

Guideposts Partners

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Dear Guideposts Partner,

Spring marks a time of rebirth as the crocus pokes its way through the last snowfall. The earth renews itself the same way that we renew our Spirit during our annual Good Friday Day of Prayer.

My name is Oneida Alvarez, and as Senior Prayer Associate here at Guideposts I am busy preparing for Good Friday Day of Prayer.



Oneida Alvarez

Good Friday is a time to celebrate God's redeeming love and grace. And this year, on Friday April 18th, we will celebrate our 44th annual Good Friday Day of Prayer. Every Good Friday, for the past 44 years, we have opened our doors and welcomed the public into the Peale Center, in Pawling NY, to pray with us for the thousands of people who have asked us to pray for them on this most holy day.

I like to spend Good Friday at Peale Center, praying with my Guideposts colleagues and visitors alike – all of us joined together in prayer. We pray for ourselves, each other, our families, our friends and for all of the people who ask us for prayer.

Praying for others brings such a satisfying sense of peace and comfort, as well as a sense of joy, knowing that we can give back to someone who we may not know, but whom the Lord knows.

To hear how a special moment spent in prayer on Good Friday – or any day - changed a life is even more impactful. Shortly after a recent Good Friday Day of Prayer, we received this note from Susan*:

“I don't expect you to remember me. I just want you to know that the prayer that you prayed for me on Good Friday has continued to be a wellspring of strength. That was an awesome prayer – filled with the Holy Spirit!”

Susan went on to say that she had given up drugs and pulled her life together. She now has a job that she loves, and is once again committed to her church.

Last year, over 300 people visited our Peale Center Chapel in Pawling, NY. Some joined us to pray for others, others, like Susan, came for prayer for themselves, and some even joined us in prayer on our website. Whatever the case, everyone came together with the same mission in mind: to pray by name and need for the more than 18,000 prayer requests that we received just for Good Friday.

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Right now so many people are facing tragedy, illness and financial crises. And in spite of these troubled times, they ask for prayer not only for themselves, but for their family, friends, and even for strangers they've never met but have only seen or read about, who they feel are in need of the Lord's touch upon their lives.

Your generous gifts to Guideposts Partners helps keep our Outreach Programs, especially our Prayer ministry, growing by leaps and bounds. Please know that your monthly support of Guideposts Partners will help to sustain Guideposts Outreach during this joyful time of growth.

Thank you for your generous support and your heartfelt prayers. God bless you for all that you do.

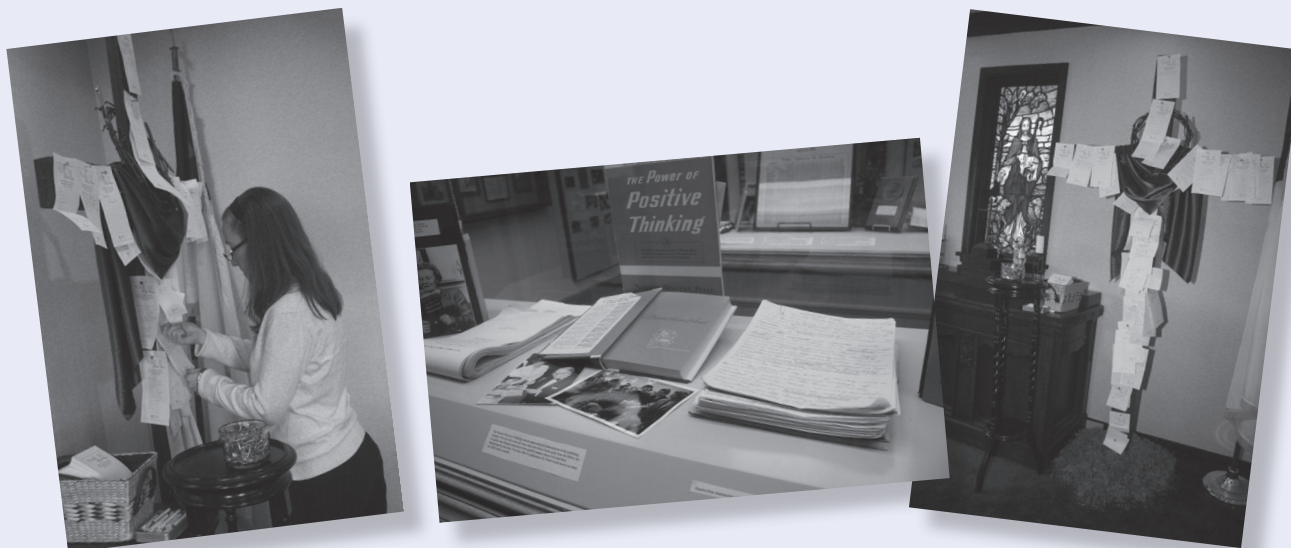
In His Service,
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Oneida Alvarez

P.S. There is still time to send us your prayer request for Good Friday Day of Prayer. Simply fill out the enclosed Prayer Slip, and include it with your regular monthly gift, if you wish. We look forward to praying for you on Good Friday.

This is your invitation to attend
Guideposts Good Friday Day of Prayer
Friday, April 18th 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Pawling, NY

If you are unable to attend in person, please join us that day through our website, www.ourprayergoodfriday.org. You will be able to access prayer requests online and join our community of prayer.

*we have changed Susan's name to protect her privacy



*Photos taken from past Good Friday Day of Prayer celebrations.