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*"I am the **LIGHT** of the **World**."*

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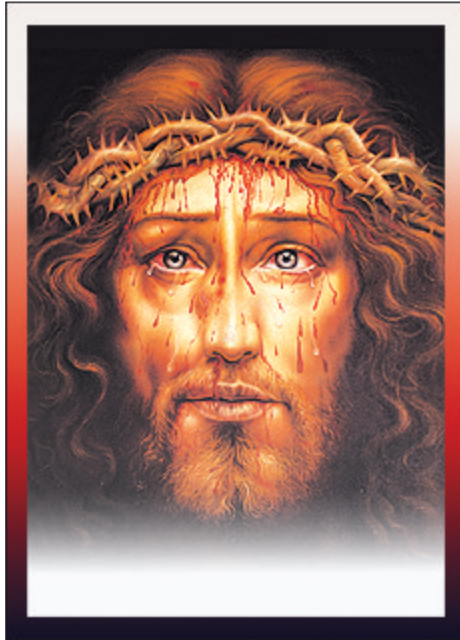
"FORGIVE OTHERS TO BE FORGIVEN ; LEAVE YOUR REVENGE TO GOD"

In response to the request of His disciples to teach them to pray, **Jesus** taught them the following prayer :

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one."

(**St. Matthew 6:9-13**)

This is the Lord's prayer called the '**Our Father**', which Jesus bequeathed to His Church, as a standard Christian prayer. This prayer includes seven petitions, the fifth petition being '**forgive us our sins, as we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us**'. This is the only petition in this prayer which is conditional, which requires us to do something ourselves, and that is, 'to forgive others'. All the other operations in this prayer depend on His action. More often we are concerned with the things asked in the other six petitions, rather than with this petition in which our task is equally important and necessary as that of the Father's. Jesus taught us to call Our Creator and Lord as our dear **Father**, '**Abba**'. (**Romans 8:12-17**) So, if we are his children and if we ask and seek all these things as our right, we ought to obey His Word and commandments too as our responsibility and reverence. Our Heavenly Father is always ready to



give us whatever we ask Him. He is ready to give us the **Holy Spirit**. (**St. Luke 11:9-13**) He has already offered His Only Son for us out of His infinite love (**St. John 3:16**). But are we ready to receive His gifts? Are we ready to listen to His Word and His plans for us? Are we really led by his Spirit to be called His sons? (**Romans 8:14**)

Jesus gave us a new simple commandment, 'Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.' (**St. John 13:34; Romans 13:10**) By not forgiving our fellow beings, we are disobeying His commandment. Jesus promised us forgiveness for our sins but made it conditional on ourselves forgiving those who hurt us. As in the forceful parable of the unmerciful servant

(**St. Matthew 18:23-35**), this very principal tenet of conduct is repeated in the whole of the New Testament and no room is left for doubt as to its meaning.

Jesus says, "**For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**"

(**St. Matthew 6:14 / St. Mark 11:25**)

If we really wish our prayers to be heard we must be prepared to forgive others. One cannot honour God and dishonour man. Whoever wants to straighten out his relationship with God, must straighten out his relationships with his relatives, friends, acquaintances, neighbours and colleagues as far as possible. True prayer to God requires a reflection on one's earthly relationships to other human beings and if necessary, to bring them in order. To say the Our Father with hatred in one's heart for another human being, gives the lie to it. (**1 John 4:20-21**) Hatred can make forgiveness almost impossible and this becomes the cause for the lack of peace of mind, for a life full of stress and worries, giving way to taking revenge. St. Francis, a man of prayer and of an exquisite understanding, comments on the fifth petition of the 'Our Father' :

*"**And forgive us our trespasses, through Your ineffable mercy, through the power of the***

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"Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while He is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that He may have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:6-7)

JESUS TAUGHT US - 'LOVE YOUR ENEMIES'

Proculus, a rich man with hundreds of slaves had one by the name of Paulus, whom he trusted fully, making him steward over his whole household. One day he went with Paulus to the slave market to buy some new men. Before bargaining, they examined the human merchandise, observing their musculature to see if they were worth their price. At once, Paulus saw exposed for sale a weak, old man. He implored his owner to buy this slave. The rich man answered mockingly, "But he is good for nothing."

"Buy him. He is cheap. And I promise that the work in your household will go as never before," said Paulus. So the owner yielded. And it really was true that all the work went

better than ever. But Proculus observed that Paulus now worked for three men. The old slave did nothing. Paulus tended him, gave him the best food, and made him rest the whole time. Proculus asked Paulus, "You know I value you. I don't mind your protecting this old man. Tell me only who he is. Is he perhaps your father who has fallen into slavery?"

Paulus answered, "He is one to whom I owe more than to my father."

"Is he your teacher?"

"No. Somebody to whom I owe more." "Who is he, then?"

"He is my **enemy**. He is the man who killed my father and sold us, the children, as slaves. As for me, I am a disciple of **Christ**, Who has taught us to love our enemies and to reward evil with good."

(St. Matthew 5:39, 44)

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FORGIVE OTHERS TO BE FORGIVEN...

Passion of Your Beloved Son, together with the merits and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all Your chosen ones,

As we forgive those who trespass against us, and whatever we do not forgive perfectly, do you, Lord, enable us to forgive to the full so that we may truly love our enemies and fervently intercede for them before You, returning no evil for evil and striving to help everyone in You."

Thus we see that the Father's mercy and the Son's suffering are the motivating forces which obtain for us the forgiveness for our trespasses and it is only the Father, who can give us a good, compassionate and loving heart like His own that can completely forgive others unconditionally. It is only after this acknowledgment that St. Francis calls into play the merits and intercession of Mother Mary and all the saints.

Forgiveness is a part of the process of reconciliation. Without forgiveness there cannot be a true reconciliation. Through the parable of the prodigal son Jesus depicts God the Father as the father who forgives

his son and gives him a warm welcome when he returns home after deserting his father and squandering his property in dissolute living. This father is goodness and love personified. The father is magnanimous and generous; compassionate and merciful.

(St. Luke 15:11-32)

Jesus says, "If you are about to offer your gift to God at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar, go at once and make peace with your brother and then come back and offer your gift to God." (St. Matthew 5:24)

Here again Jesus stresses the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation. Jesus never wants us to take revenge on anyone, but to forgive those who offend us. Jesus says, "...If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, let him slap your left cheek too." (St. Matthew 5:39) And again, He says, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you so that you may become the sons of your Father in Heaven." (St. Matthew 5:44-45) Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times do I have to forgive him? Seven times?" "No, not seven times", answered Jesus, "But seventy times seven."

(St. Matthew 18:21-22)

St. Paul writes, "Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all... If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:18-21)

Kindness and forgiveness are the passwords to a life in neighbourliness. "Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ has forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32).

Jesus left us an example of forgiveness when He prayed for the people who were responsible for His agony and crucifixion. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (St. Luke 23:34). He Himself had forgiven those who crucified Him. This clearly shows how merciful Jesus is towards us. By reconciliation we are only acknowledging the great sacrifice Jesus had done for us at Calvary. Even today He is merciful and eager to save us. Let us be closer to God through forgiveness, brotherly love and service.

PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Your face, I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity, Your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said of You, my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones." (Psalms 22:17-18) Amen.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God! Blessed are the peace makers, for they will be called children of God!" (St. Matthew 5:8-9)

BIBLE QUIZ!

◆ I. SABBATH MIRACLES ◆

Over the centuries, the Jewish religious leaders had added rule after rule to God's Law. For example, God's law said the Sabbath is a day of rest (Exodus 20:10-11). But the religious leaders added to that law, creating one that said, "You cannot heal on the Sabbath" because that is "work". Seven times Jesus healed people on the Sabbath. In doing this, He was challenging these religious leaders to look beyond their rules to their true purpose—to honour God by helping those in need. Each of these Sabbath miracles are mentioned in one or more of the four Gospels, that is, the Gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They are as follows:

- i) Jesus heals a man with dropsy
- ii) Jesus restores a crippled woman.
- iii) Jesus heals a man born blind.
- iv) Jesus heals a man with a deformed hand.
- v) Jesus sends a demon out of a man.
- vi) Jesus heals a lame man by the pool of Bethesda.
- vii) Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law.

➤ Now, specify the name(s) of the Gospel(s) (out of those of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) where all each of these miracles are mentioned.

Rules to be followed:

- ❶ Answers may be sent by post or e-mail latest by the 20th of the month. Answers received after the 20th will not be considered.
- ❷ You should clearly specify your name and postal address. Mention the quiz number and title before the answers written in order.
- ❸ You may consult any Bible (complete) for answering the quiz.
- ❹ There is no age-bar for the contestants.
- ❺ Prizes will be awarded to the winners of three consecutive quizzes.
- ❻ Answers and winners of each quiz will be published in the subsequent issue of the newsletter.

Thanks for taking the Quiz! Good Luck!

'LIVING WITNESSES' OF GOD IN JEEVAN DHAM



MY LORD RESTORED MY EYESIGHT; HIS WORD ENLIGHTENED MY BLIND EYES

Thanks be to Jesus!

Praise be to Jesus!

I, Mahendra Sahab (age-55years), am here in **Jeevan Dham** for the second time to attend the healing prayer service held here. I was a diabetic patient for the last two months. I started taking the treatment at first from a private doctor in my village. But rather than getting any relief, my body started swelling because of the side-effect of the medicine which I had consumed. So I stopped this treatment and went to another doctor. He declared after examining me that I have no symptoms of a diabetic patient. Earlier, I was forbidden to eat sweets, rice, potatoes and so on. But now this doctor told me that I can eat everything without hesitation. Then I started all the things I had not enjoyed earlier. One day I started losing my eyesight all of a sudden. I was rushed to another private doctor in Rajgir, Bihar where I came to know that the blood sugar level had reached so high. This was the cause of my blindness. The doctor recommended me to a hospital in Delhi.

I reached here at my son-in-law's house in Faridabad with my wife as a totally helpless blind man.

I took treatment for diabetes from

a government hospital and an eye drop for my blind eyes. I have spent over Rs.30, 000 till now on my treatments, but without any result.

One day my son-in-law came to know of **Jeevan Dham** from one gentleman living nearby who assured that one will be healed if he has faith in God present here. Holding my hand in his hand my son-in-law brought me here last Sunday. I carefully listened to the Word of God and the testimonies of several witnesses. I put my trust in God and begged Him to heal me completely. We took a framed picture of Jesus and Mary, few lockets and the prayer book '*Naya Jeevan*'. The next day onwards, my son-in-law used to read this prayer book for me everyday. God blessed me and His healing Word slowly started working in me. Three days back, I started seeing the things around me, though not clearly, yet I could make my way about without anyone's help. Today, I came and sat behind on the bench here, Within a few minutes I could see everything very much clearly. My faith strengthened in the Almighty merciful God, when it was announced on the stage that He is now blessing a brother who is blind. That was me. Moreover, my blood sugar level has also come down almost to the normal in the last week. I do not have the words to thank God for such precious blessings that He has bestowed on a sinner like me. Praise the Lord for He is loving and merciful.

Mahendra Sahab,
Munger(distt.), Bihar

Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (St. John 8:12)

LEUCODERMA HEALED! AMAZING!

Thanks & Praise be to Jesus!

My (Prabhakar Yadav) daughter Jyoti (age-6years) was deaf by birth. We realized this only when she was a few months old. I took her to the E.S.I. (Govt.) Hospital in Okhla, New

If we love one another, God lives in us, and His love is perfected in us.(1 John 4:16)

Delhi. The doctors there recommended her to the All India Institute of Medical Science, New Delhi. After taking several tests and X-rays there, the doctors discovered that the nerves around her ears are completely dead with no blood circulation in them. They told me that she will never be able to hear and speak anything. They attached a hearing-aid machine on her ears for Rs. 5000/-, yet she was unable to hear even a single word clearly.

Few days later my neighbour told me about Jeevan Dham, gave me the newsletter 'Divya Jyoti', and explained to me about the prayer service and the miracles happening here. I started coming here from that week onwards along with my child. My Lord gave His ears to my humble prayers and opened her ears with His Life-giving Word. Today she made signs that she could hear everything distinctly. Thanks be to the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

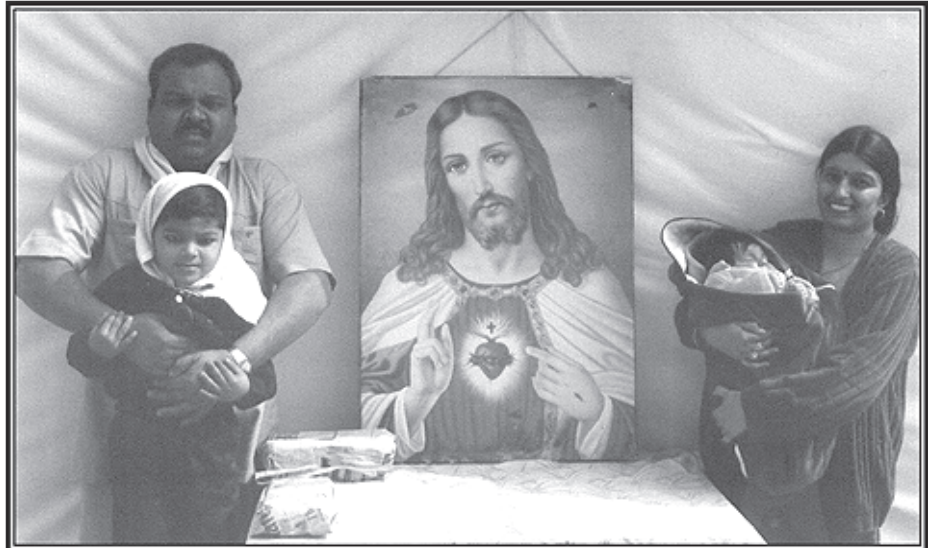
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"Sacrifice and offering You do not desire, but You have given me an open ear." (Psalm 40:6)

GOD REMOVED THE STONES IN MY KIDNEY

Thanks and Praise be to Jesus!

I, Subhash (age-26 years), have come here today on the stage in front of all my brothers and sisters in Christ to give my witness of the miraculous healing, which I have experienced. For 20 years I have had a severe stomachache. After taking the Ultrasound test, the doctors in a private hospital told me that I had small stones in my kidney. The stones grew in number and size at first in one kidney. Later, stones started developing in my other kidney too. The pain kept on increasing day by day. In B.K.Hospital, when the doctors found that the treatment is yielding no positive results, they suggested twice for an operation to remove the stones. I was afraid of operation. I never went for that. I showed myself in the Hindurao Hospital, New Delhi. There too they took all the necessary tests and advised me to have an immediate operation done. The tests had shown 2 stones of about 16mm dia. each in each of my kidneys. This result



GOD GIFTED THESE FAMILIES WITH A CHILD AFTER MANY YEARS OF MARRIAGE

frightened me all the more but I was helpless since I never wanted an operation. Later, I lost all faith in medicines & my hopes of getting healed dwindled away.

But my wife, who had been coming here regularly for the past three years even before my marriage, (I married her 2 years ago) kept on praying for me with a strong faith in Lord Jesus so that I too may believe in Him and may come here to see what all miracles happen here every Sunday, and one day be healed myself by the power of the Word of God. And the Lord answered her humble prayers said in tears. Last month, the persistent pain below my stomach started decreasing and slowly and gradually it disappeared altogether. This change of state made me a bit too curious. I had my check-up done again in Hindurao Hospital, Delhi. Surprisingly, it was observed from the test reports that no stones were there in one of my kidneys and only small bits of a stone remained in my other kidney. I could not believe it. How could this happen without taking any medicine? Nonetheless, I now firmly believe, it was the consequence of all the prayers of my wife and her unwavering faith in the Almighty, merciful God that has healed me. It was His powerful Word that broke all the stones in my kidneys. Praise the Lord!

Subhash, Faridabad.

" The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you."

(Psalms 145:9-10)

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DAILY MORNING PRAYER :

On Weekdays from **9:00a.m. to 11:00p.m. 24hr. Adoration** is going on everyday for the last 4 months. You too can join us in prayer anytime.

HOLY MASS :

On Fridays: morning 10:00 a.m.
On Sundays: evening 6:30 p.m.

**Are you ... worried & burdened?
Are you ... depressed?
Are you ... sick or weak?
Do you ... feel the absence of peace & love in your life?
Are you ... grappling with a lot of problems in your life?**

Then visit this place chosen by God & see for yourselves all the incredible miracles happening here. This place is 'JEEVAN DHAM'. Believe in God & attend the prayer session held every Sunday at St. Anthony's School (ground), Sec-9, Faridabad from morning 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. organized with the grace of Almighty God by 'Jeevan Dham'- H.no.696/ Sec-22, Faridabad. Obtain invaluable graces & heavenly blessings & witness the miraculous healings performed by Him.

WELCOME TO JEEVAN DHAM!