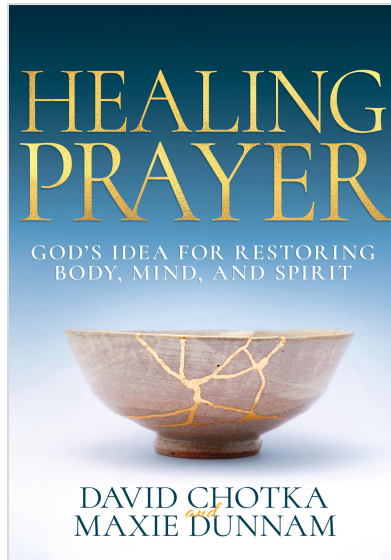




HEALING PRAYER

GOD'S IDEA FOR RESTORING BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT



Many Christians are familiar with the New Testament stories of Jesus miraculously healing the crippled, the paralyzed, the blind, and the chronically and terminally ill. But how do those ancient miracles help today's Christians currently facing terrifying diagnoses and illnesses? How are Christians to respond when someone we love is sick? Established authors Dr. Maxie Dunnam and Dr. David Chotka share their unexpected journeys of discovering God's idea for healing prayer in their latest book: *Healing Prayer: God's Idea for Restoring Body, Mind, and Spirit* (Whitaker House, releases November 2023).

Healing Prayer combines biblical principles with the practical implications of boldly praying for healing. With a combined 90 years leading in ministry, Maxie and David include testimonials of their personal struggles with believing and actively participating in prayer for healing. Maxie and David write that *Healing Prayer* "is about how Jesus' ministry of physical, mental and emotional restoration continues through ordinary people". Relevant for both seekers and skeptics of miraculous healing and intercessory prayer, *Healing Prayer* speaks to people's curiosity about whether God heals today, how He heals, and how Christians are called to be a part of miraculous healing.

Healing Prayer covers intriguing topics, including:

- The Biblical principles of healing prayer as God's idea – not as a human concept
- The relationship between Medicine, Miracle, and Mystery
- Eight misunderstandings about healing prayer
- Five different types of miraculous healing
- How to prepare yourself for prayer
- Christ's forgiving and healing presence within us
- How to organize a prayer team in your small group, church, or denomination



Healing Prayer offers unique features, such as:

- Practical prayer templates to guide readers in their personal prayer journey
- Meaningful questions for reflection and space to record responses at the end of each chapter
- Numerous testimonies highlighting the various ways prayer and healing intersect
- Sections for readers to create a prayer list and record answers to prayers
- Portions of the book's proceeds will be donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Associations in Canada and the United States

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his current role as minister at large at Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, he co-hosts a weekly television program, and he represents and champions the expansive missional outreach of the congregation, including his commitment to public education. Maxie has a passion for assisting ministers in their spiritual growth, especially those who are planting faith communities among the underserved. He is a prolific writer, having authored more than forty books, including *The Workbook of Living Prayer*, which has sold more than a million copies and has been printed in six languages. Dr. Dunnam has a doctoral degree in divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary and a master's degree in theology from Emory University. He and his wife, Jerry, an accomplished artist, have three children and four grandchildren.



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SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. You have contributed many books on the subject of prayer. What prompted you to write a book about healing prayer being God's idea?
2. What is the difference between "instant healing" and the "long time" dynamic of healing prayer?
3. Some find it difficult to reconcile the need for medical care and believing in miraculous healing. What can you tell us about the relationship between medicine and miracle?
4. What does the ministry of Jesus show us about praying for healing in modern times?
5. You mention the "indwelling Christ is to become THE shaping power of our lives". Can you tell us a bit more about the principle of 'Abiding' and how it relates to healing prayer.
6. You describe various ways in which prayers for healing were answered – many of which were answered differently than you thought they would. What advice would you give people struggling with God answering their prayers differently than their expectations?
7. What does it mean to prepare for healing prayer? What does Jesus' ministry teach us about our priorities in private and public prayer?
8. You acknowledge that sometimes when we pray for healing, and healing doesn't happen, we are perplexed. What are some of the "pitfalls and potholes" people may fall into when healing doesn't happen?
9. In your book, you describe eight misunderstandings about healing prayer. Which misunderstanding do you think is the most common?
10. In the closing chapter, you write "*the stance of classic Christian faith is to receive any miracle God wants to give*". Can you tell us a bit about what this means and the five miracles of healing that the Lord wants to give us?
11. A portion of the book's proceeds are being donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Associations in the US and Canada. Tell us about how this partnership came to be.