

Dear Friend

Thank you for allowing us to pray for you today. Our hope is that you will have experienced something of God through our prayers and that you will find both encouragement and challenge for the future. We have put this letter together to further assist you in responding to what has happened.

If you were healed

If you were healed since we prayed, then we want to give God all the honour, because he is the one who has the power to do this, not any of us. This is why we do not accept any money or donations for what we do. There are a number of things you should do now:

- If you are on medication, **STAY** on it. Under **NO** circumstances should you stop doing anything a medical professional or counsellor has advised. We are not medically trained, so please verify what has happened through them, and then **TAKE THEIR** advice. If you have been healed, their verification is a great endorsement to others of what God has done.
- If you are a member of a church already, please go and tell the leaders of the church the great news.
- Tell people what God has done, and bring any friends or family along with you again. We will happily pray for them too, no matter what their condition or sickness, because nothing is impossible for God!
- Also please let us know you have been healed. It would be great encouragement to us if you could either come back or telephone the contact number overleaf to let us know you have been healed.

If you were not aware of any change in your condition

Sometimes it is clear you have not been healed. If that is your situation, don't worry... God still loves you! We do get many people who are not healed instantly but recover over time; many people come back to us the following week to tell us they have been healed. We believe that whenever we pray to God, he always responds to our prayer. He is the one in control, so we wait patiently. If you have not yet been healed:

- Keep seeking after God, and if you know how to, pray (for more on this see overleaf).
- If there is some improvement, but not a total improvement (which even happened occasionally in the Bible stories on healing) we would love to pray for you again. You can come as many times as you like. We won't give up if you don't.
- If there is no improvement at all after a week or two, then we will pray again (and again) if you like. We do not have all the answers, but sometimes we need to persist and try again.

Why did we pray for you?

We prayed for you today because God loves you, and we know that God can bring healing and wholeness into a person's life. An encounter with God can often bring with it a new beginning – a journey towards fulfilling your deepest needs, forgiving any wrong doing, healing your hurts and giving you a new and eternal purpose driven life. This is the experience of many Christians who have been touched by God, and who then go on to explore what it means to have a living relationship with him.

How do I find out more about God?

The following are some suggestions to help you find out more:

- **Join a Church:** There are many Christian churches in Weymouth and Portland, and the surrounding areas, which will welcome you and offer to explain the good news that comes through Jesus Christ. A list of many of those churches is included with this letter. Being a Christian is all about having that living relationship with God – a dynamic and restorative relationship that can bring peace of heart and mind, spiritual strength and joy.
- **Read a Bible:** we believe that the Bible is the spiritual handbook that reveals truth about life and God, having within it the guidance needed for effective everyday living. There are many modern translations which make it easy to read and understand. Start with the New Testament, perhaps the Gospel of Luke, which will tell you how Jesus heals people. We also have some free Bibles to give away from time to time, so please ask us.
- **Pray:** Prayer is simply talking with God. It doesn't necessarily need long or religious sounding words – you can just speak what is in your heart and mind in everyday language. You might ask just to know God more, that he would let you know that he is real and can be trusted with every aspect of your life.
- **Talk to Christians:** Come back and ask us any questions that you have, join a church, or talk to some Christian friends.

It is very important that you seek God and try to do these things IF you want to find out more. Knowing God is a journey, not a philosophy or an idea. It does require effort on your part now that God has taken the initiative to meet with you today.

Thank you again for allowing us to pray for you.

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"The Church in Weymouth & Portland" is a banner under which churches and individual Christians come together to live out practical expressions of their faith in support of this local community. We do not seek to represent or change individual church views but to unite believers in the delivery of Gospel based initiatives - to love, listen, care and help.