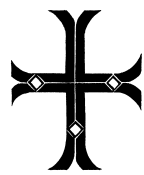


Healing in the Maranatha Community



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Our prayer is, Come, Lord Jesus!

The Community

The Maranatha Community comprises men and women from all the main Christian traditions. They are all committed to the life of their local church but they confirm their essential unity with Christians of other denominations throughout the world.

The Community is committed to unity, renewal and healing. It positively helps and encourages its members to be more effective Christians in the places where they live, work and worship. For thirty years it has been deeply involved in work for reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

The Starting Point

We believe that healing is at the centre of the Christian Gospel. We believe that Christ's mission is to heal and to save. We believe that we are all damaged and in need of healing. We live in a wounded, diseased and hurting world which desperately needs the healing touch of Jesus. Healing embraces the whole person and the whole of society.

Our mission as Christians is to be healed and to be instruments of healing. We believe that all healing comes from God and day by day we are privileged to see God healing men and women in body, mind and spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are at the heart of the healing process.

The Ministry

Maranatha works closely with the various churches and in its healing work is affiliated to The Fellowship of Christ the Healer. It has close contact with Christian healing centres in many parts of the world.

As the Community shares closely with various Christian healing groups it is constantly developing its understanding of the nature of Christ's healing.

The healing ministry of Maranatha has developed over the years. Healing services have been held in numerous churches and many courses have been arranged to help individual Christians to understand the healing ministry.

At all Maranatha gatherings, there is evidence of Christ's healing. The Community adheres strongly to the belief that just as the human body of Jesus was the instrument of healing, so today, we who are Christians comprise the Body of Christ, and are called to be instruments of healing.

Often the ministry of healing and reconciliation involves bringing together people who have been at odds with each other. This has frequently happened in the troubled areas of Northern Ireland.

At all Maranatha gatherings we pray for one another's healing. There is the laying on of hands and there is the giving and receiving of forgiveness. Maranatha's healing ministry includes Life Prayer. This is not a technique but a spiritual discipline in which the life of the person being ministered to is placed before the Lord with thanksgiving. Generational influences are offered to God for cleansing and memories are healed as the months in the womb and all the years of life, particularly childhood, are gently prayed through. This prayer is dependent upon our listening to the Holy Spirit who identifies the areas of hurt and bondage which are in need of healing.

The Prayer of Abandonment is a prayer in which people surrender themselves completely to the Lord specifically praying over their senses, their mind and their heart.

Individual appointments for prayer ministry can be arranged through the Maranatha office. Maranatha teams are also able to run days of teaching and healing ministry. All Maranatha residential weekend events include opportunity for healing ministry.

Prayer and Medicine

The Community has close connections with the medical profession and with church leaders.

We assert that healing and curing are not the same - it is possible to be healed without being cured and to be cured without being healed. Maranatha is engaged in research in a variety of aspects of health and the dangers of complementary therapies.