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ListenLovePray

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Open the Door to Jesus; Let Love Enter



We are not asked to put our faith in words alone, but in all the signs that Jesus worked and still works in our midst to show us that the reign of God is real, and is the source of joy for a world that cannot quite imagine the wholeness that salvation offers (a meditation from the Magnificat today on Psalm 89).

What a relevant introduction to the work that LLP is doing. I have often thought LLP should have as its mission statement: "Listen, Love, Pray....Encounter." LLP has the singular gift of being able to solicit the presence of God. The prayer ministers at LLP are very sensitive and loving, without bringing too much of themselves into the equation.

I am so glad to have joined in on the 'workshops' you offered this fall. The wonderful session on the Holy Spirit - the 'paddling out' one- kept me focused on a goal each day and was very fruitful. The more recent intensive prayer also really led me into the presence of the movement of the Holy Spirit.

I am noticing a subtle but marked improvement in many of my conditions. And this holiday is the first one in decades that I have been able to maintain a holy detachment, staying relatively calm and not so overstimulated and in a state of nervous, overwhelmed, worried misery. I also experienced an unprecedented inner joy and gratitude---so unprecedented that at first I did not recognize it for what it was. It seems sometimes God works in an immediate way and sometimes more gradually.

I'm so grateful for all that you all have done for me. This transformation that is taking place in me is a wonderful thing to behold, as is the protection and peace I had during my recent surgery ordeal.

Many thanks to everyone at LLP for this great and glorious ministry!

—Kathleen

A Message from the Executive Director

When was the last time you actually heard someone knocking at your door? Even before the pandemic, impromptu guests rarely appeared. Usually a text "on my way" or "here" negated any surprise.

From another perspective, there is no lack of unwelcome visitors who attempt to gain entry to heart and home. Some constantly bang on the door, shouting, "Look at this fearful headline!" or "Worry about this horrible thing that might happen!" or "Go ahead and despair because nothing will ever change." Other wanna-be guests slyly offer sweet temptations or clever twists of the truth to gain access.

Jesus is also knocking. He says, "Look, here I stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling and open the door, I will come in and we will share a meal as

friends. (*Revelation 3:20*)" The Passion Translation says it a little differently, "Behold, I'm standing at the door, knocking. If your heart is open to hear my voice you can open the door within, I will come into you and feast with you and you will feast with me."

During recovery-ladies Bible study last week, we discussed this verse and someone commented that Jesus is the only one who she would open the door to, without feeling the need to clean up. Everyone else who knocked at her door might judge or make a comment about the untidiness of her life. But not Jesus. Jesus just wants to be with us, she said. Jesus wants to let us experience His love.

A new year might be the perfect time to consider what has gained access to your

heart and home. In the prolonged uncertainty and upheaval of the pandemic, perhaps you have unwelcomed intruders of fear, isolation, anxiety, stress, worry, panic, depression, frustration, and anger to name a few. The good news is that we don't have to "clean up" before opening the door to Jesus. In fact, Jesus wants to work right alongside us, helping us remove the stains, repair broken pieces, and restore balance. And He does it all with a love that makes our lives sparkle with renewed purpose and joy.

Happy New Year?

Yes! And Amen! When the Lord of Lords walks through the opened door.

Lucinda Nelson, Executive Director, LLP

Testimony

Today, I am officially 8 months sober.

I am so grateful for the women in the in The Rooms that loved me regardless how many times I fell off track. Also, the Listen Love Pray program was truly a game changer for me. Nobody forced me to find Jesus, but these women supported me and let me know I was loved and I mattered. The obsession to drink was removed long before I even noticed it. Women like this showed me it was okay to struggle but having faith in something bigger than yourself can open your eyes. Faith helps me want a better life. I try to pass that on to others who are still trying to find their way in this world. I have a long way to go but Thank God I'm no longer stuck with no hope.

This Christmas, material things have very little value in my life. My relationship with Christ and my earthly family and friends is more than enough for me. I turn 43 on New Year's Eve and it doesn't feel like a punishment to be alive.

If anybody out there is stuck in that dark place, please know I'm praying for you and help and hope is out there. Even if it seems like nobody cares, trust me when I say God put people in my path when I needed them the most. I got comfortable thinking I would always be a failure. God knew I needed Him to start my journey and I'm forever grateful for all the examples I saw of the power of Recovery!

—Victoria Davidson (Dec 25, 2020)

Recovery Corner

15 LLP Recovery-Ministry volunteers logged **96 hours** supporting God's people in December alone!

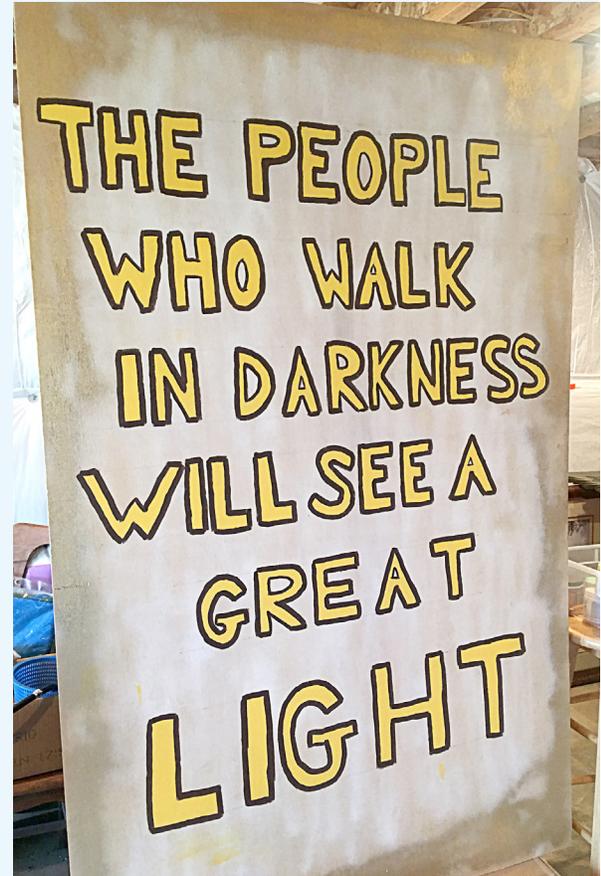
Jesus is leading folks in recovery **out of the darkness and into the light.**

How did our LLP ministers spend their time?

- Baking over 300 cookies and candies
- Donating fresh oranges, grapefruit and tangerines for the men at Beacon House
- Delivering oodles of toiletries to the women at Up and Out Sober Living
- Giving 8 individual healing prayer sessions
- Writing and leading 6 unique, Holy-Spirit led lessons

How did all of the efforts by the LLP ministers help the residents in recovery?

- "I was ready to relapse and filled with guilt and shame. I called my friend. We breathed together and prayed to God. I didn't relapse."
- "I came out of denial with the way I feel about my family. I made amends to them and now give back and help them out."
- "My hope is to be the shepherd that leads my children to Jesus."
- "I started out in the dark and now I am coming to the light."
- "I now know Jesus!"
- "Jesus is my one and only path to heaven."
- "Jesus is my rock, my father, my friend, my hope, and my strength."
- "Jesus saved me from my sad, sad, low depression."



The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine (Isaiah 9:2).

—Judy Winfield



Mike volunteering at Frederick Rescue Mission.

View Mike's amazing testimony at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdgcYLjd9m0>

LLP's Work in 2020 by the Numbers

- 1 Jesus
- 1 Holy Spirit
- 1 God and Father Almighty
- 1 Holy Trinity

- 4,225 Volunteer hours (= 11.5 volunteer hours every single day of the year!)
- 7 Employees
- 7 Board Members
- 34 Trained healing-prayer volunteer ministers
- 28 Women's bible studies
- 37 People in prayer-support groups re: COVID
- 40 Classes on healing prayer, Holy Spirit Power, Deliverance, Hearing God's voice, Switch on your Brain
- 46 Tuesday night healing prayer services
- 50 Visits to recovery centers
- 263 Healing prayer sessions
- ∞ Infinite love and power found in Jesus

All glory to God!



Welcome Jesus into your home! One of our talented LLP prayer ministers, **Edi**, painted this mural from a picture of Jesus. Originally, it was painted for LLP to display at the New Life Church Outdoor Light Show.

LLP Volunteer Spotlight

Stay tuned to the February issue as we spotlight 4 more amazing LLP volunteers!

Upcoming Events in 2021

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.

Email lucinda@listenlovepray.org to register for any session that you are interested in.

Healing Prayer Fundamentals

5-week class on Thursdays (Jan 7 – Feb 4)
7:00 – 8:30 pm

If ever there was a 'right time' to learn how to pray for healing for yourself or for others, this is it!

The events of the last nine months have wreaked havoc in every area of life. Throughout it all, Jesus has remained constant. His peace can still be found. His strength can still be accessed. His presence still brings healing that is beyond our human ability to describe.

You are invited to join LLP's 5-week Zoom class on the Fundamentals of Healing Prayer. All are welcome, especially those new to healing prayer! If you are not new, join us for more, as we know, Jesus always has more! Please register at listenlovepray.org. Suggested \$25 donation

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.

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

Only 2 spots left for Jan 18!

ListenLovePray Events

January

- Jan 4/11/18/25 Ladies' Recovery Bible Study**
Mondays • 7:00 pm
- Jan 5/12/19/26 Healing Prayer Service**
Tuesdays • 7:00 pm
- Jan 6 Open-discussion Group Zoom**
"Are you living in your work?"
Wednesday • 7:00 pm
- Jan 6/13/20/27 Women's Bible Study**
Wednesdays • 9:30 am
- Jan 7/14/21/28 & Feb 4 Healing Prayer Fundamentals Zoom Class (5 weeks)**
Thursdays • 7:00–8:30 pm
- Jan 13 FRM–Beacon House**
Every 2nd Wednesday • 10:30 am
- Jan 18 Mini Women's Retreat "A Time to Relax"**
Monday • 9:30 am–noon
- Jan 24/31 FRM–Beacon House Healing Program**
Every 4th and 5th Sunday • 6:00 pm

February

- Feb 2/9/16/23 Healing Prayer Service**
Tuesdays • 7:00 pm
- Feb 3/10/17/24 Women's Bible Study**
Wednesdays • 9:30 am
- Feb 15 Mini Women's Retreat "A Time to Relax"**
Monday • 9:30 am–noon



Answer the Door for Jesus

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 135 teaching videos and testimonies.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9EvNdJsXRY9YTE9890taIq/videos>

Keep in Prayer

- Holy Spirit renewal of Christians around the world
- Those suffering from illness and disease
- The mental health of our young people
- Our Communities for Love, Life, Freedom and Peace
- Leaders, administrators, teachers, students, researchers, healthcare workers



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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!