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LORD JESUS

You are first born from the dead
You freed us from our sins
You made us ministers of grace

Bring healing
to body, soul and mind

We celebrate your resurrection
and your life among us.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Amen

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Easter...a time of brokenness...a time of healing. As followers of Jesus the Healer we are called to reach out and offer a healing touch to others. The photograph on the cover and those that accompany the articles on healing were taken by Kathy Kline Miller.

Pontius' Puddle



ALWAYS.



ABSO-LUTELY!



AND HERE'S MY ANSWER: ABSOLUTELY NOT!



the use of her thumb."

We put our hands on JoAnn's shoulders. She leaned back and gave herself to our touch.

At breakfast the next morning Don called JoAnn over and showed me her hand. A thin pink line had replaced the infected wound. From that time on, though I did not push myself forward, I no longer avoided healing.

As I became increasingly involved with healing I became increasingly aware of healers. I had become director of Inward Bound, a program of spiritual encouragement opportunities within Baltimore Yearly Meeting. It seemed a natural step to include healing as part of our Silent Renewal Days. Healers are made available for anyone who comes to these quiet days of retreat.

Later, Inward Bound began offering an annual weekend workshop for healers. Sometimes more people wish to enroll than can be accommodated. Equally important to instruction is the networking that takes place. Healers who often feel isolated in the communities where they work fill themselves with spiritual camaraderie.

I have become part of a wide community of healers. When my daughter



tore up her knee playing soccer she called me in despair. "I went to an orthopedic surgeon," she said. "He said I need reconstructive surgery."

"Why don't you let me contact one of the healers I know and see if something can be done?" I said.

"I believe in that enough to think it might help after I have the surgery," she answered.

"At least get a second opinion."

A few days later she called back. "The second orthopedic surgeon made exactly the same diagnosis as the first," she said. "He even set a date for the surgery."

"Look," I said. "Why don't you let me call a healer? What can you lose?"

"Nothing, I guess. Go ahead."

I called Frank Massey and set up a date.

Frank laid his hands on my

daughter's knee. I knew by his demeanor that he thought she had accepted the healing. The surgeon was amazed. "Your knee doesn't need surgery," he said. "Do these exercises and come back in a month." A month later he told her to resume her normal activities.

In recent years I have been leading workshops among Friends who wish to explore healing. If scripture is correct, any of us who are willing to give ourselves permission can touch with healing hands. Perhaps we have avoided too long Jesus' invitation to "...do the works that I do." **Q**



Barry Morley is a member of Sandy Spring (Maryland) Monthly Meeting. A former teacher and camp director, he now travels among Friends and leads workshops on "The Theory and Practice of Spiritual Healing"; "Discovering the Language of God"; "Making an Intimate Relationship With God"; and "Sense of the Meeting as Spiritual Process."

Healing Prayer Workshop

By Richard Lee & Merry Stanford

Our Healing Prayer workshop consists of a brief discussion of the process of Healing Prayer and then an actual Meeting for Worship for Healing. This is intentional corporate worship where individuals are held in the light of the love of God. Each person is held individually in prayer "for a time as the Spirit moves amongst us." A convenor draws up the slate of requests, calls the name and the condition into prayer and closes the worship.

The following suggestions for a Healing Prayer Meeting are from our workshop:

1. Two or more Friends need to be present for worship.
2. The intent is to benefit someone with prayer who wants to be assisted.
3. The person with the request need not be present.
4. Discuss each Friend's request briefly before worship and have a clear idea of the request and of the need.
5. Hold each Friend separately in the Light as the Spirit moves.
6. Spoken message, prayer or song is not uncommon.
7. Meet regularly and note the progress of individuals who have been held in the Light over a period of time.

Through experience, we have found that no more than seven or eight requests for prayer generally can be undertaken in Meeting for Worship for

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6127, San Antonio, 78209; (210) 945-8456.

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ington 173 N. Prospect; (802) 660-9221. Worship 0 a.m. Sunday. nfield Friends Meeting, off Lower Martin Meadows. ship 10:30 a.m.; contact clerk (802)476-4547.

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roletteville Discussion 9:45 a.m., worship 8:30 and 11 (childcare available) except summer, worship only and 10 a.m. 1104 Forest St.; (804) 971-8859.

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folk Somerton Friends Meeting, 5325 Quaker Dr. Suf- 2347. Bible school 10 a.m.; meeting for worship 11 Tony Lowe, clerk; (757) 686-8513.

gina Beach Friends Meeting, 1537 Laskin Rd. Adult t day school 10 a.m.—child care. Meeting for worship onservative manner 11 a.m.—child care. Children's t day school (0-18 yrs) 11 a.m.; (804) 428-9515.

liamsburg Unprogramed meeting for worship 4 p.m. days. 1333 Jamestown Rd.; (757) 229-6693.

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revue Eastside Friends Mtg. 4160 158th Ave. S.E.; ship 10 a.m., study 11; (206) 747-4722 or 547-6449.

OUTSIDE THE U.S.A.

ANADA

awa, Ontario Worship & First-day school, 10:30 a.m. Fourth Ave.; (613) 232-9923. Worship group located Killaloe.

onto, Ontario 60 Lowther Ave. (North from cor. Bloor Bedford) Meeting for worship every First-day 11 a.m. t day school same.

MAICA

ington, Jamaica Kingston Monthly Meeting, 11 edonia Ave. Yearly Meeting Office/Friends Centre, 92-71. Unprogramed worship and S.S., 10 a.m.

ington, Jamaica Worthington Monthly Meeting, 4 rthington Ave., Kingston 5. Programed worship 9 a.m.

EXICO

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Mexico City, Friends Meeting Sundays 11 a.m. ph. (011-52-5) 705-0646. Friends Center, Casa de los Amigos. Reasonable accommodations. Reservations recommended. Ignacio Mariscal 132, 06030 Mexico, D.F.

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anagua, Nicaragua El Centro de los Amigos, Aptdo 5391, Managua, Nicaragua. Call 011-505-2-660984 or 011-505-2-663216 for directions.

RAMALLAH

amallah, Palestine Sunday worship group 10:30 a.m. Contact Jean Zaru, P.O. Box 1325, Ramallah via Israel, 02- 952-741.

SWITZERLAND

Koinonia Fellowship in the Swiss Yokefellow House CH 3432 Lützelflüh, near Bern, Switzerland. Daily Meeting for Worship; possibility to stay. Write to Hans & Susi Schuppli. Tel. 011 41 34 613287.

Zurich, Switzerland Meeting held each Sunday at 10 a.m. except Whitsun (Yearly Meeting). Seminarstrasse 19. Zurich, near Schaffhauser-Platz trams 7, 11, 14, and 15. (c/o Mutterschule).

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Healing. Attempting too many requests at one time is both tiring and counterproductive. We have found that healing can take place on many levels and in many ways. Healing can range widely from a physical condition to a condition of a heart or a soul or the heart and soul of our neighborhood, community or nation. What we strive for in prayer is God's will and for wholeness. Healing may appear in a manner other than we anticipated. Sometimes healing comes in the form of a good death.

The divine gift of healing through gathered prayer is a loving, powerful and elegantly simple practice. We have heard from many an expressed desire to see this gift of the Spirit rekindled. The need for prayer of all kinds is great. We have come out of the Healing Prayer experience much augmented in love and much in awe of the power of God. Having learned that we are all in need of healing and that we all can be vehicles for the healing of others, we are committed to assisting the Spirit in this venture.

This year, 1997, marks the 62nd year of the formal existence of the Friends Fellowship of Healing, the British healing association of Friends. Their publication, *Towards Wholeness*, provides a faithful witness to the presence of healing among Quakers today. Many of these Friends have a personal focus on conveying the corporate experience of the healing gift of God's holy presence and grace. The Fellowship also provides information on how to start a local Meeting for Healing.

Richard Lee first encountered Healing Prayer with his English grandmother among Friends who met in her home in Frampton on Severn during the 1960s and 70s. Merry Stanford has been instrumental in establishing a monthly Meeting for Worship for Healing. They offer workshops and hold Healing Prayer Meetings wherever a need is expressed.

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