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**Praise the Lord!** Once more we are happy to give you the dates for our next Conference. We will meet again at the same hotel, which was called the Wyndham Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel, and is now being changed to the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel. The Conference dates will be October 12,13,14, 2007. In the next few issues of the Paraclete we will give you all the pertinent information you will need to make your preparations early. Bring your friends and your neighbors. Our theme this year will be:

## **A Lamp To My Feet Is Your Word A Light Upon My Path**

**Psalm 119:105**



## ***LORD WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?***

By Charles Whitehead

Christianity isn't based on individualism, but on life expressed through family and community. We meet God in each other just as much as we meet Him in prayerful solitude. Hospitality is the friendly and generous reception into our homes and lives of friends and strangers alike. It's one of the oldest signs of a civilized society, and is central to the Gospel. God tells us it's not good for man to be alone—isolation and loneliness are not His will for us (Gen. 2:18). Very few people can withstand the pressures of life on their own—we all need close relationships in which we can share hopes and dreams, hurts and failures. Relationships in which we are known and loved for ourselves—in which we are accepted. Most people find these

relationships in marriage and religious orders, but also covenant communities, small local church communities, and prayer groups. These are places where people are committed to sharing their lives, and helping one another to grow as people of God.

### **“God sets the lonely in families” (Ps. 68:6)**

Most families benefit from opening their arms to those who do not normally live in the environment created by parents and children—the domestic church. The presence of natural relatives and also ‘adopted’ uncles, aunts, and special friends is mutually enriching. For someone living alone the knowledge that he or she is accepted as a member of such an ‘extended’ family, with the freedom to come and go as they please, to be involved in family occasions and activities as a member rather than as a guest, will be encouraging and releasing. Families are freeing institutions, opening the doors and windows of the jails into which we sometimes withdraw when we are alone. To Moses, God gave the family of Jethro (Ex. 2:11-3:1): God knew well that what Moses needed was love, an arm around his shoulder, a good meal, fellowship in a family. He needed to be accepted and understood. We must learn to refrain from giving advice, and simply follow the example of Jethro: “Why did you leave him alone? Invite him to have something to eat” (Ex. 2:21).

### **“Make hospitality your special care” (Rom. 12:13)**

The Scriptures are full of exhortations to be hospitable. Paul asks us to make hospitality our special care (Rom. 12:13), and describes an elder as “a man who is hospitable” (Titus 1:8). Peter tells us to welcome each other into our houses without grumbling (1 Pet. 4:9). But hospitality can be

demanding. It's one thing to extend hospitality to those we like—quite another thing to accept those we haven't chosen. It requires change and adjustment, wisdom and discernment—not everyone who comes to our door has been sent by the Lord. Some will distract, weaken, and exhaust us. They may disrupt our family life in a way that is not acceptable; hospitality doesn't mean turning everything upside down to accommodate the unreasonable demands of others. We'll soon recognize those the Lord has sent—they're usually willing to accept whatever we have to offer. But before we can receive them, we may have to allow the Lord to turn some of our ideas and values upside down.

**“Look, I am standing at the door, knocking”  
(Rev. 3:20)**

To be baptized in the Holy Spirit means to open wide the door of my heart and life to the Lord. It also means being willing to give Him the Keys to that door. Why? Because loving the Lord my God with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my strength, and with all my mind (Lk. 10:27) will be impossible unless I give Him everything: family, job, home, security—everything. When I do that I am no longer the owner—I become the steward. Now it's the Lord allowing me to live in His house—not me allowing Him into mine. So how am I going to react when the Lord sends along a neighbor who needs me or my help?

**“Love your neighbor as yourself” (Lk. 10:28)**

“But Lord, who is my neighbor?” I ask. It's a good question. Like the lawyer in the story of the Good Samaritan, most of us hope for an answer with limits—this one, certainly not that one. But Jesus doesn't set any limits. Our neighbor is anyone of any race or creed or social background who is in need—He includes them all. The needs of others will bring out different attitudes in me. Am I like the priest and Levite, like the innkeeper, or like the Samaritan? To the first two, the wounded man was just a problem to be avoided. To the innkeeper, he was someone to be served—but only at the right price. To the Samaritan, he was a human being worth caring for and loving. If we add Jesus to the list—the wounded man is someone worth dying for. Jesus teaches love without limits. In His terms,

everyone I meet is my neighbor. When we say 'friends', 'neighbors', or 'brothers and sisters', such words imply a loving, caring relationship. Do our actions match up to them? Jesus isn't going to ask us who we liked—He's more interested in who we rejected and did not love. When we call Jesus “Lord: we must be prepared to give everything to Him, knowing He will use it to extend His Kingdom. Part of our calling as Christians is to offer hospitality to those the Lord sends. It may not always be easy, but it will always be a blessing—to us as much as to those who come.

(Reprinted from ICCRS Newsletter, July-August, 1994. Charles Whitehead leads the Charismatic Renewal in England and is past-President of ICCRS-International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services—in Rome.)



## *Who Am I To Judge?*

Msgr. Bernard Powers

*I have not heard  
your unique call to creation  
nor seen the image you are to reveal . . .  
How can I judge you?*

*I have not tasted  
the bitterness of your burdens  
nor the gall of your Crucifixion . . .  
How can I condemn you?*

*I have not known  
the agony of your thirst  
nor the heat of your passions  
nor the burning desires of your nature . . .  
How can I criticize you?*

*I have not climbed  
the mountains of your life  
nor walked the valleys of your experiences  
nor endured the torture of your desert . . .*

*How can I despise you?*

*I have not heard all that you said  
nor witnessed all that you did . . .*

*How can I say you are not true?*

*I have not suffered your silence  
nor felt your loneliness  
nor your isolation . . .*

*How can I reject you?*

*I have not known  
the touch of your environment  
nor the struggles of your youth  
nor the burdens of your day . . .*

*How can I say you should not have  
fallen?*

*I have not prayed in your garden . . .  
worn your crown . . .*

*endured your scourging . . .*

*carried your cross . . .*

*suffered your Crucifixion . . .*

*Who am I that I should judge you?*

*My sister, my brother,*

*here are my hands*

*in tender compassion.*

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## ATTENTION

Because of the increased cost of printing and postage, we regret to have to tell you that this office will now have to ask for a minimum of \$5.00 per year to cover the cost of your "Paraclete" newsletter. For those of you who already send contributions specifically for the "Paraclete", we sincerely thank you. For those of you who have not, we ask you to prayerfully consider sending in your donation. We firmly believe that this newsletter should continue to proclaim the truth of the Gospel and provide you with information concerning upcoming events.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Monday - **Healing through the Word**

7:30 PM - St. Louis Church - Maria Vadia  
Hospitality Room A

Fourth Monday - **Mass and Healing Prayer**

7:30 PM - St. Bernard Church  
Celebrant - Rev. Robert Richardson

First Tuesday - **Mass and Healing Prayer**

8:00 PM - Nativity Church - Hollywood

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7:00 PM - St. Mary Star of the Sea-Key West

First Thursday - **Mass and Healing Prayer**

8:00 PM - Nativity Church - Indian Community

Last Thursday - **Mass and Healing Prayer**

7:30 PM - St. Monica Church - Opa Locka

First Friday - **Mass and Healing Prayer**

8:00 PM - Nativity Church Shrine  
Filipino Community

Forth Friday - **All Night Adoration**

St. Stephen Church - 8:00 PM

Concluding with Mass 8:00 AM-Saturday

April 30 - May 5, 2007 - **International ICCRS Conference**

**On Healing** - Francis and Judith McNutt School of Healing and Prayer for Leaders. The event will be in collaboration with Christian Healing Ministries Inc, and co-sponsored by the National Service Committee of the USA - Riverwalk Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida [www.ICCRS.org](http://www.ICCRS.org) - web site

March 15, 2007 - **Mass and Healing Prayer**

St Maurice - Dania Beach

For info - Anna 954 967-9533

April 16, 2007 - **Life in the Spirit Seminar** - 6 weeks

St Bonaventure - Davie, Florida

For info - (954) 648-6443

May 2, 2007 - **Life in the Spirit Seminar** - 7 weeks

St Bartholomew - Miramar, Florida

For info - CCS Office - 954 961-1856

May 25,26,27, 2007 - **Life in the Spirit Seminar**

St Justin Martyr - Key Largo, Florida

For info -- Valli - 305 772-3073

July 5-8, 2007 - **Women of Worship Conference**

Wyndham Lisle Hotel, Chicago

[www.catholicwow.org](http://www.catholicwow.org) - web site

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

## March

1. Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Mt 7:7-12
2. Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26
3. Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48
4. Gn 15:5-12,17-18 Phil 3:17—4:1 Lk 9:28b-36
5. Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38
6. Is 1:10,16-20 Mt 23:1-12
7. Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28
8. Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
9. Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Mt 21:33-43,45-46
10. Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Lk 15:1-3,11-32
11. Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 Lk 13:1-9
12. 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Lk 4:24-30
13. Dn 3:25,34-43 Mt 18:21-35
14. Dt 4:1,5-9 Mt 5:17-19
15. Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
16. Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34
17. Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14
18. Jos 5:9a,10-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3,11-32
19. 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Rom 4:13,16-18,22  
Mt 1:16,18-21,24a
20. Ez 47:1-9,12 Jn 5:1-16
21. Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30
22. Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47
23. Wis 2:1a,12-22 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
24. Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53
25. Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11
26. Is 7:10-14;8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
27. Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30
28. Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 Jn 8:31-42
29. Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59
30. Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42
31. Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56

## April

1. Lk 19:28-40 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11  
Lk 22:14—23:56
2. Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11
3. Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33,36-38
4. Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25
5. Ex 12:1-8,11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
6. Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9  
Jn 18:1—19:42
7. Gn 22:1-18 Ex 14:15—15:1 Rom 6:3-11  
Lk 24:1-12
8. Acts 10:34a,37-43 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9
9. Acts 2:14,22-33 Mt 28:8-15
10. Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18
11. Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35
12. Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48
13. Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14
14. Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15
15. Acts 5:12-16 Rv 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19  
Jn 20:19-31
16. Act 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8
17. Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15
18. Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21
19. Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36
20. Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15
21. Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21
22. Acts 5:27-32,40b-41 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19
23. Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29
24. Acts 7:51—8:1a Jn 6:30-35
25. 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20
26. Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51
27. Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59
28. Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69
29. Acts 13:14,43-52 Rv 7:9,14b-17 Jn 10:27-30
30. Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10