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What do we do when the Lord does not cure our loved ones?

There is no simple answer to that question as St. Paul says, "We walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:6-10). And when we walk by faith, we walk with the Lord Jesus and his Mother Mary and all of our spiritual family and friends. With our whole faith-life, we need to accept that all of life is a learning process. St. Julian of Norwich teaches me that truth everyday of my life; "all will be well again; all will be well again".

This wellness in faith means that we will be well in the Lord. As a student learning pastoral education with other hospital chaplains, my supervisor taught me a special "learning" years ago. There are three miracles from God that we need to pray for and accept. The first miracle of life is to pray for God's healing strength and miracle of life, remission or the cure. The second miracle of life is to pray for God's hope in our Christian lifestyle. To scratch the surface of any evil situation in order to find hope and a good news message of positive living in God's love is the second miracle that we pray for. The third miracle of life is what God gave to His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, life after death, the resurrection into God's Heavenly home. We need to pray for all three miracles of life, together and not to stop at the first miracle of life.



Elizabeth Kubler-Ross wrote about the stages of the grieving process. Those stages that we all experience when we experience any great loss or great disappointment are denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. We need to reach acceptance with the help and support of God and others, either professionally or in a support group, who are experiencing the same process of grief. We need to move through each stage and not to stop until we get to our goal of acceptance. Blessed Mother Mary did her "Via Matris" through her way of the cross with blind-faith in following Jesus; and so must we do it also.

As we were conceived on a special day, we will all die to this earthly life on a special day. Our goal is to get back home to God, the Source of All of our lives and love. And that special nature of
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us daily with our struggles. You know our needs. We also pray for all those suffering from cancer all around us, all over the world. Forever grateful, Daniel's Family."

Dear Friends of St. Peregrine,

Thank you Jesus, the Healer, for God's strength for us. Thank you for the prayer intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary and good St. Peregrine.

Last April at our Third Saturday morning Mass in honor of St. Peregrine, a dad came up to me for a blessing and reported this testimony...

"We come with thanksgiving for God's intercession for our son's healing, Daniel L. Today is four years that our son was diagnosed with leukemia at the age of two. He went through his three and a half years of chemotherapy treatments and is now in remission. We are so thankful and blessed. We pray that St. Peregrine continue to pray for us to our Lord for Daniel to continue blessing him with good health and help

St. Peregrine Ministry Mission Statement

With Mary at the foot of the Cross of her suffering Son, Jesus, We, Servants of Mary, promote and sustain the St. Peregrine ministry of healing and compassion.

Through our ministries of prayer, blessing, pilgrimage, reconciliation and evangelization, we accompany caregivers and those persons who live with serious illness, especially cancer, as they seek to find healing, support, peace and God in their daily lives.

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Another family reported that their son, who had testicular cancer had come to the National Shrine for the healing blessings. God heard their prayers through St. Peregrine. His mother showed me his recent picture on her cell phone. Her son is holding his first born baby son in his arms after his wife's delivery. Praise God for two miracles of life.

I was joined with many cancer survivors at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Almond, Wisconsin in April, 2017 for a Mass in honor of St. Peregrine. Blessings with the St. Peregrine's relic were given after Mass. They hosted a Parish potluck dinner for over 100 attendees from neighboring churches.

I also visited Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Denver, Colorado for their Saturday Feast Day Mass of St. Peregrine and the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13, 2017. It was Mother's Day weekend and many people attended the Mass and blessings. If you would like me to come to your parish, ask your Pastor to call me at 1(773) 638-0159 ext. 104 or write to me at chriskrymski@aol.com.

May we pray that more parishes will be open to the healing ministry assistance from our National Shrine of St. Peregrine, OSM.

Peace and Prayers,

Fr. Chris Krymski, OSM, and Staff of the National Shrine of St. Peregrine



St. Peregrine Prayer

Thank you, O God, as we praise and bless you, for all the goodness that you give to us this day.

Thank you for our Blessed Mother Mary and St. Peregrine, who have shared our life as our spiritual companions. May we join them in prayer; walking with other people through life's joys and sorrows.

Thank you, O God, for Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, who help us to be motivated in all of our therapy programs. Help us to motivate others to become closer to you. May we share a smile with our caregivers.

Grant our petitions, O God in your great love and mercy for us. (Now name your petitions) Thank you for blessing us as God's Children of the Light, Hope and Love. We ask this, through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Travelling Image of St. Peregrine

Like the travelling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, I would like to send you two travelling images of St. Peregrine's life that have been blessed here at the National Shrine of St. Peregrine in Chicago, IL. I want you to host the blessed images in a special place in your home for a week. It would be great to call together a gathering of persons who want to pray for others who have cancer and serious illness of mind, body, spirit and soul. You may pray the rosary together as well as the official prayers from the National Shrine. Let us know how the home prayers were conducted by photos or testimonies.

If you would like to receive the travelling images and official prayers, please write to me here at the National Shrine of St. Peregrine to begin a spiritual journey of healing and peacemaking across the country. Thank you.



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our human selves needs to be accepted in order to find peacemaking of our mind, body, spirit and soul. The opposite of all of our fears is God's love and family and friends love in us. That needs to be our constant reminder for the healthy and not so healthy.

Losing both parents at an early age, I have learned to turn my negative questions around. Not being able to answer, "Why God did you allow my loved ones to suffer, to die and be separated from me?" But to answer the more positive question, "Why God did you give my loved ones life in the first place? And how has their lives supported me in a healthy, positive way?"

I truly believe that all my loved ones who have died to cancer and serious illness or accidents are with God eternally. God is in us; in all of our hearts and souls. So our loved ones are in us as well as we accept the Holy Eucharist of the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the visible face of God for us.

So give your denial, anger, bargaining, depression to the Lord for God knows what to do with it. Ask God to help you reach ACCEPTANCE; "for we walk by faith and not by sight". And we will all join our loved ones someday in God's Heavenly Home, in love forever.

- Fr. Chris Krymski, OSM

Book Review: Mary Help in Hard Times, Stories and Prayers

Sister Marianne Lorraine Trouve, FSP has written and compiled a wonderful little book on our Blessed Mother Mary. It is published by Pauline Books and Media, 2014.

Her first seventeen pages are on "Mary, Helper of the Sick." She concludes each short section with reflection questions. As she reflected upon the words of Blessed Mary to St. Juan Diego at Guadalupe, "Am I not your mother? Do you need anything else? She was speaking to us too."

Brother Peregrine prayed at the fresco image of Jesus crucified with Blessed Mother Mary on the left side and John, the beloved disciple on the right side of the Cross. And so it is; a community at prayer for others at the many crosses that challenge us today.

Thank you, Sr. Marianne, for all the testimonies that you have collected in your book that give us encouragement. I am sure that you can find Sr. Marianne's book at many religious book stores or on-line. It is small but very mighty in spirit.



Your donation will help us to continue the good works of our Ministry Office in publishing and distributing this newsletter free of charge to parishes, hospitals and prayer centers across the country. Please help us spread the good word that others are praying for those with serious illness. Thank you and God bless!

Thank you, St. Peregrine *-notes received at the National Shrine of St. Peregrine*

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ for helping all children who are seriously ill this day. Bless them with your Spirit of Healing through the intercession of St. Peregrine.

Dear St. Peregrine, thank you for all the healing that have taken place in so many of us who have been recommended to you. Thank you, dear Servant of our Lord and His Mother Mary...Amen.

Thank you God for Fr. Robert Powell, OFM and all others who need special healing prayers today. God bless them all.

Dear St. Peregrine,
Thank you for your love and blessing. I humbly ask for your prayers and blessing for myself, my father and my nephew. May God heal my nephew's broken body and spirit...Amen.

Dear Saint Peregrine,
Thank you for your devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ and for your intercession in my healing. Thank you Holy Spirit for our journey.

Thank you God for all the pilgrims who come to this Saturday Mass in honor of St. Peregrine. Please be our remedy for cancer and all serious illnesses. Thank you, God for helping all doctors and scientists to discover many cures for many diseases, Amen.

At the National Shrine of St. Peregrine (Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica in Chicago), a healing Mass and blessing with the relic of St. Peregrine is celebrated at 11:00am on the third Saturday of the month. There is a healing Mass and blessing in Spanish on the second Saturday of each month, also at 11:00am.