong my love for Rachel was, but I had never really experienced the fullness of God's love for me. God gently answered, "Oh yes, I do love you more!" At that moment, God's gift of love was poured into my heart, and I began to weep for joy. ("God's love is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit" Romans 5:5).

I had never before experienced the Father's love at this depth. It was as though I had to have a child of my own to love beyond reason before I could feel and know the Father's love for me. A place in my heart was opened that day that still remains open—a turning point on my journey to knowing God in a more personal way.

As a child, I had always been told that God loved me. I knew those words; I believed them and repeated them to many others over the years. But I knew his love mostly in my head. That 18-inch journey from my head to my heart has been a long, arduous journey filled with countless disappointments, heartbreaks and failures. How I have longed to come home to the Father! Now, by his grace, the knowing is becoming a reality.

We need to honor our Father in Heaven and rediscover the message that God is our "Abba," as Jesus called Him. What does "Abba" mean? What was Jesus trying to convey to us when He instructed us in the Lord's prayer to pray to "Our Father (Abba) in Heaven" (Mt. 6:9)?

Scripture scholars believe that Jesus used the Aramaic word "Abba," which means "Daddy," when He taught his disciples the "Our Father." I first sensed Jesus' meaning some 20 years ago when I lived in Jerusalem doing Christian mission work.

One summer evening, I was sitting on my balcony overlooking the many apartment dwellings in my Jewish neighborhood. The sun was setting, calling me to be still, as the day was coming to a close. I saw the city buses pulling up to our street corner unloading weary Jewish workers at the end of their day. Small children were waiting on the sidewalks for their fathers to climb down the steps from the buses. Joyfully, upon recognizing his or her father, each child went running with arms uplifted, calling out "Abba, Abba!" Then the fathers would reach down to lift their children and embrace them with tenderness and love, so happy to be reunited after a long day.

This moving scene, reenacted daily, almost always moved me to tears. Was this how my Abba in heaven wanted me to come to Him, in confidence and joy, with arms uplifted and a heart burning with news of the day?

Jesus said, "Unless you come to me as a little child you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven." How do I become a child again? How dare I call God, the Creator of the universe, Abba? Jesus addressed God as Daddy, and he enables us by the Holy Spirit to do the same. Galatians 4:6 tells us, "God has sent forth into our hearts the Spirit of His Son, which cries out, 'Abba!'"

This degree of familiarity with God still comes as a shock to us, if we are honest about it. One noted theologian said "in all the extensive literature of prayer — both liturgical and personal — in Judaism from ancient times up to the Middle Ages, there is not a single example of the use of Abba as a form of addressing God." When Jesus used the familiar term Abba, it must have sounded irreverent and offensively familiar. For Jesus (or for us), however, this term is no more lacking in respect than it is when I

address my own father as "Dad."

My familiarity does not exclude respect. Reverence still remains, but love and affection are the center of my relationship with my dad. "I no longer call you servants but friends," Jesus told His disciples (John 15:15).

To address God as Abba, Father, is the boldest and simplest expression of our absolute trust in God's love for us. You may say "What does it matter what I call God as long as I pray and try to live my life as a good Christian?" It must have mattered to Jesus because he spent so much of his time teaching about what God is really like (as in the story of the Prodigal Son) and how to be in a relationship with Him.

What is your image of God? Jesus, the Son of God, shattered the image people held of God. This shattering is central to the theology of C.S. Lewis, who stated, "I don't want my idea [image] of God; I want God."

Does my image of God need to be shattered? God challenges us again and again to know Him as He really is. Out of fear we cling to a fearsome, archaic pre-Christian image of God, although it brings us little comfort or strength, especially during times of suffering. Many of God's children sit Sunday after Sunday in pews, passively attending without fully understanding. They come to the feast hungry and go away hungry. Jesus points the way to satisfying our hunger for God in an intimate, childlike relationship with God as our Abba.

Webster's defines "father" as a male human parent; a patriarch, an honored official. In contrast, it defines "daddy" as an expression "used familiarly, as by children." "Father" refers to a role, while "daddy" means relationship and intimacy. Jesus calls us into an intimate relationship with His own Abba and has made us part of His own family. This Abba relationship is birthed in love and is meant to grow with time. This level of intimacy with God is deeply personal and completely satisfying—a knowing in the deepest sense that takes us over the mountains as well as through the valleys. For centuries, this relationship has been referred to as a journey of the heart.

The tragedy is that so many Christians aren't even aware of the wonderfully close relationship God wants them to have with

Him! So many are content with a somewhat distant, impersonal relationship: "I'm happy to just try and keep the commandments and get to heaven without all that emotionalism." As Christians, we all believe that God is our Father. Nevertheless, many believe this and still never experience closeness and affection in our relationship with God. The answer to bridging that distance between our heads and our hearts is truly the Holy Spirit — the one who enables us to cry out "Abba!" and really mean it.

If you have experienced the power of the Spirit in your lives, you know that this is the answer; we cannot achieve this kind of family relationship with God on our own; it comes only as a gift. And that gift comes when we ask for it in prayer.

A woman who attended one of our conferences shared a powerful testimony. She sought to know God as Father. While she prayed, she sensed the Lord saying, "My child, don't be afraid... I will bless you far beyond your wildest dreams. Look up to me, your God. I love you. You are my own."

As she continued to pray, she had a vision: "The ceiling in the room seemed to disappear, and rays of light came down from heaven. Jesus appeared, followed by a host of angels who came straight from the throne of God and filled the entire room. Some of the angels had blue sashes, but all were bright, white and beautiful. Angels were touching each person in the room.

"One angel gave me a scroll on which was written, 'Beverly, I have called you by name; come.' I believe God is calling me to be his daughter. Maybe now I can truly believe that God the Father cares for me. I feel so much closer to God. He is much more real to me, much more reachable. Never before have I had such an experience. Now I am sure He will always be with me."

Do I know God in such a close, familiar way that I feel as comfortable as a child does in the presence of a truly loving father? Can I address God with a term as familiar as "Daddy," or does that still seem irreverent?

This intimate relationship with His Father is what Jesus promised us in His great prayer: "Eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God" (John 17:3). This knowing is more than mere intellectual assent; it is an experiential knowledge. Jesus, praying to His Father, says, "You have loved them as you loved me" (John 17:23B). God loves you as He loves Jesus!

That's incredibly good news, almost too good to believe: God the Father loves you as He loves Jesus. Do you dare believe that?



School of Healing Prayer Level II

September 11-14, 2000

If you have completed the first course in the School of Healing Prayer and are interested in furthering your knowledge and understanding of the ministry of prayer for healing, you may want to consider Level II. AND you have the opportunity to take the course at Christian Healing Ministries in Jacksonville! CHM will offer the second level of its School of Healing Prayer at the ministry campus in Jacksonville the week of September 11-14, 2000.

Level II is the follow-up course to SHP Level I and builds on the foundations already established. Level II leads prayer ministers through a progressive and more in-depth understanding of the healing ministry and more specific issues that may arise. It focuses on the

healing of relationships through more defined areas such as healing of marriage, healing wounds of divorce, and healing of abortion and miscarriage, among others.

The September SHP Level II course will feature speakers Francis and Judith MacNutt and Norma Dearing, as well as some teaching on videotape. **Anyone wishing to apply MUST have completed Level I through the video or audio course materials and must be familiar with materials contained in the SHP Level I student's manual.** The cost of the September Level II course is \$175.00.

To receive an application and information, please fill out the form below or call Ann Bauwens at (904) 765-3332, Ext. 210.



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April Richmond Conference Makes Impact

by Francis MacNutt

The Lord always amazes us with the healing He brings about when we step out in faith to speak His message of healing to groups around the world. A notable event took place in Richmond, Virginia, when Rev. Bob and Sandi Kerner, former members of the CHM staff, arranged for Judith and me to give two conferences there in April. God's blessing on these events turned out to be even more than we expected.

The first was a two-day conference for psychotherapists, clergy and prayer group leaders. It was held at the request of psychotherapists, and their chosen topic was astounding: deliverance from evil spirits! Many had unexpectedly encountered spirits in their work, especially among victims of satanic ritual abuse, which is a result of involvement with rituals performed as part of satanic worship. So little is known in the counseling field about how to help these victims. And, of course, this is not a topic covered in normal university courses. But like Judith, they have found deliverance prayer to be a much-needed, vital ingredient in their treatment of wounded clients. What a unique and wonderful privilege to be able to encourage and teach a professional group of counselors what we have learned from the Lord over the years in these areas!

At the end of the meeting, the group asked for prayer for the release of the Holy Spirit, and almost all came forward for prayer. We are confident the Lord will mightily use these warriors to His glory in the work that they do.

The deliverance conference was held at Richmond Hill Retreat Center, an ecumenical house of prayer directed by an Episcopal priest, Rev. Ben Campbell. This conference was the outgrowth of a conference given at Richmond Hill five years ago by Norma Dearing and Ann Bauwens. Racial divisions became very apparent at that conference, and the weekend was painful. Providentially, a blizzard struck so the participants couldn't go home, and then some of the larger healing came as relationships were worked out. They saw beautiful healings and had a thirst for more. We were honored to be asked to return to speak to them.

And the response to this most recent visit was so enthusiastic that they have asked for another, longer conference on inner healing and deliverance, now scheduled for next April. This conference was special in that we hope it may be the forerunner of large numbers of psychotherapists, clergy and church leaders wanting to learn about how to pray for inner healing and deliverance.

The second conference was equally extraordinary. We spent two days preaching at St. Giles Presbyterian Church, where 700 people were in attendance, and The House of Prayer, a non-denominational church, where we spoke to over 400 people. This type of event is, on the surface, a typical speaking engagement. However, something unusual happened.

A larger healing began to take place: the healing of the city of Richmond from a variety of divisions — healing among races and social classes, among Christians of different backgrounds, and healing of wounds caused by the city's historical roots.

The divisions in Richmond are very real and are similar to the ones we see in Jacksonville and other cities around the South. But in Richmond, they seem deeper. The wounds are generational in character, going back even before the Civil War, to the massacres of Indians and whites in 1620 along the James River. The racial division is strong and traces back to Richmond's slave market, a thriving business during the 18th and 19th centuries. Add to that the divisions between social classes and religious denominations and you have the classic picture of a divided society. Furthermore, Richmond was the capitol of the Confederacy. Jefferson Davis' office was only a short distance from where we spoke at Richmond Hill.

A healing of larger divisions often takes place at conferences where we speak, but the magnitude of the response in Richmond was more than we usually see. Bob Kerner wrote to us after this conference: "Francis spoke on 'Healing the Body of Christ,' and Judith spoke on 'Healing Our Image of God'...God brought together once divergent groups from all over metropolitan Richmond — Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, mainline Protestants, Pentecostals, nondenominational charismatics and evangelicals from both sides of the James River, a division that is more than just geographical...It had a significant effect on Richmond."

As a result, an enthusiasm has developed for the healing of the city as a whole! Bob, now pastor of an Episcopal church, Rev. Randy Bremer of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Steve Stell of The House of Prayer have invited us back to speak at a large conference aimed at the healing of the city of Richmond.

Another amazing "coincidence" is that Richmond Hill, now ecumenical, was founded by a Roman Catholic Archbishop in 1866 as a convent of nuns who prayed for reconciliation after the Civil War.

It seems that with the advent of the new millennium, the Lord IS reaching out to heal His people!



Of Interest Around the World: Britain Plans to Legitimize Exorcism as Therapy

by Francis MacNutt

We have received significant news from friends in England, who passed along to us an article by Jonathan Petre in London's *Sunday Telegraph* last fall. It is of particular interest to those of us involved in the healing prayer ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, as it impacts that part of our ministry which deals with deliverance from evil spirits. Clearly, this news represents a dramatic change in attitude toward the deliverance ministry in the United Kingdom and, hopefully, will lead to a similar result in the United States.

"The British government plans to recognize exorcism of demons as a therapy for treating mental illness.

"In a radical move that will dismay many doctors, a report prepared for the Health Education Authority and due to be published next Monday will endorse the use of Christian healing and 'deliverance,' casting out evil spirits, which are controversial practices even within the churches that use them.

"Although the report will warn about the dangers of fringe religious groups exploiting vulnerable people, it will urge psychiatrists and other mental health professionals not to dismiss spiritual therapies and prayer, even if they lack a scientific basis.

"The New Testament describes many instances of the healing power of Jesus and the 'positive effects of His ministry on those who were willing to listen,' says the government-funded report.


"An emphasis on demons and demon possession can be very damaging to people who are vulnerable, and there is an important distinction to be drawn between evil and mental ill health,' it goes on.

"At the same time, some hold that a deliverance ministry is an important part of their belief in prayer, and some people have found exorcism and similar approaches helpful.'

"Doctors should be sensitive to people's religious beliefs, the report said. This means if their patients report seeing visions, hearing voices or speaking in tongues, which have been experienced by saints and mystics, they should not automatically be diagnosed as mentally ill.

"The report, *Promoting Mental Health: The Role of Faith Communities*, is backed by leading psychiatrists, the National Schizophrenia Fellowship, the Church of England Board for Social Responsibility and Dr. Jonathan Sack, Britain's chief rabbi. It is part of a government campaign to break down stigmas about mental illness.

"Promoting Mental Health, which cites U.S. research suggesting a strong link between religious belief and well-being, is published just as more British clergy are becoming interested in exorcism in the runup to the start of the new millennium.

"Despite the sinister image generated by films such as *The Exorcist*, all Church of England dioceses have an official exorcist." 

CHM Hosts New Internship Programs

CHM is expanding its Healing Prayer Internship opportunities to include the following:

Therapist Internship Program: Aug. 3-6, 2000

Pastoral Internship Program: Sept. 11-21, 2000

Medical Internship Program: Oct. 23-26, 2000

Youth Pastor Internship Program: Nov. 6-12, 2000

We will continue to offer the regular monthly Internship Program through the three-day Intensive Prayer Ministry 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. In order to qualify for all Internship Programs, specific qualifications must be met:

1. The intern (with the exception of pastors) must have completed CHM's School of Healing Prayer Levels I and II. The Pastoral Internship Program will include School of Healing Prayer Level II, but pastors must have studied Level I.
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.

Costs and program schedules vary. For information or to register, call Beth Coleman at CHM, (904) 765-3332. Space is limited, so we recommend you register as soon as possible. 

KEYS FOR PRAYER MINISTERS

Sin Hinders Our Relationship with God

by Norma Dearing,
Director of
Prayer Ministry



After coming to the realization of who God is, what is it that prevents us from communicating with Him? What things keep us from talking to Him or listening to what He might want to say to us? The first and foremost thing, I believe, is our own sinfulness. The second is the guilt and shame we feel because of this sinfulness.

Sin is always the barrier that separates us from approaching God or feeling connected to Him. God knew this and understood it. This is why He tells us over and over in Scripture to bring these sins before Him so we can be cleansed. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Not only does God forgive us our sins, but He forgets them, as well. Isaiah says He drops our sin into a sea of forgetfulness and remembers it no more. I heard someone say once, "Hey God, you remember that sin I confessed a moment ago?" God responded, "No!"

My husband, Peter, had a very powerful experience with God along these lines when he attended Cursillo, a spiritual renewal weekend retreat. One night while Peter was lying in his bunk, God began to speak to him about his life and how he wanted them to become closer. Intimacy is always something God longs to have with each of us.

Peter felt a certain alienation from God because of his sinfulness, and God knew this. God spoke to his heart and said He longed to be closer to Peter, and for that to happen, there were some things they needed to get out of the way. God gave Peter an image in his mind that he was standing before a chalkboard with a piece of chalk in his hand.

Peter felt God was saying, "Write your sins upon this chalkboard and I'll leave it on the board for as long as it takes me to forgive them." Peter didn't want to shock God with

anything too enormous, so he began by writing a few minor sins upon the board.

He said after writing these, he saw a hand with an eraser come along and erase the words of the sin. He started writing more of his sins upon the board, and the same eraser came along and wiped these away, too. This exercise continued for over an hour, as he felt cleansed and purified.

Peter said as fast as he wrote, the eraser followed behind the words, and he was amazed because the eraser seemed to move at exactly the same speed regardless of the degree of sin. "Repent then and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus" (Acts 3:19-20).

It is important to remember that Satan, the enemy, will do everything within his power to keep us in sin and bondage. He continues to remind us of our sin using two of his little underlings, shame and guilt. He hopes we will feel so bad about ourselves that we will be embarrassed to call on the Lord. He tries to convince us that God is alienated from us because of our sin.

God never moves from us. We are the ones who move from Him. I remember once in my prayer life saying to the Lord, "I don't feel as close to You as I once did." He responded, "Well, who moved?" This helped me to realize that I had moved away. It was I who moved.

When a person falls into sin, shame and guilt discourage him from going to church, spending time with other Christians or time with the Lord. A vicious cycle emerges beginning with sin, then withdrawal from God and others, and finally a deeper entry into the sin. A sense of both hopelessness and helplessness begins.

For Christians, the problem is compounded by an overlay of guilt when they recognize this sinful pattern. At this crucial point, a person needs the Lord, as well as the healing hand of friendship and not condemnation.

This is a prime time for us to become the human face of God to each other, to show His love and compassion.

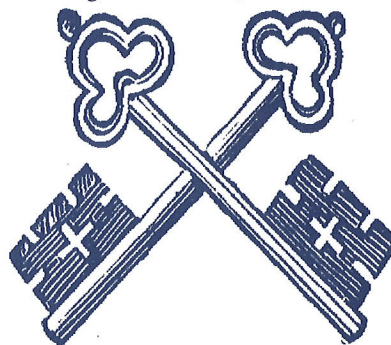
Sin is like the static you experience on a CB or a ham radio. It prevents a person from hearing clearly or being able to communicate effectively. Repentance clears up the static and allows for a clear and open channel to God.

I suggest a very in-depth period of repentance in the beginning, similar to what Peter experienced. There are a number of ways this can be accomplished. One way is to start chronologically by age and look at the areas where you feel you need forgiveness or may need to forgive others. You might want to start by remembering preschool and continuing with elementary school, junior and senior high, etc. Ask the Lord to help you look at these things.

Another method is to write your sins on one piece of paper and write sins committed against you on another. You could end by symbolically giving these lists to the Lord by presenting them at the altar, or perhaps burning the paper. There are many different methods. Ask the Lord what is right for you. Some people like to do this in two categories, sins of commission and sins of omission.

How you do this is not so important. The important thing is that you lay your sins before God and receive His forgiveness. Think of yourself as a drainpipe with clogs. The clogs are sin. Once repentance and forgiveness enter, the clogs are washed away and the water is able to run freely. Repentance and forgiveness open up the lines of communication between us and God.

As prayer ministers, we must keep very short personal accounts with God so we can minister effectively. We must also help those to whom we minister understand the importance of repentance in experiencing a oneness with our Creator. "But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice and wait for your God always (Hosea 12:6).



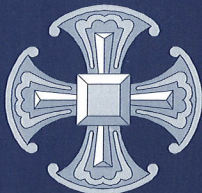
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OUTSIDE CONFERENCES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

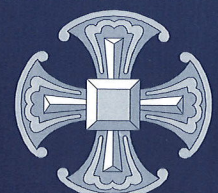
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6/14-17/00	Annual Conference, North American Order of St. Luke	Simpsonwood Retreat Center, Norcross, Georgia	Norma Dearing	Rev. Hazel Kunderling (321) 729-4296
6/22-24/00	Celebrate Jesus 2000 — North Atlantic Renewal Service Committee	St. Louis, Missouri	Judith MacNutt and Norma Dearing	(877) 255-4463
6/26/00	St. Anthony's Hospital, talks to staff	St. Louis, Missouri	Francis MacNutt	Joe Lipic (314) 842-1568
6/28-7/1/00	Annual Fishnet Conference	Rutland, Vermont	Francis and Judith MacNutt, Tommy Tyson	Rena Larson (802) 773-7210
7/21-22/00	Northwest Arkansas Order of St. Luke	Bella Vista, Arkansas	Peter and Norma Dearing	Jack Curran (501) 855-0001
9/29-10/1/00	Ecumenical Weekend of Renewal	Vail, Colorado	Francis and Judith MacNutt, Tommy Tyson, Jeanne Hill	Paul Johnston (970) 476-5641
10/6-8/00	Conference for Medical Professionals	Institute for Health and Religion, Charleston, S.C.	Francis MacNutt, Dr. Dale Matthews, Dr. Harold Koenig	Dr. Don Berry (843) 577-3308
10/13-15/00	Fishnet Conference	Radisson Hotel Cromwell, Connecticut	Francis and Judith MacNutt, Rev. Don Williams	Rena Larson (802) 773-7210
11/15-18/00	Healing Life's Hurts Conference	Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Francis and Judith MacNutt, Mike Evans	Steve Long (416) 674-8463

COMING EVENTS AT CHM

Date	Event	Speakers/Prayer Ministers
7/10/00	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff
7/18-20/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
8/3-6/00	Internship Program for Therapists	CHM Prayer Ministers (Contact Beth Coleman at CHM)
8/4-6/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
8/14/00	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff
9/11-14/00	School of Healing Prayer Level II	Staff/Videos (Contact Ann Bauwens at CHM)
9/11-21/00	Internship Program for Pastors	CHM Prayer Ministers (Contact Beth Coleman at CHM)
9/19-21/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
9/25/00	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff
10/2/00	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff
10/23-26/00	Internship Program for Medical Professionals	CHM Prayer Ministers (Contact Beth Coleman at CHM)
10/24-26/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
11/6/00	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff
11/6-12/00	Internship Program for Youth Pastors	CHM Prayer Ministers (Contact Beth Coleman at CHM)
11/10-12/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers



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.



CHM Prayer Angels Going Strong

by Katie Bauwens,
Intercessory Prayer Coordinator

Editor's Note: Shortly before the birth of her daughter, Emma Grace, in February, Kristi Russell chose to quit working and become a full-time mommy. We are so grateful to the Lord for answering this prayer for a miracle child in the life of Kristi and her husband, Matt (see The Healing Line, Winter 1999). We are also grateful to Him for answering CHM's prayer for a new coordinator for the intercessory prayer program. Katie Bauwens, daughter of long-time employee and friend Ann Bauwens, and herself a "miracle child" (as reported in the Winter 1998 issue of The Healing Line), has taken over as coordinator for the program. This is her first article.

The Intercessory Prayer Program at Christian Healing Ministries is growing each day. Since February, I have seen the Lord answer many prayers. Prayer needs come into our office daily, and it is my honor to get the word out so they can be lifted to the Lord. I receive encouragement weekly through the praise

reports of what the Lord has done for those who have requested prayer. From the healing of eyesight to the sale of a home, the Lord is doing great things.

Currently, 350 faithful prayer angels serve this program. My goal is to have 200 more Intercessors join our team. Weekly, the ministry receives over 150 prayer requests via telephone and letters, and the intercessors support the ministry itself, as well as staff members, in prayer.

Intercessory prayer is a key part of CHM. It serves as a covering for those of us here, as well as for many of our other brothers and sisters in Christ. We are called to fight the battle against Satan, and intercessory prayer is a great way to do just that. The prayer is like a shield that we as Christians can hold for others who need His healing touch.

Recently, I received a letter about a picture of intercessory prayer that God gave to one of our intercessors: "I looked up through the heavenlies, and high above I saw the Lord sitting on the circle of the earth. It looked like a glass cake dome with our universe inside. He looked at everything going on inside, but

we could not see out. A beautiful sound came to my ears; layer after layer of voices rising through the heavenlies to the throne. It was an awesome and marvelous sound reminding me of what the Scripture says about His voice sounding like the noise of many waters. As I listened to the prayers rising, I could pick out men's, women's and children's voices. I could hear the names of the people they were lifting to the Lord. As the prayers reached the circle where the Lord sat, bright flashes of light would speed to the earth. I recognized these as angels dispatched with help and answers from God. How secure and loved we are by the Lord! How could we ever praise Him enough!"

I think that this beautiful picture demonstrates how important our prayers are to the Lord. The faithfulness of the Lord to our needs in accordance with His will are awesome. I praise and thank the Lord for all He does. I trust He will bring the prayer angels that are called to join our team. If you are feeling called to be an intercessor at Christian Healing Ministries, I would love to hear from you. ✝



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 Katie Bauwens, CHM Intercessors, P.O. Box 9520, Jacksonville, FL 32208, or call (904) 765-3332, Ext. 207.

Praise Reports

Granddaughter Healed

Dear CHM:

I so appreciate the prayer ministry of Christian Healing Ministries. On October 6, 1997, my granddaughter, Elisabeth Mercy (last name omitted), was born with very little chance of living — and if she lived, of living a normal life. Everything that needed to be working was not.

Today, she is a healthy, normal, intelligent little girl happily growing up with her six big sisters. For all of this (many miracles), we give God all the glory. For you see, I called Christian Healing Ministries for prayer, and all of you prayed.

I would consider it such a privilege to be one of the intercessors for CHM. My husband died in 1989, leaving a great empty hole in my life which the Lord Himself has filled. I have five children and 27 grandchildren. God has been so faithful to me.

Gratefully,
Alice

"I shall not die but live and declare the works of the Lord," Psalm 118:17
"The Lord is for me among those who help me." Psalm 118:7

These are the two promises God gave me concerning my son the day I was admitted to the hospital on Easter Saturday, 1999. Jamie had been diagnosed through an ultrasound as having a cystic adenomatoid malformation, a cystic growth in his right lung, and I had excessive amniotic fluid in my womb as a result of his condition.

We would like to thank all those who prayed for Jamie and for us as a family these past months. We believe God has answered our prayers and has worked a miracle. Jamie underwent major surgery the day after he was born to remove the cystic growth. He was on a ventilator for two weeks and in the hospital for seven weeks from the time of his birth. After the operation, he had a sixth of his lung capacity, and he was on oxygen for six weeks. Now he has a 100 percent oxygen saturation reading and is putting on weight as fast as he can.

Although still little for his age, he is catching up with his contemporaries, and we are sure in a little while no one would believe what he has been through unless they saw his scars. He is so full of joy, so happy and content. We firmly believe this is the result of all the prayers.

God is so good, and He is faithful to His promises. May He bless you and your families, as you have been a blessing to us.

THANK YOU.
Stuart, Sarah, Elijah and Jamie

Dear CHM:

Good news! Our son and his wife are leaving their current location to move to Virginia, where he has accepted a job with an engineering firm. It is answered prayer. I asked the prayer team and all the intercessory prayer warriors to pray that he would get the job the Lord has for him. Also, their marriage is being healed — another answered prayer!

Love, Willyne

Out of a Coma

Joey is now 21 years old. Since he was a child, he has had a shunt in his brain to draw off water. He suffered brain seizures. The doctors had to operate the first week of January because he was having too many seizures. He developed a fever. He had another seizure in ICU, and they operated again. His fever shot up to 104 degrees and was heading up, so they put him in an ice blanket for 14 days, where he went into a coma. They told his parents they had no real hope that he would live. The fever remained. The Vineyard Church intercessors were praying. I called Christian Healing Ministries' prayer request line. Three days later, with all of us praying, the Lord did it! The fever left, and he came out of the coma — laughing! Joey lived. A miracle!! The doctors recognized the miracle and said so. Joey is doing well.

Thank you so very much for your prayers, which God in His love and mercy has answered.

Sincerely,
Dixie

From a Prayer Recipient who came to CHM for Intensive Prayer Ministry (IPM):

I have to tell you I didn't really believe I had any great issues to resolve, but something beautiful happened at CHM. The Lord provided the mothering I didn't receive as a child. Three dear women ministered to me hour upon hour, and I felt a mother's love. I am so grateful for these prayer warriors!

Thank you for allowing me to be released from a generational curse of betrayal and for allowing the Holy Spirit to fill my heart with a mother's love.

Connie

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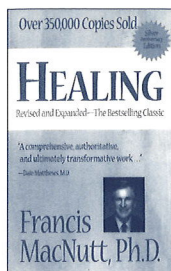
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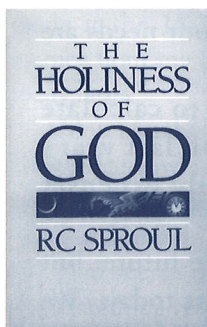
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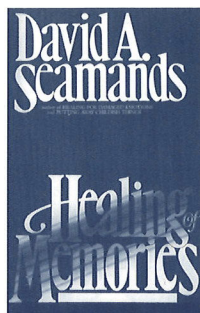


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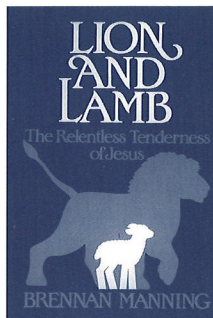


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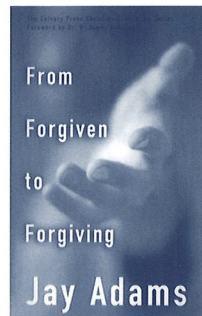
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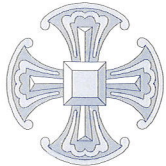
Our facilities and salaries are modest, but even so, with 19 on staff now, it is a continual miracle that day after day our needs are met — much like manna in the desert.

I asked Merle Jenkins, our financial director, to calculate how much it takes each day to run CHM based on last year's actual budget. He reported that our average daily expenses are \$2,362.00.

We have many projects, plans and dreams for the future, but this is what it takes to support the ministry as it exists today. We hope, if the Lord leads you, that you will consider supporting the mission of CHM. Perhaps you could support us for an hour, a morning, a half-day, a day or even a week. Whether it is large or small, we will be grateful for your gift, for we firmly believe this is the Lord's work, spreading His good news of healing and love.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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