



Reflections on 'The Greater Things'

"Amen, Amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." (John 14:12)

POPE FRANCIS TO PRIESTS: RUN LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSES

This summer Pope Francis told 1,000 priests who gathered in Rome for a weeklong retreat to share Baptism in the Spirit with their congregations. At this worldwide retreat in Rome for clergy at St. John Lateran Church in Rome, Pope Francis reminded these men, who traveled from 90 different countries, that they are dispensers of grace for the Church and that they can never love or forgive too much.

"Speaking of dispensers of grace, I ask each and all of you that as part of the current grace of Charismatic Renewal, you organize seminars of Life in the Spirit in your parishes and seminaries, schools, in neighborhoods, to share Baptism in the Spirit," said the Pope. "It is catechesis. It is catechesis that produces, by the work of the Holy Spirit, the personal encounter with Jesus who changes our life."

The weeklong retreat these clergymen attended was organized by the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services (ICCRS) and the Catholic Fraternity. It featured talks by Cardinal Peter Turkson, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, and Patti Mansfield, one of the American students who experienced the birth of the renewal of the Holy Spirit in the 1960s and set the Charismatic Renewal movement in motion.

ICCRS president Michelle Moran said: "During the prayer for Baptism in the Spirit, some of the bishops were called to the front to bless the priests. The atmosphere was totally anointed. As I looked out at the 1,000 priests praying in tongues with their hands raised, it was as if the Lord was saying 'this is my Church'."

"It was an amazing experience to hear a thousand priests praising God in tongues," said Fr. Pat Lynch of the Ceili Community in Ireland. **"It must have rocked the foundations of hell."**

Fr James Evans, from Northampton diocese, said that his parish had recently run *The Gift*; a series of sessions teaching people how to encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith – which has received an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis – and as a newcomer to Charismatic Renewal he found the retreat in Rome served as his own Life in the Spirit seminar. "We will see where the Holy Spirit guides us and takes us in the parish," he added.

Fr. Victor Vella of Southwark diocese said that it was "the best retreat in my 29 years as a priest." "The message that I took away with me was the more [of God's love we have], the more effective our ministry will be," said Vella. "This comes from prayer and the spiritual anointing of the Holy Spirit. We can only be effective if we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us. The highlight for me was Saturday evening, which the whole retreat built up to, when we prayed for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit." "I believe I received the gift of tongues, which I have wanted for a long time. It was a very powerful and moving occasion. I saw priests who had never waved their hands before, lifting them up."

*Source: <http://www.ccr.org.uk/articles/pope-tells-priests-run-life-in-the-spirit-courses/>



Pope St. John XXIII:

"Lord, renew your wonders in our time, as by a new Pentecost." (p. 33)

Blessed Pope Paul VI:

"We cannot but desire that these graces come – and may God grant it – with abundance. Besides grace, let God's church be able to obtain and possess the charisms... God grant that the Lord would still increase this rain of charisms to make the church fruitful, beautiful, marvelous and capable of inspiring respect, even the attention and amazement of the profane world, the secular world." (p. 35)

Pope St. John Paul II:

"... I would like to cry out to all of you gathered here in St. Peter's Square and to all Christians: Open yourselves docilely to the gifts of the Spirit! Accept gratefully and obediently the charisms which the Spirit never ceases to bestow on us!" (Pentecost vigil in St. Peter's square, 1998) (p. 35) "The Holy Spirit, while bestowing diverse ministries in Church communion, enriches it still further with particular gifts or promptings of grace, called *charisms*.... Even in our own times there is no lack of a fruitful manifestation of various charisms among the faithful, women and men." (*Christifideles Laici*) (p.35)

Pope Benedict XVI:

"Let us pray to God the Father, therefore, through our Lord Jesus Christ, in the grace of the Holy Spirit, so that the celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost may be like an ardent flame and a blustering wind for Christian life and for the mission of the whole Church.... Upon all of you I invoke an outpouring of the gifts of the Spirit, so that in our time too, we may have the experience of a renewed Pentecost. Amen!" (p. 35)

Pope Francis:

"I expect you to share with everyone in the Church the grace of the baptism in the Holy Spirit (a phrase we find in the Acts of the Apostles)." (p. 36) "A charism is much more than a personal quality, a predisposition that one can be endowed with: a charism is a *grace*, a *gift bestowed by God the Father, through the action of the Holy Spirit*. And it is a gift which is given to someone not because he is better than others or because he deserves: it is a gift that God gives him, because with his freely given love he can place him *in service to the entire community, for the good of all*." (p. 36) "The authentic charisms, therefore, come to be considered as gifts of indispensable importance for the life and mission of the Church." (*Iuvenescit Ecclesia*) (p. 37)

Reference: Stayne, D. (2017).
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The Word Among Us Press.



RECEIVING MY 'MORE'

THROUGH THE BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT AT ALPHA

by: April Blum

Recently, I was invited by a friend to attend an Alpha program. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. It's run in churches, bars, coffee shops and homes worldwide. Alpha is a safe place to explore life's biggest questions. It is for everyone, no matter where they are.

If God waited for us at the gates of heaven, He'd be waiting for, well, eternity. Of course He, being God, knows that, so he meets us in our brokenness and carefully, like any master horticulturalist, prunes away the diseased parts of the vine so healthy new growth can emerge and bear good fruit and future seed to plant. That, ladies and gentlemen, is what Alpha is: the seed. It is the seed of a fruitful vine cultivated through the Holy Spirit for the past 26 years over the entire world.

Let me tell you how the Holy Spirit guided me to this program, because, as always, God had a plan. To be honest, He was probably shouting the plan for months and I just wasn't listening, but He's patient. Through Alpha, I was brought into a group of people I either had never met or had not spoken with in six years. He brought us together because we had one thing in common: our group was looking for *more*.... more of God and the Holy Spirit... to be filled to overflowing! Our spirits were crying out, and let me tell you, He heard us. Our group of strangers and lost acquaintances quickly became a family. So much so that I find I miss them when I don't see them for a few days. Of course, God knew we were already family. We were created to be in communion with Him and with each other, like a family. Our group shared our struggles, we comforted each other, and we guided each other into a powerful renewal of our faith that we could not have imagined or foreseen.

During our Saturday retreat day, we were either baptized in the Holy Spirit or had a refilling. My experience was so profound that I would not be doing what Christ has called me to do if I didn't share it with you. The day was filled with emotion, coming to terms with our brokenness, addressing our sinful nature, and realizing God's *grace* through it all. Our group gathered in a corner of a gym and we began to pray. My team leader asked if I was ready to have a re-infilling of the Spirit and I said, "YES." Yes to God, yes to the Holy Spirit filling me to overflowing, yes to His love, yes to His grace...yes to His *mercy*! Before I knew it, I was speaking in tongues and I was no longer in control; God was. With tears streaming down my face, I was weeping deeper than I ever had. I was being inwardly touched and healed. I have never before experienced what I can only describe as standing under a rushing waterfall of God's warm love.

God's love filled me so fully that I felt it in my very existence. I was being filled and the Holy Spirit was gushing out of me. It was overwhelming and before I knew it, I found myself resting on the ground and being bathed in the warmth of God's love, full of tears and childlike laughter. IT WAS AMAZING!!!! Just sharing this with you brings tears to my eyes again! His love became more real and palpable than I have words to describe. God gave me, and all of us, the 'more' we sought from Him at the beginning of Alpha.

However, that was not all the Holy Spirit had in store for me. He was like the salesman you see on TV who shouts, "But wait...there's MORE!" As we prayed over each other, I was aware of a warmth that was flowing from my hands as I placed them on my friends and the love language continued to flow from my mouth. I saw vivid images of the people we

prayed for and God's words came into my head for those people. All the while, a deep and true peace remained inside of me.

Prior to this experience, I had prayed for God to guide me to where I needed to be, and He did. My small group is now part of my family and I have been guided by the Holy Spirit to lead the next Alpha for St. Joseph's Church/Bread of Life Community. I pray that you will consider joining us and share in our journey.

Come if you seek '*more*.'



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Thank you!

SPIRITUAL EYES by: Jaci Phillips, PhD

Now when the attendant of the man of God [Elisha] had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" Elisha answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." Then Elisha prayed, "O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 2 Kings 6:15-17

If only we could see the army of God that is battling every moment of every day, I believe that we would likely never have any anxiety or fear about anything in this world again. We all have 'spiritual eyes.' However, most of us are probably completely unaware of the spiritual senses (there are more than just seeing) or are able to see only very dimly. It's as if we are squinting hard to see into the blackness that happens when we turn off a bright light late at night. We see nothing. Yet there are things all around us even though we can't see them. We stumble around trying not to hit anything during what seems like an extraordinarily long period of time. Then our eyes adjust and we are able to see what was invisible to us only seconds before. It is the same way with spiritual vision. There is a period when we are unaware of this spiritual world that is around us and is interacting with us at every moment. But at some point, there is something that causes our spiritual eyes to *begin* to be able to adjust and see the things that, only a short time before, we could not see. Perhaps we became aware that the *guardian angel* thing isn't just a feel-good myth that we tell children when they go to sleep.

I am keenly aware of the many times when my guardian angel has miraculously intervened in my life and I become more and more aware of this as my spiritual eyes see more

clearly. One morning many years ago I was entering the ramp going from highway 90 to 79 on a very cold winter morning. When I got onto the ramp, I realized that it was a sheet of ice. To my horror, I looked up and there was a front end loader starting to cross over the ramp in front of me. The calculations were not necessary. I could not stop and that loader would be in the middle of the road when I hit it. I felt my time had come and prepared myself to hit it. I said the smallest prayer ever, "LORD!!!" The next thing I knew, I was on the other side of the front end loader and it was in my rear view mirror in the middle of the road.

Here's another story of my wonderful angel. I used to ask my angel and St. Juan Diego to wake me up at 4:30 am so that I could make it to Mass before I went into the hospital. I didn't think I could do it, but when I would say that little prayer before bed, I would wake up about 5 minutes before the alarm would go off and I would NOT BE TIRED!

Stories about angels were shared at a recent prayer group and there were many dramatic stories of the intervention of these angelic beings. At the next prayer group, a woman brought in two large feathers that appeared in her house in the middle of the worst winter on record with 8 feet of snow and single digit temperatures for 10 days. On the same night, another woman brought a small box full of feathers that she had been collecting for years that would just appear in the air out of nowhere. God is able to make us aware of the spiritual realm by sometimes making the spiritual physical-through sights, sounds, smells, feelings, dreams and visions, And feathers. . . Do not doubt it. I doubted the feathers when I first heard about them. Then I got my own feather that appeared out of the smoke of a blessed candle as I blew it out. "God forgive me for my lack of faith!"

There are indeed angels all around. They are there to help us in many things. But we don't take advantage of this fact because 1) we are unaware of them, and 2) if we are aware of them, we are unaware that they are there to do anything except stand a silent guard of protection over us. But we are their charge. They spend our entire lifetime with us from the moment of conception. These heavenly beings truly are in our corner to do more than protect us from a wicked tumble down the stairs (although that is much appreciated!).

St. Padre Pio kept his angel busy all of the time! He gave him work to do; work that he could not do. Padre Pio would tell his spiritual children that if they needed him, they should send their guardian angels to him with the message and he would pray. Indeed. When the spiritual children of Padre Pio would make their way to see him, before they had the chance to say anything to the Saint, Padre Pio would say something like, "Your baby will recover. I prayed for her healing." The dumbfounded parents would ask, "But.... how did you....," only to hear "You sent your angel and your angel told me." Padre Pio would also tell his angel to wake him up in time to say Mass, which he dutifully did. Padre Pio had good spiritual vision. He was aware of the reality of the spiritual world around him. He saw the poor souls in Purgatory. He saw angels. He saw demons. He saw Jesus and Mary. He often could read hearts and souls and would tell people what their unconfessed sins were so that they could confess them. He bilocated (appeared in two places at once) frequently to souls who were in desperate need of him. This is the reality of the spiritual realm. And we need spiritual eyes and senses to be aware of it.

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ALPHA PROGRAMS (WITH BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT)

St. Joseph's Center (behind the church)
147 West 24th St, Erie

March 7, 2018 - May 30, 2018
Wednesdays from 6 PM-8:30 PM
and starting August 22, 2018
Wednesdays from 6 PM-8:30 PM
Register by calling (814) 452-2982

GREATER THINGS PRAYER BREAKFAST

St. Joseph's Center (behind the church)

147 West 24th St, Erie

Saturday, March 10, 2018 9:30 AM
T.A. Walkiewicz, Deliverance
Praise and Worship, Prayer Teams
Register by March 7, 2018, \$8.50

*You may register on event day without breakfast included (\$5.00)
Register by calling T.A. at (814) 833-9717

SPIRITUAL GIFTS WORKSHOP

Location: TBA

Facilitators: Pat Montefiori and Jacqueline Phillips
Friday, May 11, 2018 6 PM - 9 PM
Saturday, May 12, 2018 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

THE GIFT SEMINAR (LIFE IN THE SPIRIT)

Friday, May 18, 2018 6 PM - 9 PM
& Saturday, May 19, 2018 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
St. Joseph's Church Hall
112 Rectory Ln, Lucinda, PA 16235

To register call Denise Varo (814) 744-8199
There is no charge for this course - Registrations required

PANEL DISCUSSION ON DELIVERANCE AND OCCULT

T.A. Walkiewicz and Dr. Jacqueline Phillips-Sabot
St. Joseph's Center (behind the church)
147 West 24th St, Erie

Saturday, August 25, 2018 Promptly 8:30 AM
Praise and Worship, Prayer Teams

Register by 8/22/18, \$8.50 by calling T.A. at (814) 833-9717
*You may register on event day without breakfast included (\$5.00)

EVENING WITH OUR LORD

St. Joseph Bread of Life Church
147 West 24th St, Erie

Worship by Jaci Phillips and friends
Friday, September 7, 2018 7 PM - 9 PM
Free Will Offering to Support Erie Charismatic Renewal/Word of Life Center

HEALING MASSES (SPIRIT-FILLED)

Sponsored by Son of God Prayer Group

Holy Rosary Church, 2701 East Ave, Erie

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 6:30 PM (Worship 6:15)
Tuesday, August 7, 2018 6:30 PM (Worship 6:15)
Tuesday, October 9, 2018 6:30 PM (Worship 6:15)



† SUNDAY

Shalom in Jesus Prayer Group

In home, DuBois, PA 6:30 PM
Rick Kenawell (814) 375-0328

Acts II Community

St. Julia Church
West Lake Rd. & Powell Ave. 6:30 PM
Jack Heintzel (814) 838-1325

Holy Crown of Thorns Prayer Group

First Sunday of the month
749 Bean Farm Rd, Sheffield, PA 1:30 PM
Lil Herbstritt (814) 986-3206

† MONDAY:

Disciples of the Holy Spirit

St. Mary's Church Annex
139 Church St., St. Mary's, PA 6:00 PM
Mary Ellen Frank (814) 781-3904

St. Andrew Chapel (formerly Leopold Center group)

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary
1116 West 7th St. 3:15 PM (before Mass)
Mary Lou Peterson (814) 866-5678

River of Life PG

2nd & 4th Monday evenings
St. Bridget Ch., Rm.4, Meadville, PA 7:00 PM
Amy Mosbacher (814) 724-6104

† TUESDAY:

Son of God Prayer Group

Holy Rosary Church
2701 East Ave., Erie PA 7:00 PM
Pat Montefiori (814) 823-3968

† FRIDAY:

Light of the World Community

In Home Prayer Meeting
Call for location 1:00 PM
T.A. Walkiewicz (814) 833-9717

† SATURDAY:

God's Holy Love

Holy Redeemer
11 Russell St, Warren PA 10:30 AM
Virginia Baker (781) 217-1683

CONTEMPORARY MASS

Every Sunday 11:00 AM
St. Joseph Church /
Bread of Life Community
Children's Liturgy of the Word

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Bread of Life Chapel
St. Joseph Community Center

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA

Every Wednesday 7:00 PM
St. Joseph Church / Bread of Life Community

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Seeing with spiritual eyes is within the power of the Holy Spirit. For some, the veil that separates the physical and spiritual realms is thin. The truth is that the spiritual realm is as real, if not more real, than the physical realm. Every living thing, the whole earth and universe, came into physical being from a spiritual nothingness because the loving creativity of the living God of the universe “spoke” it into being *from the spiritual into the natural* physical world. HE said “LET THERE BE LIGHT!” and light obeyed and took on physical qualities.

We exist because of a loving God who called us with a purpose out of nothingness and into physical being. “God said, ‘LET THERE BE LIGHT,’ and there was light.” But God also said, “Let there be _____,” (insert your name here) “and there was _____,” (insert your name here). You are God’s concept and creation that came from HIS loving creativity. The physical world flows from the spiritual.

Elisha, Padre Pio, and other Saints (from the Bible onward), had awareness and even actual vision into the spiritual realm. We, through the power of the Holy Spirit increasing our desire to see things the way that God sees them, can develop our spiritual vision to become more and more aware of the reality of the constant interaction between the physical and spiritual realms. It will change us. It will change how we see situations. It will change how we see other people. The angels are only one part of it, but a good place to start.

You can ask your angel for assistance. You can ask your angel to pray for you. You can ask your angel to protect you or to do spiritual battle for you. You can ask to be woken up at a particular time. Ask for your angel to give you inspirations from God to help you in your walk or a little nudge on your conscience if you are about to do something that it would be better for you not to do. Ask your angel to inspire people to pray for you if you need it. Ask St. Michael and the

Archangels for protection and healing. Angels will assist within the will of God. God has personally assigned each of us an angel. He has not left us alone and fending for ourselves in this life. We are surrounded by a “*great cloud of witnesses*” and those include angels. We can live like children who, because they cannot see something believe it does not exist. Or we can begin to live an increasing spiritual maturity recognizing, with ever increasing awe, how very real the spiritual realm is, how much we are affected by it, and how much we affect it (both good and not so good ways). Prayer influences it. Love influences it. Sin influences it. Become aware of it and influence it in good ways.

“O LORD, I pray, open our eyes that we may see. Behold! The hills [and valleys and houses, etc.] are filled with horses and chariots of fire” that most of us can’t see with our physical eyes. If we could see it, and if we are on the side of the Living God, I believe we would likely never be anxious again.

Jesus, You Make The Darkness Tremble!

Philippians 2:10-11 At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. (ESV)

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Speaker: T.A. Walkiewicz—Subject: Deliverance



Theresa Ann (T.A.) Walkiewicz is the Chair of the Board of Directors for Word of Life Center; the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for the Erie Diocese. She was introduced to the Charismatic Renewal directly by some of the students who, in 1967, first experienced the Baptism of the Holy Spirit at Duquense University. This spread throughout the world. She has been a teacher and leader in the Charismatic Renewal for over 40 years. She is a cradle Catholic and was a Sister of St. Joseph for many years. One of her greatest joys is helping people to experience a personal relationship with Jesus and to be healed and free. She is an experienced Spiritual Director and also has a ministry in deliverance. A God-centered life, Christian community, and using her gifts and talents for God's kingdom are central to TA.

AT THE NAME OF JESUS

DEMONIC ATTACKS: JUST THE BASICS

By Kathy Wilcox and Jaci Phillips

“A culture that stresses the activity of evil spirits may open the way to [demonic] oppression through an exaggerated fear of their power - but, paradoxically, a culture that denies evil spirits will render people vulnerable as well, because the enemy is not recognized”

(taken from: Deliverance Ministry, International Charismatic Renewal Services Doctrinal Practices, pg. 70).

Jesus gave *His authority* of power over demonic influences to future believers, “*And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.*”
Mark 16:17-18.

There are many different ways that we can experience demonic attacks and there are degrees of demonic influence. While this is a complex subject that cannot be covered in a brief article, the Charismatic Renewal recognizes that people have both a need and desire to understand how to deal with things within this realm. Last month we discussed a particular type of demonic attack; the spirit of python (see *Reflections; February, 2018*). This month we are going to discuss basics of prayer against attacks, in addition to covering other basics in order to raise awareness of possible activity and influence of the demonic realm.

Demonic attacks can occur internally in the form of thoughts, temptation to sin, deception from truth, fear, anger, and unforgiveness. They can also occur externally in the form of roadblocks, problems with electronic and mechanical equipment, accidents, and other similar things. While serious demonic issues are typically related to serious or habitual sin that is not dealt with, they can also be related to activities of others, including generational sins in our bloodlines (“*who keeps loving kindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no*

means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.” Ex 34:7) and occult activity (which is sin) of others directed to a particular person or object (such as a house or piece of furniture, etc.). There are also degrees of external and internal influence. Externally, through thoughts inflicted upon us by the father of lies, a person can be afflicted in a mild way or by more serious attacks called oppression or obsession. Oppression and obsession are forms of external spiritual bondage that can cause great suffering, with the enemy affecting the thoughts, circumstances, and body in a variety of ways, including severe depression, anxiety, thoughts, dreams, and obsessive thoughts about a person or situation. In general, and simplifying the subject, attacks are divided into attacks that occur from demonic influences from outside of the body (as mentioned), and demonic influences that occur from a demonic entity that has entered inside of the body, commonly known as “possession.”

If we believe that someone truly has a demonic influence on the inside, the general rule is that it is best addressed by the person the Church has given the proper authority to; the diocesan exorcist. For this, you simply need to contact the Bishop’s office of your diocese. The formal prayers of the Rite of Exorcism fall under the authority of the exorcist (conferred on him by his Bishop). To use these formal prayers without the proper authority invites spiritual retaliation since laity do not have the protection conferred by the Church. However, the faithful have the authority to pray deliverance prayers for all family members who are afflicted; whether afflicted externally by mild to severe external attacks, or internally through possession. According to the Introduction in the book “*Deliverance Prayers for use by the Laity*” Page 8, individuals must “remain under the authority structure that God has established by the divine positive law

(i.e., the authority of the Church) and the natural law to remain protected.” The authors go on to explain that we have the authority to command demons to leave our own body and those of our immediate family, such as children and spouses, through deliverance prayers, but not the formal prayers of exorcism. Children can also pray for their parents under these guidelines as long as they are in a state of grace and have an active prayer life. Eliciting the assistance of the Blessed Mother is highly recommended, as demons fear her most after Jesus. A lay person should never ask a demon its name or engage in any kind of conversation with it. As a final caution, laypersons are never to ask demons to name themselves, although knowledge of names may be given through the ministry of the Holy Spirit and can be used. But there is never to be interaction with demons. They are liars. This is how Eve got into trouble. She had a conversation with the serpent who persuaded her to sin. It should be emphasized that if anything other than general mental prayer is taking place, you should seek assistance from a prayer group or person within the charismatic renewal who has experience in deliverance ministry. Persons praying from the Catholic Charismatic Renewal will also be able to assist in determining when the person needs to be referred to the authority of the Bishop’s office exorcist.

We will continue examining this subject in coming months, including what to do if you have strange things happening in your home.

*“At the Name of
Jesus, every knee
shall bow;
of things in heaven,
on earth, and under
the earth.”*

By The Word of Their Testimony

"But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death." (Revelation 12:11)

by Elaine Sinnott

I learned through one of my recent reads, *The Power of a Praying Wife*, how incredibly powerful prayer truly is. It was an eye-opening book that made prayer so simple! This book listed about 30 different areas of my husband's life that I could pray for and one area was for the people he was around (at work, outside of work, etc.). Unfortunately, I never even thought to pray for that, but thankfully this book showed me many ways to overcome the enemy in my husband's life!

Because of this book, I had begun praying a couple months before my husband left for his deployment in January that God would place a good Christian/Catholic

man in his presence during this upcoming deployment. Lord knows he needed it because he was so rarely in good company on his previous deployments. I was *extremely* persistent with this specific prayer.

Two weeks before my husband was about to deploy, we were at Mass together and in the Communion line our pastor yelled out, "This is the one I was telling you about! He's deploying in two weeks just like your husband!" He wasn't talking to me or my husband. We couldn't figure out who on earth he was talking to. We continued back to our seats and were looking around trying to figure out who he was referring to. After Mass, I went up to the front to talk to a friend when a man tapped me on

my shoulder and said, "Excuse me, is your husband deploying?" I said, "Yes! You must be the one Fr. Larry was talking about. Where are you going?" It turned out he was going to the *EXACT SAME LOCATION* as my husband! And leaving from the *exact same place*, too!

The odds cannot even begin to be calculated. Not only did my Heavenly Father hear my prayers and find a Godly man to introduce us to, but He showed us a man from two rows in front of us at our very own church. This is our God. I'm still in awe of this!

Our God is a PERSONAL God! At that moment, I was overwhelmed by the realness of the love my Father in Heaven has for me; so much love that He intervened and made sure that we all met before they both deployed. He hears every request in our hearts, no matter how small they may seem, and He works out every minute detail to answer some of those requests because He loves us *that much*.

PROPHECY REPORT

24 Hour Adoration Vigil for Renewal and Revival



The members of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Son of God Prayer Group, and many others gathered in the Chapel at Holy Rosary in Erie to pray for 24 hours

straight for renewal and revival of

the Church, the diocese, the city, the country and the world.

Many people were able to pray for the full 24 hours and others came for 12 hours or several hours.

Father John Jacquiel, Pastor of Holy Rosary, performed Benediction at 10am on Saturday, January 27th.

Those who participated in the 24 hours felt the True Presence of the Lord with us. As we progressed into the night hours, all at once we all felt the atmosphere change, from power and worshipping the King, to "keeping the night watch" with our Beloved Bridegroom and friend. The intimacy was palpable and enveloped all of us. During worship in song, the Holy Spirit and intimacy were so palpable that an elderly man in the chapel, whom none of us knew, was weeping during the songs. Then he came up and laid prostrate before Jesus on the altar. Our hearts were completely rent open as we watched this act of pure spontaneous love, worship, and humility. As he later prepared to leave the chapel, he looked at us and shook his head "yes" while tapping his heart. We knew him not. Yet his image of teaching without uttering a word is burned into our hearts.

Many prophetic words were spoken during this vigil:

TA Walkiewicz: Revival will be seen in 2018!

Pat Montefiori: God has made us to be Davids! He has made us to fight giants in spiritual realms. We are His Army! Like David, we are not perfect. But nevertheless, we love the Lord and we see that there are giants to be fought in heavenly places that affect the Church, Erie, people we love, the Country, and the world, and we run into battle to defeat them knowing that the Lord God of Hosts is fighting with us!

Jacqueline Phillips: The Lord is saying that He wants to use everyone! There are none too young or too old to be used. He will use all! "I will pour out my Spirit on ALL flesh. The children shall prophesy with the adults. The young and old, the men and the women, will dream dreams, see visions, and prophesy! I will use everything and everyone who is willing. The feeble and fragile and the people confined to beds will be intercessors of the highest order. I will use the suffering and pain that they offer. EVERYTHING about God's people is precious to God. Every hair is counted and every tear is collected." He collects and uses every precious thing we offer Him. Nothing is wasted. None are too young. None are too old. None are too sick to be used. Offer everything so that He collects it and joins it to His precious suffering and Passion.

Pat Montefiori: Rivers of Living Water! If you are thirsty; just believe!

TA Walkiewicz: "Bow before Me, My people! Be in My Word! My Word is powerful. I am the mighty God! Now before Me, for I am the Living God! Bow before Me!"

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