

**AMAZING GRACE INTERFAITH MINISTRY**

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**To: All Friends of Amazing Grace & News From The Heart Readers**

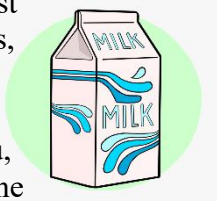
**SOME GOOD NEWS**

Whenever we find ourselves experiencing difficulties, we need to hold on to one bit of good news. Put very simply, it is this: God is deeply present in all the facets of our lives, even when they are painful. Bible teaches there is “One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all” (Eph4:6) There is no fear, no loss, no grief, no loneliness, no despair, no addiction, no desolation no suffering that God does not share in.

God is continually present and reaching out to you whatever you may be going through at this moment. When you know that God is with you, even when the world is falling apart, we all are more able to face the pain of situations with hope and courage.

**WHERE I FOUND GOD TODAY**

It was the usual Saturday frenzy at the grocery store. Everyone hustling by, strangers. But last week, something drew my attention as I neared the dairy coolers. A frail hand with blue veins, strained to reach the top shelf. An elderly woman was struggling to lift a gallon of milk. Suddenly, a lanky teen, earbuds dangling, showed up beside her. With a basketball player's grace, he snagged the milk, then set it in her basket. Her eyes shone in gratitude. “Thank you, young man,” she said her voice thick with emotion. She reached into her pocket and offered the teen a crumpled dollar bill. He flashed a grin and shook his head. “We all need a little help sometimes,” he said. He took her hand and gave it a gentle squeeze. Warmth spread through me. I saw God at work in that simple act of reaching for a carton of milk. The teenage boy didn't hesitate to help; his kindness reflected God's caring. There in that crowded dairy aisle, God reminded me of the power of compassion and the importance of seeing the divine in the everyday actions of those around us.



What will you find the next time you go to the grocery store or another busy place? Be alert for people you might help in little ways. Ask God to lead you in finding ways to show His love too others.

**HOPE**

Hope is a word that every hurting heart understands. Hope shines brighter than the darkest night. Faith is bigger than the highest mountain. And God is greater than any obstacle in your path. Anything can be accomplished by those who fully put their hearts into it. The time to start is now; the place to start is here. May hope cast its special light on your path and God bless everything you touch in the hours, days and moments still to come. *L Knight*

*Hope*  
CHANGES EVERYTHING

## GOD GIVES US FRIENDS



God gives us the seasons, each with its own beauty. Each meant to bring us a blessing, a joy and a feeling of love. God gives us dreams each with its own secret, each sent to give us feelings of inspiration, hope and peace. God gave us the sunshine, the rainbows and the rain, the beauty and freedom of nature to teach us the wisdom of gentle acceptance. God gave us miracles in our hearts and lives, little things that happen to remind us we're alive. God gave us the ability to face each new day with courage, wisdom and a smile from knowing that whatever sorrow or pain we face, He abides with us securely in our hearts.

Most of all, God gave us friends to teach us about love and guide us through this world, always available to help us forward to a greater understanding and a greater sharing and giving of love.  
*R. Hill*

## A DREAM IS MEANT TO BE REALIZED

My 3-year-old goddaughter, Miracle, loves a set of keys, like most children. Whatever bag she packs, she makes sure the keys are with her. She feels in her heart that somewhere at some time, those keys will unlock something magical, and her heart's desires will be fulfilled on the other side of the door. As adults, we are no different than a child. The key of magic and longing placed in our heart is still there, and we still carry our bunch of keys with us wherever we go. However, we await and prepare for our dreams, knowing we have the key to unlock the door of opportunity when it comes knocking on our path. We do our part and prepare ourselves so we are ready to receive.



Everything in your life has prepared you for where you are right now. You are where you are supposed to be and when your dream is ready and you are ready, it will appear and you will say, "I am ready." Keep walking, honor this amazing creation called you. Live as a miracle and your life will continue to bring forth many dreams.

## SMILE GOD LOVES YOU

A happy trick-or-treater at my door filled his basket with candy and gave me a huge "THANK YOU"!! As he walked away, he turned around, still beaming and said, "And I like your costume." I might have felt complimented....had I been wearing a costume!!!!

My daughter's preschool assignment was to draw a typical day at her dad's workplace. She drew a series of circles, which confused both her teacher and me since her dad is a doctor. When I asked about the meaning of her drawings, she looked surprised. "They're rounds," she said. "Daddy always makes rounds."





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## AMAZING GRACE INTERFAITH

Thank you to all who volunteer, donate, work at setting up and distributing clothing, food, school supplies, arts and crafts to the **Amazing Kids Connection**. Magen has enclosed some pictures of the **School Supply** event in September. We are always looking for volunteers to set up and distribute, if you would like to help out, please contact us! We are so grateful for the grant from the **Nicotra Foundation** of \$1,500. God will provide. And He does every time!!!

We have been in touch with the Principal of **Our Lady Star Of The Sea** and will be receiving beautiful children's **coats for November** and **toys for December**. None of this would be possible without all of you. May **God bless you** and all you do for his children.

**Prayers for world peace, peace in our country, our streets our homes!!**

Patricia R., Kim's family, little Molly and family, Rachel, Rob and little Robbie, Fran and Dick, Charlotte, Hector, Joie and Rafael, Sue and family, Blanny, Rob and family, Pam and daughter Lauren, Rosalie, Linda recovering surgery William G. upcoming surgery and Bob and me.

**Enclosed** is a flyer with information on our **Sunday Zoom Services** and on our **Thanksgiving Candlelight Service at Olivet Presbyterian Church**. We are grateful to **Olivet and Calvary Church's** for working with us to make all this possible. God will provide.



### 1-800 HEAVEN

The call is always ready, it's never out of date  
Nor is it ever busy, where you must sit and wait.  
The line is always open and God's forever waiting  
In view of all your needs, He's always contemplating.  
You will never be a number, and you'll never be on hold  
Nor will you ever be upset or left out in the cold.  
For God is always listening, He's line's direct to you  
He's with you every step each day; He hears your heart speak, too!  
The only charge you'll ever get is giving God the love He gives away.

### BELIEVE

Greta a 97 year old woman wandered away from her memory care facility. Law enforcement, a helicopter and volunteers searched for her. It wasn't the professionals or adults who found her; it was a group of 4 kids aged 10 and 11. The kids decided to join in the search. Their parents didn't take them seriously. What could a group of preteens do? The kids hopped on their bikes and scoured streets, parking lots, playgrounds. Just before dark they spotted Greta and talked to her and dialed 911. When a Washington Post reporter asked why they joined the search one 10-year-old said, "The four of us decided that we could do it," And that is what they did! Age didn't matter. "We really wanted to find her and prove kids can make just as big a difference as adults." One girl said.

*The mind that lives in faith can see no limitations, and knows  
that there are no limitations anywhere.*



## STATE OF BEING



Researchers at Oberlin College did a study of squirrel habits. They wanted to know exactly what squirrels paid attention to. When the researchers played a recording of the screech of a hawk the squirrels went on high alert. Then they played a recording of bird chatter from a bird feeder. They also played background noise from nature without bird chatter.

What they discovered is that squirrels relaxed when they heard the bird chatter. They relaxed even faster than they did to background noise without bird chatter. This got me thinking: If birds can calm squirrels by just being calm themselves, what power do I have to influence others just by my state of being? Can I cause others around me to feel love and joy by loving thoughts? If so, then I have the responsibility of which I'm not always aware of. I have the responsibility to always be the best I can be. It's a lesson worth remembering. Our thinking affects others. What is your mental atmosphere?

## LET'S GET TOGETHER AND FEEL ALL RIGHT

Each of the more than 7 billion people on this planet has a direct relationship to God. But if every individual operated without coordination with others, nothing can ever be accomplished. The unity between God and people is oneness. Guided by oneness, we seek beneficial relationships. That can reflect unity depending on what we do. The nature of God is unity. Therefore, our essential nature is also unity.

Why do we forget to treat every person we meet as our equal? Why do we allow hatred and violence to prevail? Why do we forget that every person is equally valuable and important to God?

Beginning today, let's break down barriers. Let's create or expand bridges between ourselves and all people from different cultures, different age groups, different religions, different professions.

Beginning today, let us remember that the same God that is in anyone of us is in all of us.

## HAVE A FUN FILLED HALLOWEEN AND.....

*Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand Love and Prayers Mary*

**Our Zoom Services are the first 2 Sundays of the month at 11AM  
Meeting ID 82340530576 Password 068808**

