

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR CHRISTIAN HEALING MINISTRY

MINISTRIES:

Christian Healing Ministries (CHM): Francis and Judith MacNutt

Founded in 1980 www.christianhealingmin.org; 904-765-3332 Jacksonville, FL

Key publications:

Healing by Francis MacNutt: Classic work – considered by many to be the best overall book on this topic.

Deliverance from Evil Spirits by Francis MacNutt: A sane, rational, and scriptural presentation full of practical wisdom by someone who has been there and done it.

The Healing Reawakening by Francis MacNutt: Excellent history of the ministry of healing prayer in the Christian Church through the centuries.

Manuals & video teaching available: Schools of Healing Prayer Levels I, II, III & IV (see website)

Wholeness Ministries: Mike Evans

<http://www.wholeness.org> 661-833-2920 Bakersfield, CA

Key Publications: Learning to Do What Jesus Did Best practical manual out there for setting up and doing healing ministry.

Before You Get Here: Baggage To Drop On Your Way To Heaven: excellent intro to inner healing/deliverance

Excellent conference teacher/speaker: available for seminars, workshops, healing conferences

The Rev. Nigel Mumford – By His Wounds Ministry

757-716-7812 office Virginia Beach, VA <http://byhiswoundsministry.org/>

Offers teaching & ministry, especially in the area of healing from trauma, including “Welcome Home Initiative” for military veterans & active duty: helping to restore ministry of healing to the Church.

Key publications: After the Trauma

The Life Model: www.lifemodel.org

Connected with Jim Wilder (“Living from the Heart Jesus Gave You”), Ed Khouri (www.thrivingrecovery.org) & others; draws on biblical truths, Christian healing prayer, and the latest studies in neuropsychiatry. Presents whole-life healing/teaching through 4 stage program, keyed to relationships (God, others, ourselves). Healing for individuals and communities.

Heart Sync Ministries: The Rev. Andrew Miller, Tallahassee Healing Prayer Ministries

www.heartsyncministries.org & www.tallahasseehealingprayer.org

Excellent and highly recommended ministry of inner healing; works closely with Life Model program.

Healing Center International, Betsy Stalcup Director. www.GodHealsToday.org

Extensive teaching & ministry re: Life Model, Immanuel Method, etc. Located in No. Virginia.

Elijah House Ministries: John and Paula Sandford

Founded in 1974 www.Elijahhouse.org 509-321-1255 Coeur d' Alene, ID

Key publications: The Transformation of the Inner Man & Healing the Wounded Spirit by John and Paula Sandford: In-depth study of scriptural basis for inner healing and treatment of various inner healing issues.

Offers ministry & training (videos & manuals available through web site).

Recommended: **I Will Give You Rest** by Ed Kurath, an authorized & practical summation of Elijah House teachings. www.divinelydesigned.com

Rita Bennett: Christian Renewal Association (CRA): "Emotionally Free"

Founded by Rita and husband the Rev. Dennis Bennett (d. 1991) in 1968. Seattle, WA
www.emotionallyfree.org 425-775-2965

Key publications:

You Can be Emotionally Free & Emotionally Free Manuals (Basic & Advanced) by Rita Bennett.

Restoring the Foundations (RTF): Chester & Betsey Kylstra

Founded in 1992. Henderson, NC with regional healing centers. <http://rtfi.org>; 828-696-9075, ext 522

Key Publications: book, "Restoring the Foundations"

OTHER RECOMMENDED BOOKS:

The Bondage Breaker, by Neil Anderson (deliverance)

Prison to Praise, by Merlin Carothers (transformational power of praising God)

Unto Death, by Barbara Cassada (re: Freemasonry)

Ministry Team Training Manual, by Randy Clark (basic healing ministry)

The Essential Guide to Healing, by Bill Johnson & Randy Clark

Total Forgiveness, by R.T. Kendall

Biblical Healing and Deliverance (2014) by C. & B. Kylstra

Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance, by Neil Lozano

33 Degrees of Deception, by Thomas McKenney (re: Freemasonry)

Blessing or Curse, by Derek Prince

The Gifts of the Spirit by Derek Prince

Freedom Tools, by Andy Reese; Chosen Books 2008. (deliverance/inner healing)

Intercessory Prayer, by Dutch Sheets

The Blessing, by Gary Smalley and John Trent (esp. re: healing through Father's/Mother's Blessing)

Spiritual Housecleaning, by Alice and Eddie Smith

Healing Power Prayers & Spiritual Warfare Prayers – 2 booklets of prayers – very useful for prayer ministers: available from Valentine Publishing House, P.O. Box 27422, Denver, CO 80227, and most prayers available on-line at www.catholicwarriors.com and www.catholichealingprayers.com. (Some prayers you may want to edit slightly in keeping with non-Catholic thinking.)

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Best Practices for Healing Prayer Ministry

Before you come, pray that the Lord will give you compassion. Also, in your own personal quiet time at home ask Him to show you anything He wants you to know about yourself. Ask Him if you need to confess anything. If so, do it and ask for forgiveness. You may also need to forgive yourself or others.

Pray a binding prayer with your prayer partner before you start. (prayer cards)
The gold standard for each prayer time is: **Listen, Love, and Pray.**

We always pray in teams. There are practical, scriptural, and spiritual reasons for this. If your partner doesn't show up, you will have to pray solo, but we don't want lone rangers in this ministry.

Confidentiality must be maintained in each prayer session. (Note: Possible self-harm or harm to others always trumps confidentiality, and should be reported immediately to ministry supervisors or clergy.)

NO ADVICE-GIVING! You will be tempted to give advice: Don't! Nor is this the time to share some relevant experience that you have had, no matter how helpful it may seem. They can get advice anywhere – what they need from you is prayer.

REMEMBER IT IS NOT ABOUT YOU. It is about the prayer recipient. Ask the prayer recipient what they would like prayer for. You are there to serve them. If they have a whole lot of things, ask them which one or two are most important. You do not have to cover everything in one prayer time, but make sure you address their initial prayer request.

ALWAYS ASK PERMISSION to use the laying on of hands, to anoint with oil if you are so led, and to use your prayer language if you have one. When using the laying on of hands, **DO NOT PAT OR RUB** someone. It is very distracting and may give the wrong message.

Before you begin to pray, silently ask the Holy Spirit to come. Then **LISTEN** for any direction.

Work out with your prayer partner in advance whether both of you will be praying aloud with the prayer recipient, or whether one person will primarily be doing silent intercession. Please guard against over-talking, being willing to be reminded of that by your prayer partner; we suggest prayer ministers work out a silent code ahead of time – such as tapping them on the arm, or the shoulder – as a reminder to “listen, love, and pray” (i.e. – talk less and pray more). Don't forget to speak softly if you are in close quarters with others.



As you pray, pause from time to time to **LISTEN**. The Holy Spirit will often nudge you. You may also feel led to ask the prayer recipient, especially after a pause for some silence, if they are seeing or feeling or hearing anything. They may or may not. It is ok either way. If the prayer recipient reports something that is unclear or negative, ask the Holy Spirit to show you/them why or what it means. Not every impression is actually from the Lord. Exercise discernment.

Keep your eyes open, so you see physical cues such as tears or a change in the person's facial expression or body language.

If you see or hear something in your mind, ask the Holy Spirit if it's ok to be shared. Sometimes it is. Sometimes you will hear "Wait," or "Be silent." Often the very same thing will then come out of the prayer recipient's mouth or perhaps from your prayer partner! Then you can confirm it later.

After you are finished and the prayer recipient has left, take a couple minutes to discuss the session(s) with your prayer partner. You will learn a lot that way. Also, always pray a cleansing prayer, so you don't take anything home with you.

Spiritual gifts in healing prayer: Words of Knowledge. Wisdom. Gifts of Healing. Faith and the prayer of command. Miracles. Discernment of Spirits. Speaking in a prayer language. (Interpretation not required since not a public meeting.) All for the common good and the Spirit apportions gifts individually as He wills. Listen to the Holy Spirit with one ear and the person with the other. [1 Corinthians 12: 4-11]

Maintain boundaries. Don't try to do further prayer with them on your own. No adoptions please! You can refer them to the head of your prayer ministry if needed.

Remember that as prayer ministers we are under clergy authority and pastoral oversight. This is important for your spiritual protection and for the good order of the ministry.

General: Continue learning about Christian healing prayer by reading and by attending seminars and conferences. Ask for healing prayer for yourself when you need it. Collect testimonies of the results from healing prayer and with permission publish them in church bulletins, newsletters, or web pages to build faith and interest.