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# Listen Love Pray

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## The Angels Sing! Glory to the Newborn King!



### **L**ife is a Gift (some assembly required).

We are a lot like a child who has just opened his main gift on Christmas morning; some complicated mechanical toy where, “some assembly is required”. The child bursts with excitement and rips the toy out. Mom says, “slow down kiddo, let’s read the directions together. I’ll show you how it works.” The child answers, “I want to do it all by myself”, and trots off, leaving the directions lying in Dad’s lap. In 20 minutes, the child is back, angry and frustrated, on the edge of tears. The stupid thing doesn’t work. Nothing fits together right. One of the pieces is already busted.

### **L**ife is one complicated main gift.

Our first thought is to put it together alone, to make it work all by ourselves. We may seem to get it together for a moment, but then something goes awry. We struggle to figure it out — where all the odd little pieces go — but it only gets more frustrating. The stupid thing just doesn’t work. Nothing fits together right. One piece is already broken. Then, just maybe, we remember that it came with directions. And more than that, we may remember that there is one very patient parent sitting on the other side of the couch waiting, just waiting, to help us put it together.

*Paraphrased from ‘Geography of God, Exploring the Christian Journey’ by Michael L. Lindvall*

## A Message from the Executive Director

*What are you hoping for this Christmas?* This question was raised in a meeting yesterday, and I struggled to find a quick answer. After some time in reflection, I realized that my hope is for everyone to know Jesus, as Messiah, Lord, Redeemer, Savior, and Friend. And yet that’s not my hope just for Christmas, that’s my hope for each day of the year.

During the first week of December, Listen Love Pray is serving every single night of the week. Our dedicated and caring volunteers are working non-stop in the name of Jesus, from the start of Advent with the men at Frederick Rescue Mission – to private healing prayer sessions – to

a community healing service – to 3 days of intensive prayer ministry – and back to our recovery work at the Frederick Rescue Mission.

We get our stamina from a divine variety of Hope that is available year-round. Our energizing Hope comes from a daily focus on the sovereignty and goodness of God. It is our hope in Christ, who not only anchors our souls, but takes us *through the curtain of the heavenly temple into the inner sanctuary* (Hebrews 6:19).

The constant influx of Holy Spirit Hope blossoms into wonderful miracles of changed lives, healed bodies, restored relationships, freedom from addictions,

and renewed joy in life. Day after day, we witness new revelations of the healing love of Christ. And we stand in awe and amazement.

*Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in Thee.*

*Israel’s strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.*

*Lucinda Nelson, Executive Director, LLP*

# The New LLP "Be an Angel" Campaign

## Washed

I've known my share of sorrow  
and I've known my share of pain

I've known my share of grief  
and I've known my share of shame

I've known the joy of mercy and  
the blessed wash of love

that took away my strife  
came straight from up above

the roar and clash of oceans life  
has chipped at me away

but as I yield my broken parts  
the emptiness of clay

I find I walk in places  
I never for to see

the depth of God cannot be  
weighed by futile minds of men

but only found up on our knees  
as we come to an end

by  
**Laura Patton**  
LLP Prayer Minister  
(March 16, 2004)



Ted Winfield (left) and  
Luke James Nelson  
dressed as angels



We are launching the 'Be an Angel' campaign in response to God's call to reach even more of our local recovery community in 2021. This campaign will directly support the recovery ministry.

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, a video will be released that includes powerful testimonies from 8 men and women in recovery (pictured below).

Keep your eye on LLP's YouTube channel for the release! The video will also recap our 8 days of the "Be an Angel" campaign, including the wonderful angels, Ted Winfield and Luke James Nelson and the LLP Board of Directors.

Let us know how these testimonies speak to you, and how you might want to get involved.

Adam



Stacey



Joe



Earl



Keep alert for the powerful testimonies from these amazing 8 men and women!



Felicia



Don



Jim



Lorelei

former director of  
two local sober-  
living homes





# ListenLovePray Events

## December Events

- Dec 1/8/15/22/29 Healing Prayer Service**  
Tuesdays • 7:00 pm
- Dec 7/14/21/28 Ladies Recovery Bible Study**  
Mondays • 7:00 pm
- Dec 9 FRM-Beacon House**  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday • 10:30 am
- Dec 27 FRM-Beacon House Healing Program**  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays • 6:00 pm

## January Events

- Jan 6 Open-discussion Group Zoom**  
"Are You Living in Your Work?"  
Wednesday • 7:00 pm
- Jan 13/20/27 Women's Bible Study**  
Wednesdays • 9:30 am
- Jan 18 Mini Women's Retreat**  
"A Time to Relax"  
Saturday • 9:30 am – noon

## Keep in Prayer

- Our Communities for Love, Life, Freedom and Peace
- Those who are seeking
- Leaders, administrators, teachers, students, researchers, healthcare workers
- The Mental Health of those disproportionately affected by coronavirus



## New in 2021



### A New In-person Ministry: Mini Women's Retreat "A Time to Relax"

Jan 18, Feb 15, or a Saturday in April (date TBD)  
9:30 am – noon

This special oasis will refresh ladies both mentally and spiritually, and provide fellowship in a safe, socially distanced environment. Three distinct mini-retreats are planned, with very limited enrollment.

Contact [lucinda@listenlovepray.org](mailto:lucinda@listenlovepray.org) if interested. Please register for just 1 (out of 3) of these free retreats at the Nelson Farm.

### Open-discussion Group Zoom Meetings

Starts Wednesday Jan 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm

These groups will be sporadically offered and aim to provide a time and space where we can learn more about a specific topic. During meetings, participants will have an opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences. This will be a Zoom event with a set number of attendees. **The first topic will be "Are you living in your work?"** Stay tuned for more topics. Register for any session that you are interested in.

## Find Deeper Peace

Seek your healing in Jesus! Stop by LLP's YouTube page for more on how Jesus is healing today! Stay current by tapping the "Subscribe" button underneath any of our 129 teaching videos and testimonies.

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



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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!