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Listen Love Pray

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Growing in God's Goodness

Let every activity of your lives and every word that comes from your lips be drenched with the beauty of our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One. And bring your constant praise to God the Father because of what Christ has done for you. —Colossians 3:17 TPT

April can be a time of drenching. After all, April showers bring May flowers. Spring is a season of growth. Seedlings are starting to break through the soil, and soon their beauty will be evident for all to enjoy. God's growth in the soil of our hearts yields so much good.

Through the power of Holy Spirit, God is growing our hearts at LLP to embrace and change the way we think about healing prayer. He has revealed a new meaning for healing prayer.

In the past, we limited healing prayer as an activity or event to attend. Healing prayer is so much more. It is a way of living. Continual opportunities to listen, to love, and to pray pop up throughout our day.

We listen to the nudging of Holy Spirit and respond in many ways – writing a note of thanks, helping as you see someone struggling to put air in their tires, returning a wayward grocery cart to the cart corral, offering a silent prayer as a mom struggles to get her child in the car seat.

As we follow Holy Spirit each day we start to live and grow in God's ways. Our hearts are fertile soil drenched with compassion and grace that comes from Jesus. We love others as Jesus loves us.

We praise you God, our Father, for transforming and yielding our thoughts to your thoughts and our ways to your ways.



Brennan Nelson, one of LLP youngest students, is growing (and sowing) in the goodness of God. Wearing his 'Armor of God' shirt from LLP and using his tools, Brennan mixed in God's naturally given, manure fertilizer with the garden soil to get ready for this year's planting.

A Message from the Executive Director

This year, while mulching around sprouting tulips and daffodils, I decided to remove some ugly, knobby weeds. In the past, I had halted their growth by snipping off any visible green shoots, but, now, digging deeply into the soil, I revealed a massive network of thick roots. Using an axe, a pick and a shovel, it took hours to remove just part of this pervasive system. It made me think about the "weeds" in us; strongholds that can keep spreading inside when we only "snip off" their visible parts.

After all this digging-up and chopping-out, the garden was now a bunch of jagged holes and displaced soil. It needed more

work to be re-filled, re-planted, and restored; and that refilling made me think of Jesus.

Jesus, the one who suffered and died so that we could live. Jesus, who gave us new birth into a living hope through His resurrection from the dead (*1 Peter 1:3*). Jesus, whose sacrifice ripped death out by the roots. Jesus, whose love heals our brokenness and restores us to wholeness.

In this edition, read about our new partnership with Rainbow of Love Recovery, a network of sober homes, growing healthy moms and children. Learn how the 'Hearing God's Voice' class planted seeds

of faith then click on the link to hear for yourself how God's voice provides sun and water to nourish your soul! See how other "gardeners" have planted into LLP with grant money, T-shirts, and creative programs to care for our volunteers.

Finally, take a moment to consider the state of your personal inner garden; ask Holy Spirit to reveal hidden areas that harbor destructive potential. Jesus loves you and is ready and willing to be your healer and redeemer.

Lucinda Nelson, Executive Director, LLP

God Speaks!

Many people have questions and want answers from God. The class offered by LLP (*Hearing God's Voice*) sparked my curiosity because there were times in the past, I would pray, hoping to hear from God but would experience zero results. In his book, Mark clearly states anyone can hear God's voice by simply using the following four keys.

1. Stillness by quieting yourself
2. Vision - Looking for vision as you pray
3. Spontaneity - Recognize God's voice as spontaneous thoughts that light up your mind
4. Journaling - Writing down the flow of thoughts and pictures that come to your mind.

Mark was so confident that anyone was able to hear the voice of God that it intrigued me to take the class and see for myself, plus he made it clear if someone did not have a positive outcome, he guaranteed to give them their money back with no questions asked. I thought, that seems like a worthwhile deal. God gave me visions while the words flowed from my mind onto the paper. The results had an amazing impact on how I saw myself versus how God viewed me as His daughter. As I grow in my walk with Christ, I am open to His anointing, knowledge, and wisdom that is in the indwelling Holy Spirit.

—Karen

During the last session of *Hearing God's Voice*, we prayed through the Tabernacle, and I asked God why I hesitate to regularly come into this intimacy. God revealed that I never had good human role models of intimacy and (breakthrough moment!) I discovered that our most intimate relationship is intended to be with Him. Our human relationships are intended to "image" the love, safety and intimacy of that relationship, not the other way around. All these years I have been trying to get my relationship with God to a place where my most intimate earthly relationships are, instead of growing intimate with God and then using that love to transform my earthly relationships.

—Scott



A Heartfelt Thank You!

LLP extends a heartfelt *Thank You* to the Frederick Mutual Insurance Company Donor-advised Fund of The Community Foundation of Frederick County for their grant to help support recovery programming at Frederick Rescue Mission.



This is our 2nd grant aimed specifically at developing the Great Life Plan (GLP)—an interactive recovery program for the men in the year-long changed life program at Beacon House. The Great Life Plan is an innovative way to engage groups and, at the same time, provide individualized, focused time so that each man can create a recovery plan specific to their life.

Please pray for God's wisdom for ministry leader Ted Winfield, along with Judy Winfield, Ed Taylor, and Lucinda Nelson, who are working hard to create 12 valuable sessions - and for all the LLP volunteers who serve at Beacon House.

Rainbow of Love Recovery Foundation

Listen Love Pray Foundation has begun working with mothers in recovery at Rainbow of Love Recovery (ROLR) Foundation! Founder and Executive Director Carleah Summers says she hopes to help mothers get back in their children's lives.

This faith-based organization was founded in 2019 and provides transitional living for mothers recovering from substance use disorders. ROLR offers transitional living to give women a chance to slowly acclimate themselves to life outside of rehab, prepare them for long-term success, and build strong and healthy bonds with their children.

ROLR has 2 transitional living homes in Frederick County and just recently opened a 3rd location in Mt Airy, MD! According to ROLR board member Kim Kyle, "there (was) no recovery house... for mothers and children in Carroll County." Ms. Kyle, in recovery herself, adds, "a place where women can work on their recovery *and* be mothers at the same time is definitely an asset".

Please join us in praying for these 18 mothers and their children who are growing into a new life! For more information, visit <https://www.rainbowofloverecover.com>.



Gratitude for our New Partnership!



LLP has a new, recovery-focused T-shirt! A big thank you to Seal Stitchery (<https://sealstitchery.com>)! We are so grateful for our new collaboration with Dan and Allyson Sealton! Thank you for partnering with us and for our inspiring new shirts!

Ted and Judy Winfield show off the front and back of LLP's new T-shirts.

Saturday felt long, but Sunday *is* actually forever!

The first Sunday of this month celebrates the day our Lord Jesus *is* risen. The most amazing good news of our faith! Jesus Christ, our Messiah, *is* the one who still guides, still listens, still heals, speaks, delivers, and still loves us today! Jesus *is* risen! *Happy Easter!*

It might be hard to celebrate Easter this year for many people. Remembering the whole Easter story offers hope. Saturday doesn't end His story, and our current situation does not end our story. Imagine that we were part of the disciples waving palm branches to celebrate the King's entry into His city. Imagine in a short week all our hope seemed lost as he was laid in the tomb. This dreadful news spread quickly through a very quiet, sad city.

As we reflect on this past year, we realize that we have lived through

unprecedented times that may painfully reverberate in people's lives for a generation. As part of His community of disciples on earth this year, we can relate to His community of disciples who welcomed Him to Jerusalem that Passover week long ago.

To the disciples that walked with Jesus, that Saturday felt long, very long. All their hope, all the miracles, all the amazing teaching and wonder, gone. To them, that Saturday must have seemed very long, very long indeed...

...and then, Mary hears the voice of her teacher and runs out of the garden. Soon the disciples learn that Sunday *is* a new day. And Jesus shows them that Sunday *is* actually forever. News of seeing and touching the risen Christ spreads joyfully through a jubilant city. Jesus *is* the resurrection and the life!

Happy Easter.



Join Us for April's Class Healing Prayer 2

4-night Zoom Class (Mon-Thurs) April 12-15 at 7:00 pm

Topics in this class include:

- how to pray for inner healing
- how to pray for physical healing
- how to hear God's voice when praying for healing

- how to rely on Holy Spirit in Healing Prayer.

This class will include lessons, breakout groups, and personal ministry!

Register today at listenlovepray.org.

Volunteer Spotlight



Kelley is a healing prayer minister and editor of this newsletter. She lives in Middletown with husband, Jiro, and 9-year-old daughter, Abby (below). She attends Middletown United Methodist church (MUMC) and, with Nancy, follows Holy Spirit to bring Healing Prayer to her church. Kelley has been with LLP since 2017 and feels deeply grateful to LLP for introducing her to the presence and power of Holy Spirit.



Jiro has also been with LLP since 2017. He designs this monthly newsletter and other LLP graphics. Jiro illustrated LLP's heart-on-the-cross logo and the men's 'Armor-of-God' T-shirt (Brennan's work clothes on front page). He attends MUMC and thinks the work LLP does is life-changing for people in need.



Nancy has been part of LLP since its inception in 2017. She is a healing prayer minister and speaker for various LLP classes. She also worships at MUMC, and following Holy Spirit, leads classes and services at her church aiming to share the Healing Love of God. She is so thankful for the healing opportunities LLP has provided for her own

healing, and she is even more grateful for the front row seat to God's Miracles that still happen today!

Thank You to Nancy (above) and our 4 other speakers from the 'Hearing God's Voice' class: Karen Poetzsch, Ed Taylor, Lucinda Nelson, and Ken Nelson (below).

29 students learned more about hearing God in LLP's March class! See two testimonies from this class in this newsletter under 'God Speaks!' and view the recorded classes on [our YouTube channel](#). Join us for April's classes to learn more about healing prayer and intercessory prayer.



LLP's 'Hearing God's Voice' class picture!

Unavailable for picture: Susan Gorham, Josee Jean-Bart, Sandra Toms, Sara Warner, Donna Stelter, Peter Bradford, Brandon L, and Mark Walker

ListenLovePray Events



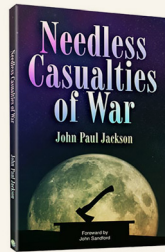
April

- Apr 5/12/19/26 Ladies Recovery Bible Study**
Mondays • 7:00 pm
- Apr 6/13/20/27 Healing Prayer Service**
Tuesdays • 7:00 pm
- Apr 7/14/21/28 Women's Bible Study**
Wednesdays • 9:30 am
All ladies are invited! After Easter, we will meet outside at the park. For more info, contact lucinda@listenlovepray.org
- Apr 7/21 ROLR Moms in Recovery**
1st and 3rd Wednesdays • 5:30 pm
- Apr 7/21/28 Needless Casualties of War (3 weeks)**
Wednesdays • 7:00 pm
- Apr 12/13/14/15 Healing Prayer 2**
Monday thru Thursday • 7:00 pm
- Apr 14 FRM–Beacon House**
Every 2nd Wednesday • 10:30 am
- Apr 25 FRM–Beacon House Healing Program**
Every 4th and 5th Sunday • 6:00 pm
- Apr 29 Open Discussion Night**
Thursday • 7:00 pm

May

- May 14 Healing with Horses at Paradise Stables**
Friday • 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

Mark your Thursday nights in May to learn about Deliverance!



Needless Casualties of War

by John Paul Jackson

3-week Zoom book study led by Ken Nelson
April 7, 21, and 28 (Wednesdays) at 7:00 pm
Highly recommended for all intercessors!



Grow with God

Seek true love and healing in Jesus! Browse through 156 teaching videos and testimonies on LLP's YouTube channel – see how Jesus is moving and healing today! Stay current by tapping the "Subscribe" button.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9EvNdJsXRY9YTE9890talg/videos>



Keep in Prayer

- Teachers, students, healthcare workers
- Those struggling with anxiety and depression
- Folks who are ill and those with chronic illness
- People to hear and experience the Risen Christ
- Please keep Rylee (and her Mom, Joanna, and Dad, Tony) in prayer for her total and complete healing from neuroblastoma cancer



...with God
all things are possible.
(Matthew 19:26)



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Lord, continue to bless the spirits, minds and hands of our loving donors. Keep LLP ever faithful to your call and your word. May each soul touched by LLP feel the healing love of Jesus. Amen.



LLP works in recovery centers, churches, and the community. Jesus still heals and delivers people today!