

Christ's Healing Power (April 12, 2020 by Rev. Anthony Menzel)

Happy Resurrection Day to All!

Christ's Resurrection is the ultimate message of hope to humankind...

Because the Lord Jesus, God the Son, was raised from the dead, we, as His dedicated, sincere followers, will also be raised from the dead and have eternal life with Him...

Scripture 1: 1 Corinthians 15:12-26

¹² Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁴ And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty. ¹⁵ Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. ¹⁶ For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷ And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! ¹⁸ Then also those who have ^[c]fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

The Last Enemy Destroyed

²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have ^[d]fallen asleep. ²¹ For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming. ²⁴ Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death.

We do not have to be afraid of death...

As I have said before, I do not seek death, especially now that I have children who are minors and since I would never want my parents to go through the death of a child...

At the same time, I do not fear death...

I would say that the main thing that I fear for myself is physical pain...

Scripture 2: Philippians 1:21-24

²¹ For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. ²² But if *I* live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I ^[d]cannot

tell. ²³ [e] For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is far better*. ²⁴ Nevertheless to remain in the flesh *is* more needful for you.

Today on Resurrection Day we celebrate the total victory that we have in the Lord Jesus...

Nothing or no one can ultimately defeat, as long as we remain faithful to the Lord Jesus...

Not even death can defeat us...

Praise the Lord Jesus...

***If we should not fear death as sincere followers of the Lord Jesus, we should not fear the Corona virus either...

Scripture 3: 2 Timothy 1:6-7

⁶ Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

****Moreover, not only will we have the victory over death at the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus, but we also have victory in this life...

Scripture 4: 2 Corinthians 2:14

¹⁴ Now thanks *be* to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us [d]diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

***No sickness is too big for the Lord Jesus...

Scripture 5: Matthew 8:16-17

¹⁶ When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, ¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

“He Himself took our infirmities
And bore *our* sicknesses.”

***Knowing how to access Christ’s healing power is especially important during a pandemic...

We no longer have access to medical care like we used to...

Personally I have been struggling with some symptoms, but I have not even thought much of going to the doctor...

When my 4 year old Gabriela was very ill, she was not given the COVID-19 test because she did not have lung congestion. Thus, even with high fever, she was not tested. Basically she was not going to be tested unless she exhibited all the COVID-19 symptoms. Thus, it actually seems to me to be counterproductive to go a primary doctor unless you are feeling really bad... You can expose yourself to all kinds of germs at a doctor's office... During a telemedicine appointment, they cannot take your vitals...

So more than ever, we have to tap into Christ's healing power...

How do we tap into this healing power?

- 1) Cover ourselves and our loved one with the precious blood of Jesus Christ:

Sample Prayer:

Father, please cover us with the blood of Jesus Christ. I know that where the blood of Jesus is, the life of Jesus is, and where the life of Jesus is, no evil can stay. In Jesus Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Scripture 6: Leviticus 17:11

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'

Scripture 7: John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not [a]comprehend it.

- 2) Just like you should take natural vitamins for your body, you should take spiritual vitamins. Taking these spiritual vitamins, by praying prayers based on the Word of God, will prevent illness from attacking you and make you stronger when you are attacked by illness.

A series of five prayers are posted on Abundant Love's Web site under the Prayer Resources tab. These prayer prayers are listed as 2. God's Concentrated Vitamins under Text-Friendly Prayers.

These prayers are relatively short so that they can fit into texts. You can send them to loved ones and friends who are sick via text. You can also send them to loved ones to encourage them to fortify themselves against illness.

I want to pray them together with you now so that we can put a shield over us like never before...

DOSE 1 / DAY 1: SALVATION-PART 1: BELIEF IN JESUS CHRIST

Holy Father, please bless me to be right with You so that I can enjoy all of the beautiful blessings that You have for me.

Scripture 8: Deuteronomy 28:1-8

“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God: 3 “Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. 4 “Blessed shall be the [a]fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. 5 “Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. 6 “Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. 7 “The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. 8 “The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

Holy Father, please bless me to be right with You by always believing in my heart and confessing with my mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Scripture 9: Romans 10:8-10

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Holy Father, please bless me to believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to You: Bless me to believe that Christianity is the only religion that is going to take us to heaven.

Scripture 10: John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Holy Father, bless me to follow Christ, not just to believe in Him, so that I can achieve spiritual well-being and eternal life.

Scripture 11: James 2:18-19

But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without [a]your works, and I will show you my faith by [b]my works. 19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

In the Name of Jesus Christ I ask all these things. Amen.

DOSE 2 / DAY 2: SALVATION-PART 2: REPENTANCE

Father, bless me to put my spiritual and physical house in order.

Scripture 12: Isaiah 1:18-20

“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; 20 But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword”; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Father, bless me to leave all the sins that can exclude me from going to heaven and enjoying the blessings of Your Kingdom, including physical healing and spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being.

Scripture 13: Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: [a]adultery, [b] fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, [c]murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Scripture 14: 1 Corinthians 5:11

But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person.

Scripture 15: 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor [a]homosexuals, nor [b]sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

Scripture 16: Revelation 21:8

But the cowardly, [a]unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” Bless me to repent not only of sinful actions but also sinful words, thoughts, attitude, and feelings.

Scripture 17: Matthew 5:27-28

“You have heard that it was said [a] to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Bless me to repent of my sins from the heart, including both sins of commission and sins of omission.

Scripture 18: **James 4:17**

Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Upon confessing my offenses and personal abuses, Bless me to accept Your blessing, Lord Jesus. Bless him/her(/them) to stand before You innocent. Bless me to release all guilt from my mind and heart.

Scripture 19: **1 John 1:9-10**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

In the Name of Jesus Christ I ask all these things. Amen.

DOSE 3 / DAY 3: FORGIVENESS

Holy Father, bless me to feel better in my body, soul, and spirit because I have a lifestyle in which I forgive. Instead of resenting people, bless me to forgive instantly. Bless me to realize that forgiveness does not mean that you trust a person who has hurt you; however, it does mean that you wish that person all the best, that you will help that person in any way you can, and that you only want the person to be judged by God if he/she refuses to change and do right.

Scripture 20: **Mark 11:25-26**

“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26 [a]But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

Father, bless me to never be happy if something bad happens to somebody. Father, bless me to remember that forgiveness is not an option; it is a requirement for eternal life.

Scripture 21: **Proverbs 17:5**

He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker; He who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.

In the Name of Jesus Christ I ask all these things. Amen.

DOSE 4 / DAY 4: PRAYER FOR DAILY WELL-BEING – PART 1

Holy Father, bless me not to complain. Bless me not to feel sorry for myself. Bless me to overcome my symptoms. Bless me to forgive others and myself, confessing my offenses. Father, bless me to always cultivate good actions, words, attitudes, thoughts, and feelings, which will attract well-being in each part of my being, body, soul, and spirit.

Scripture 22: **1 Thessalonians 5:23**

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify [a] you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Scripture 23: **Philippians 4:8**

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Scripture 24: **Galatians 5:22-23**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 [a]gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

In the Name of Jesus Christ I pray, Amen.

DOSE 5 / DAY 5: PRAYER FOR DAILY WELL-BEING – PART 2

I know that Satan has come to steal our health, kill our bodies, and bring destruction. Therefore, I resist Satan in my life with his sickness in the name of Jesus Christ, and I replace his evil with the good life and abundant health of God in the name of Jesus Christ.

Scripture 25: John 10.10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Scripture 26 (added, not currently in the posted prayer): James 4:7

⁷ Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Holy Father, bless me to keep their healing and health by choosing my friends carefully. Bless me to be part of a church that edifies my faith, and bless me to listen to scriptures and teachings related to healing and health.

Scripture 27: Proverbs 13.20

He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

Father, bless me to make all the changes I need to make, such as those related to diet and exercise, so that I will be healthy.

Scripture 28: 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 17 If anyone [a]defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Father, bless me to make whatever change I need to make to be conformed to the Will of God, which is Your Word.

Scripture 29: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for [a] instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Please, Holy Father, keep me in Your joy because I need Your strength and joy for my health and healing. Scripture 30: Nehemiah 8:10

Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

In the Name of Jesus Christ I pray, Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER FOR THE SERMON...