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ALL OF YOU MUST BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

“Each of you has a special mission in life, and you are each called to be a disciple of Christ. Many of you will serve God in the vocation of Christian married life, some of you will serve as dedicated single persons, some as priest and religious. But all of you must be the light of the world.”

Pope John Paul II

(Excerpt from the pope's talk to the Youth in St. Louis, Missouri, USA on January 26, 1999)

Message from the President OUR PRAYERS COUNT

By our loving Father's grace, WUPC is now being promoted in 46 countries in 6 continents and on the worldwide web with millions of prayer partners. The month after the Holy Spirit prompted me to organize WUPC in November 1993, my husband Thom and I promoted it in our one-hour weekly radio program in the Philippines for six months before a potential audience of 20-25 million.

Let us intensify our prayers for the conversion of the world to Jesus and the conversion of sinners, the keys to victory in Christ (Rom. 8:37) over the overwhelming evil of today. We should not let such evil annihilate us and deter the salvation of many. Mt. 18:19 avers that our wonderful Father will grant our united prayer.

Have our joint prayers with several hundred million faithful intercessors coupled with the efforts of other Christians bore fruit? Indeed! Look at the upsurge

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REFLECTIONS ON PRAYER

By Fr. James Coleman, PIME
WUPC Spiritual Director

I remember reading some of the writings of St. Maximillian Kolbe on prayer. I remember three things.

1) He prayed 3 1/2 hours a day and yet it is said that he accomplished more work than three men. Having read more than one book on him, I have to agree that he did accomplish the work of three men.

2) He humbly used to say that one of the reasons that we should pray on our knees is so that we don't fall down. In humility he also said that on earth we at best pray with one hand, because we need the other one to hold ourselves up, lest we fall. But in heaven we will pray with both hands.

3) His words echo that of a recent church document stating that “prayer is man's highest activity.” He and the Holy Spirit are right.

We spend all eternity in prayer which is loving communication between God and us. Therefore, prayer is the essence of the eternal happiness in heaven.

All the world and the Godless man claim that all the achievements of their hands are the greatest works on earth, everyone of them has and will pass into dust. And while they were here how much were that a source of good or evil.

However, in prayer man is not just what he is in and of, and by himself. He becomes what he is in and of, and by God. And the army slogan “ONLY God can make you all that you can be” is wrong. Rather, it should be “He can make you more than all you can be.”

So, not only is prayer man's greatest ACTION. It raises him as well to a higher state of BEING. Being what? Being a son or daughter of God our Father.

GOD'S HEALINGS IN THE PHILIPPINES, USA, CANADA AND ITALY

By Lorna Millan Lisk
WUPC President

In Acts 1:8, Jesus said, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem... and to the ends of the earth.” It is incumbent on us to proclaim His wondrous deeds 1) to obey His word, 2) to show His people that He is a living, mighty God who loves them a lot and who is healing today and forever as He did 2,000 years ago (Heb. 13:11), 3) to draw countless people closer to Him, 4) to spread Christianity now and for future generations for the salvation of all, and 5) to glorify Him (Is. 43:7).

I feel like depriving Him of His glory if I keep the wondrous things He has done for me and other people to myself.

Thus, we herald His miracles and healings (physical and spiritual) at our healing sessions in the Philippines, in many USA cities, Canada, and individual prayers for people in Italy and the Carribean.

Our healing sessions are also held in concert with WUPC promotion. Last December for two weeks, I conducted 8 healing sessions at 2 cathedrals and 4 churches in Metro Manila and in the province of Pangasinan, Philippines. In one cathedral there were 1,500 parishioners. My husband Thom assisted me.

Our Lord performed hundreds of instant healings of aches and pain in the bodies of attendees. An old lady was overjoyed as she could see from her blind right eye and no longer needed her cane for walking. Deep thanks to Jesus and Mary for her intercession were expressed by a 13-year old young man who could hear normally

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with his deaf left ear. Several were healed of blurred vision. A priest who attended 2 healing sessions was amazed to be able to read fine print without his eyeglasses. Spiritual healings of unforgiveness, anger, critical spirit which were replaced with His peace and love were bestowed to many..

About 3,000 people received Christ and committed their lives to Him after Thom and I shared God's love, salvation, new life, growth and transformation in the Spirit.

One healing session was televised in Pangasinan and broadcasted in 4 towns.

In December 1998, we also performed 9 healing sessions in 4 churches, a huge sports center with 1,500 in attendance and before prayer groups in the Philippines in Metro Manila and in the province of Pangasinan for 10 days. Our awesome Lord showered miracles and healings. About 3,500 people received Christ and surrendered their lives to Him. Three totally blind old people couldn't adequately thank Him when they regained their sight. A mother was ecstatic when her 3-year old deaf-mute boy was able to hear and say, "I love you, Jesus. I praise you, Jesus." Two people with numb legs for about a year who used canes were healed. Normal vision was restored to many with cataracts nearsightedness and farsightedness. Hundreds of people were instantly healed of pain in various parts of their bodies. Also reported were healings of high blood pressure, allergy and other ailments.

In a church in San Antonio, Texas, USA, praise and joy pervaded the air when He granted more than 100 instant healings of arthritic pain, chronic headache, stomach cramps, back, leg, shoulder and other pain among 250 attendees. Blurred vision switched to normal for many. His love radiated from several delivered from hatred, unforgiveness and guilt. Similar healings occurred in charismatic prayer groups or bunch of prayer groups in Virginia, Atlanta, Georgia, Orlando, Florida, Chicago, Illinois, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Denver, Colorado.

In Toronto, Canada, similar healings occurred. A lady was healed by Him of 4-month elbow pain, allergy, eye and throat inflammation, bladder infection, etc.

His love manifested by similar healings touched many also in Fiuggi, Italy last October and in the Carribean.

"Praise Him who alone does mighty miracles..." Ps. 134:4

The Worldwide United Prayer for Christ was promoted in many churches in above

cities and countries.

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in the number of Christians in the former Soviet Union, China, Africa, Japan and elsewhere; the signing of peace accords in northern Ireland and that between Israel and the PLO; the cessation of hostilities in Rwanda, Bosnia, Chechnya and Indonesia; **the number of seminarians jumping to its highest level in 6 years**; the decline of abortion the past 5 years and violent crime the past 7 years in US; the longest economic growth in US the past 7 years and improvement of economies in Asia and Latin America which are boon to global economies - and many others.

However, we need to continue to pray for the end of the Kosovo conflict and atrocities; frequent natural disasters in the world; starvation of one million people each in North Korea and Tibet (with execution, too); widespread abortion in China and 1.3 - 1.5 million unborn babies aborted annually in US; nuclear threat from some nations; and the very high youth crime rate in US - and many other evil.

Regarding the deadliest school shooting by teenage students in Littleton, Colorado, USA and other school shootings, gun access, lack of parental and moral discipline, movie and TV violence have been blamed. I think **the other factor that triggered above horrors is the veto of the partial birth abortion ban bill in USA by President Clinton with its concomitant publicity. This was exacerbated by the legalizing of physician assisted suicide in Oregon, USA. The combination of above factors could have dealt the fatal blows.** In partial birth abortion, a live baby is almost entirely born except the head and its brains are sucked out to kill the baby. In physician assisted suicide, terminally ill patients in extreme pain can orally take lethal doses of medicine with the approval of two doctors.

The gun, discipline, and TV violence factors have been in existence for a long time, but no killing of newborn babies by teenage mothers or school shooting by youth were reported until soon after the the partial birth abortion ban bill was vetoed by Clinton on April 11, 1996.

Latter is considered by many as infanticide with 78% of Americans opposed to it. Above teenage mothers could not have copied their murderous act from movie or TV stories be-

cause latter did not latter did not portray such murders. They could have imitated it from the partial birth abortion procedure. Instead of sucking the brains of their babies they just killed and disposed of them in the same fashion (in garbage cans).

Due to killing a live baby (with only its head left in the womb) being legal, these mothers could think it was okay to kill one's newborn.

These murders were soon succeeded by school shootings by youth. They probably derived the idea from the above that human life can be easily disposed of and is not sacred.

Oregon voters approved for the second time the physician assisted suicide in November 1997 at about the time the school shootings began. This could have significantly helped sparked above murders, as well. The deadliest school murder in Colorado was also a suicide.

Let us write and urge President Clinton not to veto the partial birth abortion ban bill for the third time. This bill was recently reintroduced in the Senate. Let us pray for the immediate repeal of these two laws; restoration of Christian values, infusion of prayer at home and schools, and return to God.

Regarding our prayer partners who pray *daily* and *sincerely* the Miracle Prayer with the 7 petitions including world conversion to Jesus (in the WUPC leaflet), many acquire a personal relationship with Jesus, spiritual transformation, physical healing and/or other blessings.

The Miracle Prayer is basically the same Prayer of Commitment that was recited when we were baptized in the Spirit (Acts 1:5). Since spiritual and/or physical miracles or blessings ensued in the lives of hundreds of millions of Christians then, it is understandable how He will similarly bless those who commit their lives to Him daily and pray the Miracle Prayer.

Those who have received baptism in the Spirit who prayed the Miracle Prayer and 7 petitions daily were accorded more miracles and/or blessings.

What an easy and swift way to reach the multitude and bring them to a personal conversion to Jesus, and simultaneously, help the world and serve Him. Some of these people end up attending prayer meetings and Bible studies. Many are serving Him.

We have received feedback of such miracles and blessings. An old lady who prayed the Miracle Prayer experienced a remission of cancer and she returned to the Catholic faith.

Let us pray constantly (1 Thes. 5:16) and pray daily the Miracle Prayer and 7 petitions

Lorna Millan Lisk

ENERGIZING YOUR UNUSED PRAYER POWER

By Fr. John H. Hampsch, C.M.F.

(Below are excerpts from Fr. Hampsch's book of the same title with the permission of Queenship Publishing.)

We have all fantasized, I'm sure, of getting instant response to our heaven-directed prayers, like tourists inducing a rainfall in response to their shouts near the enchanted lakes in China. After all, Jesus did say, "I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours" (Mk. 11:24). Seeing this promise in action would be more awesome than the rainfall phenomenon; yet it seldom happens that our prayers produce such miraculous effects. What is missing in our prayer that seems to undermine the fulfillment of this great promise of Jesus? The answer is so simple that most will tend to disregard it offhandedly.

A wife's belief in her husband's statement that he will be working late, not philandering, depends on her belief or trust in her husband as a person; if she really trusts her husband, she will trust his word. The reason is that trust in a person's statement is contingent on trust in that very person.....

This person-focused faith is exercised only when we seek-that is, reach out-this loving God in the person of Jesus, in an intimate personal relationship. It is the embracing of God himself as the one who is everything to us, the be-all and end-all of our very existence; our whole being is opened up and exposed to his mighty power and goodness, where his holy presence is constantly revealed.".....

The world's best prayer warriors are those who heed the advice of the great prayer champion, David: "Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always" (Ps.105:4).....Just as sunlight provides life-giving benefits for us, so the light of God's face, seen with eyes of faith, brings grace and spiritual favors (See Prov. 16:15).....Or in the words of Ja. 4:8 (paraphrasing both Zechariah and Malachi): "Come near to God and he will come near to you." Yet the psalmist reminds us (Ps. 11:4) that while God beholds the face, of every person, only righteous persons can behold the face of God (Ps. 17:15) Some bumper-

sticker theologian has formulated all this with a succinct but blunt challenge: "If you feel far from God-guess who moved!".....

FAITH THAT SEEKS GOD BY LOOKING TOWARD HIM

Faith is thus the eye to which God shows us what he is and does. Through this faith the light of his presence and the workings of his mighty power stream into the soul.

FAITH AS THE "EAR" THAT HEARS GOD

God enters and lodges in my inmost being with a meaningful and enriching grace-fostering presence only to the extent that I open myself to him; that is, to the extent that I truly SEEK him with all my heart by listening closely to "every word that proceeds from the mouth of God"- every phrase of Scripture, every inspiration of grace, every insight he conveys about his love through the wonders of nature, every function of his marvelous providence, etc.

FAITH AS SURRENDER

"Do not let your hearts be troubled" (John 14:1). The implication here is that in an anxiety-ridden situation of hardship, worry, or trouble, true faith in Jesus expresses itself in a calm petition clothed with a serene trusting act of surrender to God. As the book of Sirach puts it, "Keep calm when trouble comes...Even if you suffer, be patient...Trust the Lord, and he will help you...Those who have no faith will have no protection" (Sirach 2:2-13).

For one whose faith in the Lord is expressive of an intimate knowledge of him and a life of constant communion with him, it is a simple thing also to have a strong faith-conviction that he will answer petition prayers. The problem is that many of us do not grasp the close connection between the life of faith and the prayer of faith; hence our prayer power is very limited. We tend to desire earnestly that our prayer will be answered-thus focusing our faith mainly on the promise of God: "ask and you shall receive." the promise, of course is true, but we are not able to take hold of it in faith effectively, because that faith looks more fervently to the thing promised than to the Divine Promiser, to his love, his power, his living presence within us. When our faith leads us to seek answer to our prayers more earnestly than we seek God, then it is an ersatz faith. "Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone that comes to him must believe that he exists

PROCLAIM GOD'S NAME THROUGH YOUR ANSWERING MACHINE

Please join us trumpet God's name through your answering machine. This is simple and easy. To your current message just add the phrase,-"**God Bless You!**" If there are a number of us Christians doing this, other Christians will follow. How wonderful it would be for many 1) to be hearing His name proclaimed in numerous households, 2) for us to be wishing His blessings to others even in our absence, and 3) for giving Him glory. We are certain He will bless you in return. This could be a seed that will germinate His love in people's hearts and quench the thirst for Him especially among sinners and lukewarm souls. To our Lord we say,"**I will thank you always for what you have done and proclaim the goodness of your name...**" (Heb. 2:11)

and that he rewards those who earnestly seek HIM (Heb.11:6)....He taught it also in the same sermon on the mount when he urged us to "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Mt. 6:33)

DELIGHT- THE SIGN OF ONE'S TRUST IN GOD

To delight in someone means to experience greater pleasure and joy in his or her presence-which happens only if we truly know and love that person. To delight in the Lord, we must come to know him intimately, and experience his fathomless love for us. This trust implies

commitment (Ps. 37:5), because the trust expressed in committing to him all that we have - our lives, jobs, families, possessions, etc. - is a faith that believes he can care for us better than we can care for ourselves. Further, it elicits a trust that enables us to wait patiently (Ps. 37:7) for him to work out what is best for us. Trustful surrender to such a loving, caring God makes it truly easy to delight in him.

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SEND US YOUR PRAISE REPORTS

Prayer Partners, if you have God's miracles and blessings in conjunction with your promotion of Worldwide United Prayer for Christ that you want to share with us, please send, e-mail or fax them to the address in the top front page. Your witness (Acts 1:8) will strengthen our brethren's faith in God and glorify him. If the early Christians did not spread Jesus' wondrous deeds to people around them, it would be questionable if Christianity would have spread to the degree it has today. Your testimonies will aid in the dissemination of Christianity now and for future generations.

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But what about God's delight in us? Certainly he delights in blessing us with answers to our prayers..... good father, he is delighted to see his delights in giving gifts to us, he delights in imparting himself to us. He wants us see that if we seek him, we will find not only him, but also the abundance of gifts in his arms. The highlight of his sermon on the mount was his forceful reminder to "seek first...God... and all these things will be given you as well.".....

Even if we can never see him, we can find him. We know this by God's own promise: "You will seek me and find me when you as well"...

But we usually don't cast our anxiety on him. Our very anxiety causes us to seek relief by trying to draw down solutions from God, rather than allowing God to draw us up to him. Our anxiety aborts the relationship that God

intends for us, we keep standing at the door petulantly crying while God keeps inviting us to enter and partake of his beneficence by letting him enfold us to himself.

In a word, we seek solutions to our problem more earnestly than we seek the problem-solver himself. And that is the basic faith-failure that bespeaks an anemic spiritual life and often renders our petitions unavailing. Ever patient as he is, the Lord waits for us to "seek his face" sincerely and earnestly, so he can open to us the cornucopia of his beneficence here on earth as a tempting glimpse of the lavish menu he has planned for us in his heavenly banquet.

BOOST WUPC PROMOTION

Let us rev up our efforts in promoting Worldwide United Prayer for Christ. Distribute as many copies of enclosed WUPC flyers (with the Miracle Prayer and the 7 Petitions) as you can to churches - with the priest's permission, prayer groups, individuals, etc. **"God does wonders for his faithful one (you)."** Ps. 4:4