CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

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THE HEALING PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

"We do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen." (Book of Common Prayer)

One of the things which has disturbed me as an Episcopalian and as a believer in the healing union of the Holy Spirit in Holy Communion and in the healing Church, is the recent modification in the new Episcopal Prayer Book of the "Prayer Of Humble Access". I've always appreciated this beautiful prayer dating back to the "Order of Communion" of 1548, which received its title from the Scottish Liturgy of 1637, "Collect Of Humble Access To The Holy Communion". According to "Liturgy and Worship", edited by W.K.L. Clarke and Charles Harris, "The opening words recall the language of the Liturgy of St. Basil and refer back to Daniel 9:18, indicating that we do not approach the altar of

God because of our own righteousness but because of God's mercies and compassions."

As a physician and a surgeon of many years standing, and as a person associated for a number of years with the healing ministry of the Episcopal Church, I've always found great strength and comfort in the petition that "our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body and our souls washed through His most precious Blood," which also dates back to 1548, and according to Clarke and Harris also appears in the prayer in the Syrian-Jacobite Liturgy. They also point out that the concluding words of the prayer are an application of John 6:56.

Clarke and Harris suggest "That the statement 'our sinful bodies made clean by His Body and our souls washed by His most precious Blood', implies the possibility of partaking of Christ's Body and Blood otherwise than to the soul's health, and that the doctrine implied is that Christ's Body and Blood are truly proffered to all communicants, though only those who partake worthily are spiritual partakers of Christ." They go on to say, "That both Cranmer and Ridley admitted that in a sense evil men may eat 'the Body of Christ', but only sacramentally."
sacramentally, Cranmer explains that he means "figuratively".

If the writers of the new American Prayer Book were bothered by this implication is not truly known, but suffice it to say, that for those who are not of a theological bent and simply see Christ and the Communion of His most precious Body and Blood spiritually, the deletion of this most sacred phrase is something to be decried. In actuality, when one partakes of the Host and the wine he is showing through ingestion and assimilation the vital truth that Christ's Body and Blood are taken into the very cellular and indeed nuclear structure of every part of the human mechanism. Newness of life is the true healing. When perceived spiritually, as Cranmer and Ridley point out, and when the Holy Communion is taken both sacramentally and spiritually, wholeness and healing come about, which in some ways cannot be achieved through any other means. Seen thus, Holy Communion becomes obviously the means whereby the new creation (transformed, born-again man) is cleansed, healed, nourished, and given the power to grow into the "measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ". (Eph. 4:13)

This cleansing and healing of the temple of the Holy Spirit affects more than just the psychologic and cerebral aspect of the human being. There is also the cleansing, healing, and nourishing aspect of the anatomical, the fleshly part of man. Thus the physical attribute of man which cannot be preserved through the efforts of the carnal mind (the psychosoma) receives the vital life of Christ as He lives in us and we in Him. This projects the psychosomatic man of death (Romans 8:6) into the newness of life brought about through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

Sadly, in Rite 2 of the new prayer book, The Prayer Of Humble Access is omitted entirely. One finds in many Episcopal Churches that even in Rite 1, The Prayer Of Humble Access is omitted.

It is suggested (admittedly by a Layman of the Church who must voice his basic disappointment in the new Prayer Book in many aspects) that the priests of the church insert the phrase "our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body and our souls washed through His most precious Blood", in the Prayer Books in the pews. This would be a partial rectification of a serious error which deletes from the Book Of Common Prayer one of its precious prayers, amputating from it the very life substance of the statement dating back to the earliest traditions of the Book Of Common Prayer and our Anglican heritage.

In the face of death, live in Christ and hope in Him. In the middle of chaos, celebrate the Word. Amidst Babel, speak Truth. Confront the noise and verbiage and falsehood of death and the Kosmos with the truth and potency and efficacy of the Word of God.

Know the Word, teach the Word, nurture the Word, defend the Word, incarnate the Word, do the Word, live the Word.

And more than that, in the Word of God expose the force of death and death's works and wiles, rebuke lies, cast out demons, exorcise, cleanse the possessed, raise those who are dead in mind, in soul, in spirit and in conscience.

Modified from William Stringfellow

From an interview with Edith Schaeffer:

"After Fran died I had a dinner for the doctors who had cared for him. I brought a pianist in to give a concert, and then I spoke to the doctors for a short time and read the statement that Fran had made before he died. 'For a long time it has been held that the final reality is energy which has existed forever and which had its beginning by sheer chance. This means that there is neither religion nor intelligence in the universe — there is no place for morals. Man must accept that the final reality is an infinite and personal God who created the world, who is rational and who can return us to intelligent answers.' I've had several concerts since, inviting some L'Abri workers and some young professional people — a different group each time. Some of these are seekers or non-believers."

from Decision Magazine July/August 1985

Letter from a reader:

'With God's help, I would like to stand in Faith with your ministry for Jesus Christ with this dollar. I don't have much money, but, praise the Lord, I do have God's gift of Faith to commit to His service. I also know that it isn't the power of money that accomplishes God's Good Will on this earth, but the power of the Holy Spirit working and witnessing to Christian Faith and Love that serves the cause of Jesus Christ. I KNOW THAT GOD CAN DO MORE WITH ONE DIME GIVEN IN FAITH THAN A BILLION DOLLARS WITHOUT ANY FAITH ATTACHED TO IT. Please use this money for Jesus Christ where the Lord shows you the need is GREATEST. God bless you and I trust God to multiply it by the Holy Spirit according to His Grace in Christ Jesus! Praise the Lord Jesus!!!

Trusting in Christ Jesus,
A Redeemed Servant
CONCERNING CMF FINANCES

The CMF mailing list consists of 11,500 names. Of this number, 3,712 are physicians. Of lay persons who receive our newsletter, 0% have given to CMF in the past six months. Of physician recipients 0% have given in the same period.

To print and distribute the CMF newsletter costs $3,000 per issue. This means that the majority of those receiving our newsletter do not contribute to its cost.

Shortly, the mailing list will be surveyed as to who truly desires to remain in contact with CMF. In this way, the mailing list will doubtless be greatly reduced. We deem it poor stewardship to send out a newsletter not read or perhaps desired. Those who truly desire Christian medicine and nursing in America and Canada will continue with us. Those who are truly concerned about the great moral crises of our time and see Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit as the answer, will continue to be part of CMF.

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BOOK OFFER

This month we are having a very special offer featuring some of our beautiful children's stories. We are offering the CHRISTIAN MOTHER GOOSE TREASURY which comes in three volumes. Each volume is $13.95 including postage, and is filled with nursery rhymes and stories that delight young and old alike. Please specify volume one, two, or three. We are also offering CATHARINE MARSHALL'S STORY BIBLE which is completely illustrated by children - $12.95, including postage. And just in time for Christmas we have THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS - $7.95, including postage; with the same rhyme as "The Night Before Christmas," it is a poetic retelling of the First Christmas. And of course, the touching story of THE LITTLEST ANGEL - $5.95, including postage.

**FLORIDA RESIDENTS MUST INCLUDE 5% SALES TAX.**

TAPE OFFER

During April, Dr. Reed spoke at the Mississippi CFO Annual Spring Retreat. We would like to make available to you one of his talks from that meeting, entitled "PSYCHOSOMATIC VERSUS SPIRITUAL." In this talk Dr. Reed shares the importance of distinguishing between the psychological and spiritual, and for Christians to follow the simple, scriptural truth of Jesus. Each tape is $5.00. This includes postage and handling.

1988 CMF REGIONAL PHYSICIANS' CONFERENCES

March 17-20 Texas Regional
May 12-15 Ohio Regional
CONTACT: Lyn Thornton at CMF (813) 932-3688

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STAFF PHYSICIAN needed immediately. Full-time physician for two physician practice in community health center. Practice located in pleasant city of 20,000 with excellent 178 bed hospital. Driving distance from cities where medical schools, entertainment and cultural activities are located. Competitive compensation package. CONTACT: D.J. Seeberger, Director, Community Health Services, 410 Birchard Avenue, Freemont, Ohio 43420.

GENERAL PRACTICE ASSOCIATE wanted in Houston/Conroe, Texas. Must be committed to Christ's Lordship. The practice is solo now, with work divided between two different offices. It is busy and emergency room hospital work is available. Please be sure our Lord has spoken to you concerning this opportunity. CONTACT: Dr. Bob McClimans, D.O., 10525 Airline Drive, Houston, TX 77037, (713) 445-0421.

GENERAL SURGEONS, NURSES, and NURSE ANESTHESIOLOGISTS needed to work in lovely 47-bed hospital in Belmopan, Belize. YWAM is seeking multiple short-term surgeons to cover this hospital for one month or longer periods of time, overlapping with one another to provide the continuous care which is so needed. Housing will be supplied by the government or YWAM base. English is the official language. CONTACT: William A. Johnson, M.D., F.A.C.S., Director of Medical Services, YWAM, 75-5851 Kuakini Hwy., Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740-2199. (808) 326-7228 TELEX 510 601 4522.

YOUNG MINISTER of Trinidad, West Indies is seeking position of Pastor or Associate Pastor in Spirit-filled church in the U.S. or Canada. CONTACT: Steve Bodhram, % Debbie Rammerine, 13 Bowmath Trace, Penal, West Indies. (Dear Friends of Dr. and Mrs. Reed)

From a letter about our Medical Student Dinner last November:

Dr. Reed,

I just wanted to thank you for the invitation to come to the OMF banquet in Tampa at the airport. The Spirit really ministered to me throughout that weekend. It was so refreshing to hear men of God proclaiming Christ as the true meaning and giver of life in their various professions. It was so unexpected to me because I thought we were just going to some banquet to eat and leave. Instead I heard inspired men pour out their hearts and souls for the sake of Jesus to people they didn't even know. No amount of money could buy the love and joy in the Spirit and the truth about life that was shared that night. I would have rather been there that night than at the President's table in Washington!

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SEPTEMBER

5 ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA - 6:30 p.m.
FGBMFI; Speaker - Dr. Reed
CONTACT: Ogburn Yates (919) 629-9161

28-2 TORONTO, CANADA
100 Huntley Street
CMF of Canada Physicians to speak on Aids
Friday's Guest - Dr. Reed

OCTOBER

2-3 TORONTO, CANADA
CMF of Canada Annual Physicians' Conference
Inn on the Park
CONTACT: Mr. Bill Walker, P.O. Box 377, West Hill, Ont.
M1E 4Y9, (416) 431-2442

4 TORONTO, CANADA - 2:00 p.m.
St. Paul's Anglican Church; Speaker - Dr. Reed

13 CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS - 11:30 a.m.
Church of the Good Shepherd; Speaker - Kay Reed
CONTACT: Mrs. Lou Kennedy (512) 884-3376

18 TAMPA, FLORIDA - 11:00 a.m.
Valley Gate Church; Speaker - Dr. Reed
CONTACT: Rev. Crawford Huff (813) 935-3387

24 DAYTONA, FLORIDA - 7:30 p.m.
CMF Monthly Meeting
First Presbyterian Church, 620 S. Grandview Avenue

NOVEMBER

1 INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FLORIDA - 7:30 p.m.
Calvary Episcopal Church; Speaker - Dr. Reed
CONTACT: The Rev. Canon Birch (813) 595-2374

11-15 TAMPA, FLORIDA
CMF's 15th Annual Physicians' Conference
Tampa Airport Marriott
CONTACT: Lyn Thornton (813) 932-3688

14 TAMPA, FLORIDA - 1:00 p.m.
25th Anniversary Celebration on the Grounds
Everyone Invited
CONTACT: Lyn Thornton (813) 932-3688 for Registration

28 DAYTONA, FLORIDA - 7:30 p.m.
CMF Monthly Meeting
First Presbyterian Church, 620 S. Grandview Avenue

BIBLE STUDY- Tuesdays with Kay at 10:00 am, and clinical correlation of the Gospel & Healing Service by Dr. Reed at 1:00.
CMF (813) 932-3688.
Dear Friends of the Littlest Angel,

Excitement is in the air at the Littlest Angel and Christian Medical Foundation.

This is our 25th Anniversary of CMF and the 7th Anniversary of the Littlest Angel.

Our main celebration of our 25th year will be Saturday, November 14, 1987, at the Fifteenth Annual Doctors' Conference, with all our friends invited.

An old-fashioned, on the grounds reunion of friends of the past 25 years, complete with popcorn, lemonade, ice cream, good music, special speakers, and good food, will help make November 14th a day to be remembered. Handmade Pennsylvania Dutch pillows and quilts will be auctioned during the afternoon, between our special concert, barber shop and gospel quartets, and other activities.

The Littlest Angel and Book Nook are brimming over and ready with unusual and beautiful gifts and books for each person on your Christmas list. Angels of every description are floating around the shop waiting to be gift wrapped.

In just a little over one year, close to $20,000 has been given in Angel donations to complete the new shop and grounds surrounding it. We thank Jesus and the many friends for inspiring and helping us reach the vision. It was completed at its appointed time. Habakkuk 2:3

The shop is run by volunteers who have dedicated many hours in creating beautiful floral arrangements, hand-made porcelain dolls, and many other crafts, as well as cleaning and running the shop in the most excellent and dedicated way. We also have an Antique Corner in the shop with lovely antique items of old china, crystal, jewelry, and silver donated by friends to help CMF with its running expenses.

Enclosed with the newsletter this month is a preview of Christmas for you. We would be delighted to gift wrap and send off your selection in time for Christmas Day.

Again, thank you for being a part of our 25th Year, and we do hope you can be with us. If you are coming, don't forget to register. (See enclosed registration form)

"Now to Him Who, by the action of His power that is at work within, is able to carry out His purpose and do superabundantly, far over and above all that we dare ask or think — infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes or dreams — To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen — so be it."

Ephesians 3:20-21 (Amplified Bible)

Love, Kay

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