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GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

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Direction

**PUT YOUR TRUST
IN GOD ALWAYS.**

Prayer Section

Cover us Lord with your Most Precious Blood with the mantle of love and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary as we perform the tasks you have assigned to us --- your disciples.

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the enemy. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into Hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

VISION

"Man living the healing love of Christ in the fullness of God's glory."

MISSION

"In, with and through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we, the members of the Bond of Love (Buklod Ng Pag-ibig) Community, commit ourselves to share and minister the healing love of Christ."

ALL OUR LOVE MUST BE FOR GOD

(From the treatise On Spiritual Perfection by Diadochus of Photice, bishop)

No one who is in love with himself is capable of loving God. The man who loves God is the one who mortifies his self-love for the sake of the immeasurable blessings of divine love. Such a man never seeks his own glory but only the glory of God. If a person loves himself he seeks his own glory, but the man who loves God loves the glory of his Creator. Anyone alive to the love of God can be recognized from the way he constantly strives to glorify him by fulfilling all his commandments and by delighting in his own abasement. Because of his great majesty it is fitting that God should receive glory, but if he hopes to win God's favor it becomes man to be humble. If we possess this love for God, we too will rejoice in his glory as Saint John the Baptist did, and we shall never stop repeating: His fame must increase, but mine must diminish.

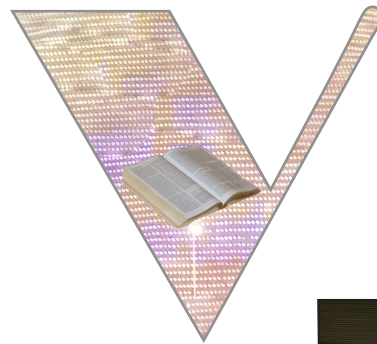
I know a man who, though lamenting his failure to love God as much as he desires, yet loves him so much that his soul burns with ceaseless longing for God to be glorified, and for his own complete effacement. This man has no feeling of self importance even when he receives praise. So deep is his desire to humble himself



that he never even thinks of his own dignity. He fulfills his priestly duty by celebrating the Liturgy, but his intense love for God is an abyss that swallows up all consciousness of his high office. His humility makes him oblivious of any honor it might bring him, so that in his own estimation he is never anything but a useless servant. Because of his desire for self abasement, he regards himself as though degraded from his office. His example is one that we ourselves should follow by fleeing from all honor and glory for the sake of the immeasurable blessings of God's love, for he has loved us so much!

Anyone who loves God in the depths of his heart has already been loved by God. In fact, the measure of a man's love for God depends upon how deeply aware he is of God's love for him. When this awareness is keen it makes whoever possesses it

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“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” (Jn 3:16)

SACRAMENT ...

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the exchange of marital consent on the part of a baptized man and a baptized woman. The couple who is getting marriage administers the sacrament of Matrimony to each other and the priest is simply the official witness, representing Christ and Christ’s Church.

MATRIMONY HAS SPECIAL GRACES

Since Matrimony is a sacrament, it gives two special graces, first increase of sanctifying grace and sacramental grace. As the just wedded couple turn away from the altar, their souls are spiritually stronger, spiritually more beautiful than when they came to the altar before ceremony. It is essential of course, that they present themselves to receive this sacrament with souls which already are in state of sanctifying grace. The purpose of Matrimony is not to forgive sins. To receive the sacrament with mortal sin would be a sacrilege, a grave sin. However, the marriage still would be a true and valid marriage,

but it would be a most unhappy beginning for what is designed to be a partnership with God.

Besides increase of sanctifying grace, matrimony gives it own special grace, its sacramental grace. This consists in claim upon God for whatever actual graces the couple may need throughout the years, to make a happy and successful marriage. It is also the grace that perfects the natural love of husband and wife, elevates this love to supernatural level which surpasses mere mental and physical compatibility. It gives marital love a sanctifying quality, making it an instrument for growth in holiness and marriage a path to sainthood. It also imparts conscientiousness in the begetting and rearing of children and prudence in the innumerable problems consequent upon family life. It enables husband and wife to adjust to one another’s shortcomings and to bear with one another’s faults.

God has endowed us with intelligence and he expects us to use that intelligence as we

cooperate with him in continuing his work of creation. Our roles in cooperating for such work must always be resolved with prayers and sacraments.

ALL OUR LOVE ...

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long to be enlightened by the divine light, and this longing is so intense that it seems to penetrate his very bones. He loses all consciousness of himself and is entirely transformed by the love of God.

Such a man lives in this life and at the same time does not live in it, for although he still inhabits his body, he is constantly leaving it in spirit because of the love that draws him toward God. Once the love of God has released him from self-love, the flame of divine love never ceases to burn in his heart and he remains united to God by an irresistible longing. As the Apostle says: If we are taken out of ourselves it is for the love of God; if we are brought back to our senses it is for your sake.

Testimonials

One Sunday evening after the BNP choir practice, I left in a hurry because my wife was sick. I was carrying my guitar with case in one hand and the music folder on the other. I was running down the stairs of the church and when I was about to reach the corner turn of New Brunswick St, near my car, I tripped and almost fell face down on the concrete pavement. Although I drop the guitar and the music folder I was able to hold on to the iron fence, but unfortunately I twisted my body and hurt my back. Immediately I experienced much pain and struggled to get to my car. I was able to drive home although in pain but was

in agony the whole night. The next day, Monday, although I was still in pain, I attend and joined the choir during the BNP Monday healing service. After the service I requested to be prayed over and with God's healing mercy the pain was gone and I was healed. In so many instances in the past, I have always surrendered my pains and sufferings to the Lord because his faithfulness is steadfast. I praise and thank the Lord for all answered prayers and I have never doubted that God will heal me again.

Joe - Carteret, NJ

and Dritz Mance, Butch Marin, Alma Martin, Greg Masilang, Kimberly Medida, Sister Barbara Neshibal, Mary O'Brien, Margarita Ocasio, Jen Ompod, Greg Paduganan, Demetria C. Parker, Rolando Payumo, Rey Rances, Peping Reyes, Jorge Rocillo, Mark Oliver Sanchez, Alvin and Aileen Sebastian, Maryann Severt, Vina Sorio, Julio Tajon, Nes Tambor, Felipe Tonelete, Ricky Torres, Loreta Union, Tina Vega, Merlina Wells, Josephine Yeoh,

Prayer Requests

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:28)

Lord, we lift up to you our brothers and sisters in need of your healing love and presence, namely:

Allyn Acosta, John Alonzo, Carmen and Ivy Angbetic, Carmen Bacaldo, Gloria Balubar, Annie Besira, Sandy Campomanes, Artemio Casem, Patria Castronuevo, Medardo Casiño, Rey and Fely Cruz, Isaac Daas, Ben and Tess David, Nieves de Espinoza, Dom and Jessie de la Cruz, Teddy de la Peña, Rucelle Dizon, Ninoy Domingo, Kevin Enriquez, Luisa Espinola, Zaldy Espinosa, Rossio Espinoza, Cezar Francisco, Gregoria Francisco, Ximena Gabriela, Amado Galvez, Aida and Marilou Gaverza, Rosie Gilbuena, Mrs. Gomez, Way Gomez, Reynaldo Guiao Sr., Mel Guiang, Betty Hopf, Jojo Ignacio, Benjamin Jacobe Sr., Veny Jardin, Bill Krug, Johnny Lara, Douglas Laurie, Ver Limtian, Myron Lyles, Jonny Luna, Jun Luna, Juan I. Mabalot, Peggy Macero, Del Manalastas, Nydel Manalo, Eric

Lord's Provisions

Month of
JANUARY 2012
(plus 2000 Hail Marys that
was remitted to St. Bridget)

\$ 2,103.00

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above ..." (James 1:17)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	WHEN	VENUE
Healing Service with Eucharistic Celebration	Every First Monday 8:00 PM	Resurrection Parish - St. Bridget Church
Healing Service with Eucharistic Adoration	All other Mondays 8:00 PM	Resurrection Parish - St. Bridget Church
2000 Hail Mary's with Eucharistic Celebration	Every last Saturday 8:30 AM	Resurrection Parish - St. Bridget Church
Healing Service with Eucharistic Celebration	Every second Saturday 10:00 AM	To be announced
BLD (Bukas Loob Sa Diyos) Worship	Every Friday 8:30 PM	Divine Mercy Church, Rahway, NJ

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