



And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints...
Ephesians 6:17-18

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Please take a moment to pray for the National Service Committee, its people and its initiatives. Please forward this e-newsletter to intercessors in your community or area and feel free to print copies for your prayer gatherings and to give to intercessors who don't receive e-mail. *Thank you from the NSC.*

WELCOME

The purpose of this newsletter is:

1. To recruit intercession on behalf of the NSC, its members and initiatives, and on behalf of the broader Renewal. We do this by providing specific prayer intentions for you to focus on each quarter.
2. To be an encouragement to you as an intercessor; or as a leader reaching out to intercessors, and to give you ideas of ways to mobilize intercessors in your parish, prayer group or diocese. We do this through offering testimonies, resources and event suggestions.
3. To thank you for your intercession and thank God for answers to prayer.

As you join us in prayer as we usher in the new calendar year of 2012, we welcome your feedback about activities which you as an individual or your prayer group or community sponsor and/or engage in during this time, as well as reports concerning God's answers to your prayers.

We welcome your input concerning this edition and your ideas for future editions of this e-newsletter as we work to make it a useful tool to aid you in your intercession for the Renewal.

Send comments to:

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Theme: Let us focus on moving into 2012 fearlessly, with Faith and Expectation that *God* will move in a mighty way through His people. The perfect love of God can make us **fearless**, even though we may face challenges we have never experienced before. Be confident that the Holy Spirit will be with us guiding and encouraging us.

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Intercessory Prayer Requests:

Please pray for the upcoming meeting of the NSC, which will occur in Tampa on January 20-22, and for the Gathering of National Leadership Groups: Catholic Charismatic Renewal, also in Tampa, January 23-25.

We encourage you to join us in a special day of prayer on Friday, February 17th (the Friday before Ash Wednesday), as we pray and fast for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Charismatic Renewal and the whole Church. Let us pray especially that we and all the Church will be open to the Spirit's work of inner transformation, overcoming temptations and the influence of the flesh, so that we can live more fully in the Spirit, and that the power of the Spirit will be unlocked for all his people. This day is one of 3 days when we are especially encouraged to intercede for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church (for more information go to: www.nsc-chariscenter.org/IntercessionBrochure.htm).

We once again ask your prayers for the NSC as they continue to try to identify people to fill the spots that have been or will soon be vacated. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will direct them to people with the necessary gifts and resources to fill these important positions. Pray for discernment on the part of those who are nominated, to respond according to the Lord's will.

Please pray for the 45th Anniversary Conference that will be held in Philadelphia June 1-3, 2012. Pray for the speakers and all those involved in preparing for it. The focus will be on "praying with one heart

together with Mary in the Upper Room" - to give thanks for what the Lord has accomplished in our lives and in the Renewal in the U.S. and to begin a time of preparation for our Jubilee in 2017. We will be seeking a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Renewal and upon the Church in the U.S.

Prayer Suggestions:

Lent offers many prayer opportunities that aren't available to us all the time, such as communal Stations of the Cross and Vespers. Lent is also the time to strengthen our commitment to spiritual practices that are available all year round, such as regularly scheduled "appointments" with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



Answers to prayer

Carol Sikorski, from Missouri had this to share concerning the National Leaders' and Ministries' Conference in Baltimore last November: "The highlight for me was the time before each session when the Intercessors gathered to pray for blessing and protection for all aspects of the conference. Intercessors from the local area and from across the country joined in the intercession and a powerhouse of tongue-speaking, scripture reading, exhortations, and prophecy exploded as the prayers stormed heaven! What may have been a responsibility to intercede became a life-giving blessing where Holy Spirit power filled our hearts. I thank the Lord for the privilege of praying with those warriors of prayer that He raised up. I think this was a particular blessing because often in our own geographical area we don't see or experience the strength and wisdom of the Lord that prayer warriors coming together from all parts of the country gives. It is like bringing the individual red hot coals, that on their own produce a love light, but when brought together produces a fire so much brighter and stronger. Let the fire burn!"

Jean Peterson from Vermont shares: "This was my first opportunity to be part of the team of people who signed up for shifts in the 'healing prayer ministry room'. I was humbled by the faith and openness of those seeking prayer as well as by the other team members with whom I was privileged to pray. It was beautiful to see how the Holy Spirit wove the individual threads of knowledge given to each intercessor into words that served to both clarify situations and encourage those who came for prayer. It is definitely something I will sign up for again in the future!"

A brief reminder of the power of intercession

Virginia King, from Washington, shared: "Recently I heard about a group of Catholic charismatics who wanted to form a prayer group in their parish. They approached the Pastor and were asked to wait, and to participate in other parish activities for a year, before he made a decision. They were aware that some members of the Parish Council were resistant to the Charismatic Renewal so they understood why the Pastor was being cautious. They happily continued their other involvement in the parish and, at the end of the year, they again asked the Pastor for permission to form a Charismatic Prayer Group.

The Pastor said he would think about it, but the group didn't get a sense that he was very enthusiastic about the idea. So they said "We need to pray more!" They made a commitment to make a novena together. For nine days they all agreed to get up at 3 AM and pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the intention of being able to start the prayer group.

At the end of the nine days, they were amazed at how God answered their prayer. Not only did the Pastor give them permission, but he announced it at a Parish Council meeting and addressed the people who were resistant by telling them, "I fully support the Charismatic Prayer Group. I know this will be good for our Parish." Glory to God who hears us when we cry out to Him!

"Magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. In my misfortune I called, the Lord heard and saved me from all distress." Psalm 34:4, 7