



# NEW LIFE

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## "Father, Forgive Them ..."

By Vince Dorazio

**A**s we approach the celebration of Easter and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, we are reminded of the last words Jesus spoke from the cross on Calvary; **"Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing."** (Luke 23:34) Even in His last moments on earth Jesus continues to teach us how to forgive those who do wrong to us.

As we page through the Bible, we read of Jesus' teachings telling us to repent of our sins and to forgive others. There is no better place to remind us of this than in the reciting of the Lord's Prayer, where we say, **"forgive us of our trespasses (sins) as we forgive those who trespass (sin) against us ..."** If we pray the Lord's Prayer daily then we should be in a position to forgive anyone who is doing us wrong. Jesus tells us that if we are nice to only those who are nice to us, what good is that? He told us to love our enemies and to do good to them as well as our friends.

When Peter approached Jesus with the question of how many times must he forgive someone who has wronged him, Jesus responds, **"I say, seventy times seven times."** (Matt. 18:22) Jesus is telling us to forgive others as often as is necessary, and as often as we are asked. It is no different for us when we continue to come before our Father asking for our forgiveness, time after time. Just as we ask our Father to forgive us many times over, then we too should forgive others as many times over, "seventy times seven times". Jesus also tells us that if we



have anything against our brother to go and reconcile with him before bringing our gift to the altar. **"If you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift at the altar, go first and reconcile with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."** (Matthew 5:23-24)

### LENT

Lent is a time to examine our lives and getting right with God. It is a time of repentance and forgiveness. During this time, may I suggest a simple task. List on a sheet of paper all those people that you know that you have a disagreement with or anyone who has done wrong to you. Then pray over each name on your list and ask for the Lord's forgiveness. I would further suggest that you make it a point to visit with that person, one on one, and ask that person's forgiveness for how you feel. Explain your situation, simply, and then ask, **"Will you forgive me?"**

What a blessing it will be not only for you, but also for the other person as well. Sometimes we just ask God for His forgiveness and don't bother asking others and neglect to have that interaction of reconciliation with one another.

### **MATTHEW 5-7**

When I give a Bible to a person, especially someone who hasn't read the Bible often, I always suggest that they start reading in Matthew's Gospel, starting in Chapter 5 through Chapter 7; the Sermon On The Mount. I suggest that during this time of Lent you do the same. Matthew speaks to the people of his day in simple terms that everyone could understand. Reading the Gospel of Matthew is not to get a theological view of the Scriptures, but to understand the simplicity of the Gospel message; namely, **JESUS IS LORD AND SAVIOR** and has come to forgive you. I believe that all that Jesus teaches us is summed up in these three chapters and is easier to understand as we continue reading the Scriptures on a daily basis.

Sometimes we yield to the temptations of the world and are so involved that we do not notice that we need forgiveness from God. It is like being in a fast moving car going down a steep hill without any brakes and unable to stop. But Jesus has provided us with the ability to put the brakes on our addictions of sin and wrongdoings. He has given us the ability to ask God to forgive us

Whatever your temptations are now is the time to turn to our Father in Jesus' Name and ask for His forgiveness. The following is a short prayer that I say each day.

### **PRAYER**

***Father, I pray for the blood of Jesus to come upon me to shield and protect me. Forgive me of all my sins and I ask You to wash me clean of my sins and wrongdoings and keep me free from the temptations of \_\_\_\_\_ (name the temptations). I pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.***



### **VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES ARE NEEDED**

We are looking for people to volunteer their ministry for our upcoming Holy Spirit Conference on April 23 and 24, in the following areas: **Ushers, Greeters, Word Gift Ministry, Prayer Teams, and General Helpers.** Please call Vince at 612-243-9411 or Mark at 612-282-9896.

### **YOUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED**

We have always relied on Free-Will offerings to cover all the expenses for the Days of Renewal and Conferences we have sponsored. Thanks to your support and generosity we have been successful. However our funds have become low, and we need your additional support to pay for advance costs (printing, mailings, air fare, food, etc.) for the coming conference. Please consider giving a gift donation. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**REMEMBER TO REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN ESTIMATE FOOD REQUIREMENTS.**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

If you are in need of prayer support, we would like to include you in our daily prayers. Mail in your prayer request and we will add your request to our prayer list. **Please pray for all those in need of your prayers.**

**Please send NEW LIFE to the following person.**

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**THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO PROCLAIM THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD.**

# Holy Spirit Conference

*“Did You Receive The Holy Spirit When You Became Believers” Acts 19:2*

**Friday April 23 & Saturday April 24, 2010**

St. Albert’s Catholic Church  
29<sup>th</sup> Street and 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South Minneapolis MN.

**Special Speaker – Fr. John Randall**



Fr. John Randall is from the diocese of Providence, RI. He has been in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for over 40 years and has served as a member of the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. He was a Scripture Professor at Our Lady of Providence Seminary and holds a Doctorate Degree in Theology from the University of Louvain and is a member of the Catholic Biblical Association.

Fr. John has written several books on the Holy Spirit. His most recent book is titled *“No Spirit, No Church”*. Under Fr. John’s leadership two *“dying”* parishes in Providence have been renewed in the power of the Holy Spirit!

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There is **NO CHARGE** to register or for the lunch and dinner. Free will offerings will be taken both Friday and Saturday to cover the costs of the conference. It is necessary that everyone pre-register so that we may be able to estimate food requirements. To register, please fill out the form below or call 612-243-9411 or email [Vincent@NewLifeCRM.org](mailto:Vincent@NewLifeCRM.org).

Volunteers needed: Ushers, Greeters, Word Gift Ministry, Prayer Teams, and General Helpers.

Call Mark at 612-282-9896



Vince Dorazio is the Coordinator of The People of Joy Prayer Group and New Life Charismatic Renewal Ministry; Mpls, MN. Vince has been in the Charismatic Renewal for over 38 years

**SCHEDULE:**

Friday --- Registration opens at 6:30 PM; Praise & Worship begins at 7 PM;  
Speaker: Fr. John Randall; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a Healing Service and anointing with Blessed Oil.  
Saturday Morning -- Registration opens at 8:30 AM; Praise & Worship begins at 9 AM;  
Fr John Randall; Lunch  
Saturday Afternoon – 1:30 PM Praise & Worship; Vince Dorazio; Fr John Randall;  
End 4:30 PM for dinner  
Saturday Evening --- 6:30 PM Closing Charismatic Mass

**REGISTRATION FORM ---- Please Print**

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**PEOPLE OF JOY      PRAYER MEETINGS**  
**THURSDAYS 7:30 PM**

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