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HEALING PRAYER

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DOES IT REALLY WORK

Whenever a Christian person is having a physical problem in their life, whether it is an injury or diagnosed with a serious illness, they frequently call their church and ask to be put on the Parish Prayer List. Sometimes the request may be for other reasons, such as finances, jobs or family problems. They sometimes call some of the Charismatic Prayer groups and ask for a Healing Prayer. Some will flock to many of the Healing Masses to be prayed over and anointed with blessed oils.

The different groups will go into their prayer mode for those requesting a healing prayer. The Parish will include their names in the church bulletin and a small group will meet to pray for all those on the prayer list. The Charismatic Groups will lift up those in need in their weekly prayer meeting for God's Holy Spirit healing power. But do all those prayers for healing really work?

There are many who say "yes" or they never would ask or pray for it if it didn't work. And yet there are others who would say "no" because it's just wishful thinking. And there are those who will answer with the Spanish phrase "*que será sera*" --- "what will be will be".

When I was new to the Charismatic Renewal, my friend Bob took me to a "holy roller" meeting. The church was packed with so many people that they were sitting on the floor in the aisle and on the altar. We managed to get into the last row even though we were there an hour early. The crowd continued to file in behind us and many were standing on the steps outside the church. The speaker was Fr. Francis MacNutt (then a Dominican priest in the healing ministry).

Because there were so many people there he was unable to pray for everyone, and he told us to pray for each other's need in tongues of the Holy Spirit. The lady in front of me turned to me and asked me to pray for her son's illness. I had never prayed directly for anyone in the Holy

Spirit. I was speechless and turned to my friend Bob to do the praying as I stood there and watched. I knew that night that I needed the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be able to pray for those in need, whenever I was asked.



Whenever I am asked to speak at a prayer meeting I am often asked to pray for some of the people at the end of the meeting. At one parish renewal day the priest and I were to pray and anoint everyone with blessed oil. With the priest standing to my right the people formed two lines in the center aisle as they came forward. We said a short prayer and anointed each one. Nothing dramatic happened. No one was slain in the Spirit and no one claimed any healing.

A year later I was asked to return for a Day of Renewal. Just before I was to speak, a woman got up and wanted to share how she was healed the year before. She mentioned that when she came forward for the anointing and prayer, she discovered she was in the wrong line. She had wanted to be blessed by the priest, but discovered she was in my line and was embarrassed to switch lines. Assuming that nothing would happen she accepted the prayer and anointing and returned to her pew. She had asked for healing for her back. She was possibly needed surgery for her vertebrae. She was taking prescription pain pills as needed for her pain.

During the next few weeks she noticed that she was having less pain and taking fewer pills. She went to the doctor for her examination and was told that her back vertebra was healing. She no longer has any pain and had not taken any more pain pills for the past year. She was healed; even though she felt she was in the wrong line!

Does Healing Prayer really work? "YES", I believe it does! The Holy Spirit's healing power is at work in all who put it into practice!

The Power Of Prayer By Dolores Millerbernd

The following is a testimony of the power of healing prayer of God's Holy Spirit.

The morning of November 12, 2008, I woke up hearing the telephone ringing, but every time I tried to get to the phone I would fall over on the bed. This happened several times. When I finally got to the phone, it was my friend calling to see why I was late for our bridge club at the church. She could tell immediately that something was wrong. She was going to come to my house to help me, but the parish nurse stopped her and she would instead, since she knew me very well.

When the nurse arrived at my house and rang the doorbell, I could hear it ring but had difficulty getting there to unlock the door. By holding onto the furniture I made it to the door. When she came in she could see by the stare in my eyes that there was something wrong. She called 911 for the ambulance and called the church to ask for prayers for me. Word spread fast and very soon the Church Prayer Group, the Bridge Club Members and others who knew me, because of my work at the parish office, started praying for me.

The ambulance attendant asked the nurse how well she knew me. She said, "Very well", and that I was not responding to their questions as I normally would. I was answering all questions but kept saying "I'm okay - there is nothing wrong." Finally, I responded to one of their questions in a way they knew that I was wrong. So off to the hospital I went. By the time they took me to the ambulance I lost my memory. I kept conversing, but no memory for the next 28 hours. So what happened during that time is what I was told. That afternoon I had seven brain scans with the report that I had subdural bleeds on both side of my brain, and surgery was necessary as soon as possible.

But to have surgery, they needed that signature of a blood relative (of which I have very few on the city area). More prayers and the prayers worked. One of the people I

worked with at the Church office remembered I had a cousin whom I had recommended for work at her home, and the search began to find him. By this time, the Crosier Fathers and Brothers had been called for prayer (my brother had been a Crosier Priest) so there were prayers and Masses said from them for me.

Those prayers that were said to find my cousin were answered when they found him. They found him the following morning doing maintenance work on a house across the street from the hospital. When learning of the situation, he walked across the street to sign the papers for my surgery. The Parish Priest came and gave me the Sacrament of the sick, and off to surgery I went.

After the surgery, the doctors reported to those who were with me that the situation was serious. They did find that I had a subdural bleeding on both sides of my brain, as a result of a blood thinner I was taking for several years. I went to Intensive Care, but it was unknown how things would go. When I came out of the anesthesia, I was told what had happened. I didn't remember any part of it, and there were people standing all around me praying.

After two days in Intensive Care and one day in a regular room at the hospital, I was taken to Sister Kenny Rehab. After two weeks in Rehab, I was sent home for further rehabilitation and care.

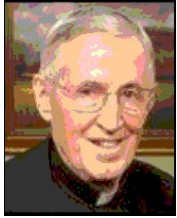
Yes, it was a miracle that I lived through that surgery and recovery came so fast. I know it all is due to the **power of prayer**. Two of my three doctors told me face-to-face that O never should have walked out of that hospital. My response was, "**Prayer Works!**"

After months of recovery at home, I am driving again and working on a part-time basis. The other part of this is that I went through all of this with no pain at any time. And that is the power of prayer! We must remember to be thankful for all the blessings given to us. So every morning my first prayer is, "**THANK YOU LORD!**"

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you are in need of a healing 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 also remember to pray for all those in need of your prayers.**

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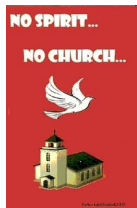


As many of you know, Fr. John Randall was our special speaker at our spring New Life Holy Spirit Conference at St. Albert's Church. I recently received a letter from Fr. John expressing how much he enjoyed being in Minneapolis with us. He also mentioned that he was just diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma (a form of bone cancer). He mentioned that he is taking one day at a time and has placed himself in the hands of Dr. Jesus.

As you might remember, when Fr. John was here he anointed and prayed with everyone who came forward for a healing prayer and blessed everyone with the Blessed Sacrament of Jesus. I believe that Jesus would want us to return that healing prayer to Fr. John. I encourage you to let him know that the Charismatic community in Minnesota is praying for him and that God's Holy Spirit is with him. I know that he will appreciate hearing from all of you. I'm asking you to send him a card or short note with your healing prayer. Let's flood his mail box with our prayers. His address is:

**Fr. John Randall
P. O. Box 114006
North Providence RI 02911**

Since this is the year to remember and honor our priests, what better way is there to let Fr. Randall know that he is remembered and honored?



Fr. Randall has written a very popular book, *"No Spirit. No Church"*, about his priesthood and his involvement in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for the past 40 plus years. This book would be a great gift to many priests to read. We have about 70 copies available for you to send to your parish priest. Wouldn't it be great if every priest in the state of Minnesota had a copy? Please send a donation of \$8 for each book to:

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Fr. Randall's talks from the conference are also available. The five CD set is available for \$30/set.

FR. BILL HALBING

I recently talked with Fr. Bill Halbing and he is excited about coming back to Minneapolis in the fall for our next New Life Holy Spirit Conference. Let everyone get the word out not to miss this conference weekend with Fr. Bill. Let us fill the church with praise and glory in the Holy Spirit. Fr. Bill is an exciting and dynamic charismatic speaker. Absolutely no one will sleep during his talks.

Set aside your calendar dates for Fr. Bill Halbing:

**Friday October 1, 2010 &
Saturday October 2, 2010**

VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES ARE NEEDED

We are looking for people to volunteer their ministry for our upcoming Holy Spirit Conference on October 1. & 2, 2010 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. **This would be a great opportunity to share your gifts with other people.**

Charismatic Renewal Conference

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