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FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the January 2017 edition of the Divine Love Newsletter. The past year was a wonderful year for personal and community growth as we stretched our wings, let go of control, and allowed God to carry us into higher realms of existence. We shed past hurts that weighed us down and habits which no longer served our souls' growth in the Love. Our prayers brought us nearer to the embodiment of God's Love in human form. As a result, we caught sight of each other, and the world, through our Father's eyes – the eyes of Love, and seeing everyone's ultimate potential despite present appearances. With each such glimpse we have been able to more closely embrace our true purpose here on earth. We are evolving into divine beings – angels of Love – called to bring Love and Light to those in our sphere of influence.

Let us keep the momentum of moving forward in Love by honoring our relationship with our Heavenly Father, with Jesus and the Celestials, with each other, and with our earthly brothers and sisters who may not be on the same spiritual path. We have a responsibility to take on more and more of God's Love and Light and to spread His Light throughout the world. Being an angel of God's Love is about prayer, mercy, gratitude, healing, and being open to doing His Will. Give up any self-imposed misconceptions of what you are "supposed" to be or do. Let go of unworthiness and false ego. God has great plans for you – don't put yourself in a box and limit your ability to bring glory to the Father. Imagine your soul like a flower opening up to the sunlight of God's Love. Be an open vessel and allow God's Love and Light to shine through you to others.

We always welcome your comments, as well as inspiring stories, project updates, retreat reports, articles, personal Divine Love reflections or experiences – anything that you think would be of interest to other Community members.

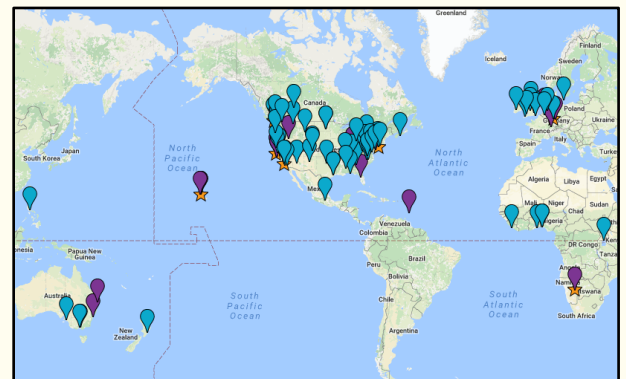
Past issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the [Divine Love Community portal](#) (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*).

The Editors

Contributions can be emailed to the editors at editors@fcdt.org
(Michael Nedbal and Eva Peck)

DIVINE LOVE COMMUNITY MAP

The [Divine Love Community map](#), (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*), has eight churches/prayer groups, 25 ministers, and 76 Divine Love souls registered. If you or your group would like to be included on the map, please send us your email address, location and a picture (editors@fcdt.org)



PRAYING ACROSS THE MILES

- Al and Jeanne Fike welcome you to pray with them – in person or simultaneously from your home – every second Monday in Gibsons at 5:30 pm Pacific Time, and alternating Mondays at Barb’s in West Vancouver at 6:30 pm PT. Prayer requests are welcome. Contact [Jeanne](#) for more details.
- The Divine Love Ministry invites you to join them for a Sunday Service on Skype at 11:00 am Hawaii-Aleutian Time. Services consist of music, prayers, reading, and channelled messages. Please contact [Michael](#) for more info.
- Tim Foley has a Meditation class in Sonoma, California every Monday at 6 pm Pacific Coast Time. For more information, please contact [Tim](#).
- Groups are also meeting monthly in South Wales, UK; Germany; and Abbotsford, B.C., Canada. For meeting times and dates, click [here](#).



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

- [Eric Worthington](#) is seeking a Divine Love medium that can receive a message for him as he needs some guidance and pointers on mediumship. He asks this from the bottom of his heart and in the service of love.
- Eugene Harris, in a Californian prison, has studied and enjoyed books from the church and even held for a time studies with fellow inmates. He would like to have letter contact (he doesn’t have email) with other Divine Love followers. If you would like to write to him, his address is: AS-1362, Valley State Prison, A1-11-4Low, P.O. Box 92, Chowchilla, CA 93610, USA.

RETREAT REPORTS

Oahu, Hawaii, November 29 - December 10, 2016 (Maureen Cardoso and Terry Adler)



Two back-to-back retreats took place in November-December in Oahu, Hawaii. The first of the gatherings was on the west side of Oahu, in Waianae, where Gilda Holy resides, and the second was on the north-east side in Punaluu, near the homes of Jimbeau Walsh, Michael Nedbal and Carolyn Stokes. Geographically, Waianae is drier, almost arid, and Punaluu is considered a rain forest area.

Terry Adler shared her impressions as follows: “Every spiritual retreat is blessed in many ways! Our Creator and Angelic Guides work intensely during these gatherings to help us open our hearts and souls to the Love. The most recent retreat I attended, from December 1 to December 10th in Punalu’u, Hawaii, was particularly rich in gifts for everyone who participated.

It was a relatively intimate gathering offering many opportunities for heartfelt fellowship – one-to-one conversations and sharing in small groups. After each prayer, we shared our spiritual insights and experiences of living with the Love on a daily basis, as well as stories giving testimony to the power of the Love to cleanse, heal and bring us into alignment with our souls.

Healing occurred on many levels, both within and among us, and flowing out to the community in which we prayed. Spirit gave us powerful teachings that touched our hearts and brought our souls to new levels of understanding.

We had many joyous social gatherings, especially those at Michael and Carolyn’s beautiful home and Al and Jeanne’s Punalu’u condo. At the latter event, there was a profound healing for Dorothy Clauson initiated by Michael and Carolyn and continued by Al and others in the group. Everyone present benefitted by serving as channels for the healing and simultaneously being recipients of healing.

Love bonds deepened, souls expanded with the intense in-pouring of Love, and awareness grew of the contributions made by such gatherings to those who participate and to the wider world, for which we serve as channels of the Father’s Love, fulfilling our souls’ purpose. More reflections and links to Facebook photos and videos are [here](#).



Photos by Allan Forest, Maureen Cardoso, and Terry Adler; graphic arrangement by Eva Peck

UPCOMING RETREATS IN 2017

Divine Love Safari - Namibia

April 4-18, 2017

...travel the land of big skies and open spaces...

A “Divine Love Safari” is planned from April 4 to April 18, 2017. (The Swahili word safari means a journey.) It will be a real adventure of experiencing many different situations in the flow of Divine Love. The specifics are dependent on the participants and what they are moved to do, however, the overall framework of planned events is as follows:

- **Tuesday 4th to Sunday 9th:** Swakopmund with twice daily prayers at the Merckers’ home, and available activities including desert tours, dune walking, boat tours, visit to the town of Mondesa, camel riding, quad biking, beach walks, and swimming.
- **Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th:** Erindi Private Game Reserve with twice daily prayers, discussion groups, rest, game drives, photography, etc.
- **Thursday 13th to Monday 17th:** Drimiopsis and Farm Elim which will involve staying on the farm and working in Drimiopsis during the day. Prayer and healing circles will be held in Drimiopsis and include healing work for the sick and children. Other activities will be building work on the orphanage grounds, gardening, teaching, travel to other isolated Bushmen camps, and a visit to the Harnas Lion Reserve.
- **Tuesday 18th:** Departure to Windhoek Airport which is a three-hour drive from the farm.

To save costs we’ll try and prepare our own meals most of the time. All expenses need to be paid by the participants. Some free accommodation may be available on a first-

Photo by Helge Mercker

Contact [Helge Mercker](#) or visit [here](#) for info. Places of Interest: [Erindi Private Game Reserve](#) | [Harnas Lion Reserve](#)

Indio, California – May 7-12, 2017

On May 7-12, 2017, FCDT plans to host a retreat at Holly Bianco's timeshare at the WorldMark Resort in Indio, near Palm Springs. Available will be a large four-bedroom presidential suite, a number of accommodation units, as well as a community room for the twice daily silent prayer circles and musical entertainment. The beautiful resort is near a golf course, a lazy river, and a trail for early morning desert walks. Facilities include several large pools and spas, an indoor gym and recreation room, tennis courts, and a mini-mart. Excursions are planned to the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway and Shields Date Farm and Garden. Registration will begin in early 2017, so for now, save the dates. Click [here](#) for more information or contact [Holly](#).



Photo sent by Holly Bianco

MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Over a year ago, after years of arduous work, **Geraldine Cousins** completed a **Spanish translation of True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus** (mentioned in September 2015 newsletter). The book is available at CreateSpace and [Amazon](#), both in paperback and Kindle version. Alternatively, contact [Geraldine](#) or call her at (813) 470-9831 and she'll be happy to order a copy for you at the cost for her, which is \$5.67.
- **Klaus Fuchs** has completed a **German translation of Angelic Messages of Divine Truth, Vol. I**. This is a much needed resource for those who speak only German. Much appreciation to Klaus for his hard work. A PDF version is available [here](#).
- **Tim Foley** has begun shipping pre-release orders of his **CD "At the Entrance Way"**. This special album contains songs for individual enjoyment and inspiration, as well as being suitable for sing-alongs at prayer circles. All lyrics are in complete harmony with the teachings of Jesus and so are an excellent way to introduce new people to the Divine Love truths. The cost is \$9 including shipping within the USA 48 states. Group/prayer circle leaders, please contact [Tim](#) if you would like shipment of five or more CDs. Non-US residents can submit their order and upon delivery pay an invoice including the shipping cost. For more information on the CD, contact [Tim](#).
- **Joseph Babinsky** revised and republished his 2008 book originally entitled *The Human Soul - Pathway Home* under a new title, ***Our Wonderful Soul: Experiencing God's Love***. He has offered it to some of his past clergy associates with positive results. The book is available at [Lulu](#).
- **Jane Gartshore**, with the help of Geoff Cutler, published a channelled novel, entitled **For the Love of His Own Creation: A Novel by Yeshua ben Yosef**. The story is set in an undefined period, possibly several centuries ago, in a time of severe Earth changes, and shows the challenges this places on the people of several towns. As the protagonist grows close to God through earnest prayer and alignment with God's will, he is shown a different path that leads to salvation. For more information, including how to download or order a copy, click [here](#).
- On December 18, **Kevin O'Neil** began to sponsor a **digital billboard** with the message "DIVINE LOVE...ask for it today!". Towering 50 feet above the New Jersey turnpike, it encourages travellers from Connecticut, New York and New Jersey to ask for God's Love. The contract is for 30 days, but the board manager is thrilled about the message and has offered to keep it up beyond the contract date! For more information or to help defray the cost of this venture, go to Geoff's new webpage at [his site](#) or contact [Kevin](#).
- **Catherine Kent** posted a one-hour Divine Truth **teaching video** on [YouTube](#).
- **Eva Peck**, who originally created the **Divine Love Resource Guide** listing Divine Love ministries in October 2014, has updated the last version. It can be downloaded from her [website](#) and the FCDT community [webpage](#). (The March newsletter will feature a related article on the *Growth in Divine Love Ministries and How We Can Magnify Our Collective Outreach*, so stay tuned!)

Contemporary Insights into the Prayer

In the [November 2015 newsletter issue](#), p. 8, we featured an excellent article by Ron Shoemaker entitled *The Prayer Perfect as the Way*. Ron sees the prayer “like a map, pointing to the path or way that will enable each human soul to become free from its finite condition and experience an at-onement with the Love of the Father.”

Joseph Babinsky sees the Prayer as “the way of soul transformation” – “a life-long process designed to change the soul of man.” The Prayer is answered by receiving the essence of God’s Divine Love which transforms the qualities of the person’s soul into a new soul. In an unpublished article written in 2010, Joseph wrote: “This is the way of soul transformation: It is the desire of a person to try the great experiment of prayer, and of receiving the essence of Divine Love to transform the qualities of the soul into a new soul. How does this happen? And what is the process? The process of soul transformation is simple, uncomplicated, easy to understand, and to do. All that is required is a sincere desire to begin to pray the Prayer that Jesus wrote one-hundred years ago recorded by James Padgett – received on Saturday evening, December 2nd, 1916.”

Bible Prayers for Divine Love

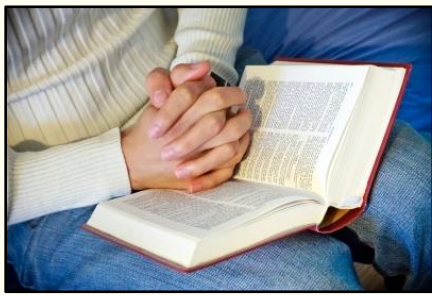


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The Apostle Paul’s letters to those under his charge, preserved for us at least partially in the Bible, also include prayers for the Divine Love. That this is so may not be recognized at first sight, but here are some examples with the relevant parts bolded and briefly elaborated on:

Ephesians 1:16-19: I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that **you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened** [*prayer for increased soul perceptions*] in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, **the**

riches of his glorious inheritance [*Celestial Kingdom*] in the saints, and **his incomparably great power** [*Divine Love that transforms our souls from divine image to divine substance and mortal to immortal*] for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ...

Ephesians 3:16-21: I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with **power through his Spirit in your inner being**, [*soul growth and soul perceptions through Divine Love*] so that Christ [*Divine Love*] may dwell in your hearts through faith. [*Divine Love in the soul*] And I pray that you, being **rooted and established in love**, may have power, together with all the saints, **to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.** [*all Divine Love here*] Now to him **who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us** [*the power of Divine Love, through which miracles can be performed*], to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Philippians 1:9-11: And this is my prayer: **that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight**, [*prayer for growth in Divine Love and soul perceptions*] so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God. [*righteousness through Divine Love transforming the soul.*]

Colossians 1:3-6, 9-14: We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your **faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints – the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven** [*Divine Love and accompanying faith*] and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood **God’s grace in all its truth.** [*Divine Love is a gift of grace*] ... For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to **fill you with the**

knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. [soul perceptions] ... Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. [Celestial Kingdom reached through Divine Love] For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, [Celestial Kingdom of which Jesus is the Master] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. [through praying for and receiving the Divine Love].

The Prayer for Divine Love on the Internet

The Padgett writings also tell us that all humans and spirits will have received the knowledge of the Divine Love and be given the opportunity to pray for it before the time that the Celestial Kingdom closes (TGRABJ Vol 2, page 273). We in the Divine Love community have the wonderful opportunity and privilege to assist in teaching both humans and spirits this truth, however we are not the only ones. While we do what we can, we don't have to feel frustrated or discouraged that our efforts appear to be small or insignificant. Each of us is a vital link in a chain and making a contribution, the result of which may not be known to us till we pass over. We may be pleasantly surprised or even shocked to learn how many people and spirits our loving example and efforts have touched and the ripple effect of those seemingly meagre efforts far and wide.

Several members of the community have uploaded creative versions of the prayer in video or graphic form, for example:

- Two modern versions of the prayer at New-Birth.net (Geoff Cutler) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/diveinlove) (post by Dave Kenney).
- A [video](#) (created by Helge Mercker – DivineLove PrayerSanctuary) of an expanded paraphrase of the Prayer prayed by Joseph at a retreat in Caloundra, Australia in 2014.
- A [video narration by Care Darby Walsh](#) (uploaded by Geoff Cutler).
- A [music video](#) rendition with the text on a background of roses (created by DivineLoveVictor).
- A rendition with [art and music background](#) (posted by Evolved Living Holistic Health Management).
- An [illustrated downloadable PDF](#) file of the Prayer (created by Eva Peck) with a [JPG here](#).
- Translations of the Prayer into various languages can be found [here](#) and [here](#).



One hundred years ago, Jesus gave James Padgett – and through him, all people – a special prayer for the Divine Love, which has also become known as the Prayer Perfect (there is also a totally unrelated Prayer Perfect on the Internet). Just as the Prayer didn't initially resonate with James and Leslie, even today it doesn't resonate with everyone in or outside the Divine Love community. When I translated the Prayer into Czech and asked a Christian friend to check it for me as far as the language, some of the concepts didn't resonate with her. Fortunately, the Padgett messages also show that a formal prayer is not necessary to receive the Divine Love; that some have the Love in their souls without specifically having prayed for it or formally understanding it; and that just soul yearning without even being in prayer will result in the Love being received. The most important is that whichever way each of us prefers to sincerely ask for the Divine Love, our loving Heavenly Father will respond. As we enter a new year and whatever challenges it may bring, may we always respond in Love – following Jesus' example and fulfilling his Eleventh Commandment to love one another as he has loved us.

Translators Sought for the Prayer

Joan Warden is working on The Prayer for Divine Love Translation Project with Ian Nicol for his website [Truth for all People](http://TruthforAllPeople.com). Besides English, the Prayer now has authentic translations in Chinese, Spanish, German, Danish, Norwegian, Czech and Dutch. If you can write in another language and would be willing to translate the Prayer and to share it, please contact [Joan](#) or Ian through his [website](#). Thank you and God bless.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—MARCH 3, 2017



Last September, a newsletter reader brought to our attention, and suggested an inclusion of, the World Day of Prayer held annually on the second Thursday in September by the [Unity organization](#). This is a 24-hour Prayer Vigil celebrated at Unity Village and in Unity centers and churches around the world. Another [World Day of Prayer](#), held on the first Friday in March, is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome others to join them in prayer and action for peace and justice. Since the Divine Love Community is a praying community, and since it is a well-known fact that mass prayer and/or meditation can have a

significant positive impact on our immediate environment and the world at large, why not consider joining this global undertaking in spirit?

It is a documented fact that mass prayer and/or meditation can have a significant positive impact on our immediate environment and the world at large. There have been instances where a tragic outcome and loss of life looked inevitable but didn't eventuate. Gregg Braden, both a scientist and spiritual writer, says this regarding the effect of prayer of just relatively few individuals: *As little as 1% of a population practicing a unified form of peaceful prayer and meditation was enough to reduce crime rates, accidents and suicides in a given area (known as the Maharishi Effect). There has been a high correlation between the number of people in prayer and the quality of life in the immediate vicinity.*

*"The harvest is great, though the laborers are few." Prophets and sages have suggested that only 0.1% of a population working together in a unified effort may shift the consciousness of the whole world. If this is so, surprisingly few individuals may plant the seeds of great possibilities. In the world of 7 billion, 0.1% is only 7 million. Possibly even a square root of 1% or 100 people in a city of 1 million may make a difference to the entire world. This could be the proverbial mustard seed that will eventually cover the whole world. (Reference: *The Isaiah Effect*, pg. 236-237.)*

This is quite profound and gives us hope for the world when so much seems to be troubling and negative. We as a praying community can have a more significant impact and make a greater difference than we may realize. For more thoughts on this topic, see [here](#).

ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM AFRICA

Appreciation from LITA, Uganda (Catherine Koch)

Catherine submitted the following encouraging report regarding *Love Is The Answer* (LITA) accomplishments. During 2016, your kindness has supported:

- Gideon, the oldest boy in a child family we met in 2007, now LITA's first College Graduate who has recently been awarded a Diploma in Water Engineering;
- An additional 39 orphaned and vulnerable children ranging from primary classes to senior school, to attend school in various districts in eastern and central Uganda. [Learn more about our Education Program](#);
- The advancement of our inspiring and empowering music project. [Learn more about our LITA Music Project](#);
- Emergency food for children and their caregivers in times of need. [Learn more about our Food Program](#);
- Emergency medical testing and treatment for malaria, typhoid, HIV, and other diseases/illnesses, for children and their caregivers. [Learn more about our Health Care Program](#);
- Mosquito nets for 80 orphaned and vulnerable children.



- Counseling and mental health wellness support for children in need.
- Building/furnishing of dormitory housing, latrines and a cooking/food storage facility for 80 orphaned children at WILBRA, a community-based school project in Bududa, Uganda. [Learn more about our Shelter Program;](#)
- Near completion of four classrooms and a latrine, plus the refurbishment of dormitory housing for 40 orphaned children at ACIO, a community-based school project in Sironko, Uganda.
- Start-up capital and materials for income generating activities. [Learn more about our Income Generation Program;](#)
- Support for a land survey for a new high school project in LIRA, Uganda.
- Securing and future protection of land meant to be inherited by an orphaned child from his late father.
- Sharing of LOVE, compassion and much more!

Thank you for helping to make it all possible!

Children's Sanctuary Namibia Receives Land for Orphanage (Helge Mercker)

CSN has received 4.5 hectares (9 acres) of land applied for over three years ago to the Ministry of Lands and Resettlement. The plan is to start clearing a part of the land at the end January. Helge Mercker commented: "We are all in deep gratitude and joy for all the prayers and support. It is so hard to believe, after a three-and-a-half year wait. A sure test of faith and patience."

PADGETT MESSAGE

TGRABJ, Vol II, P. 185

Divine Love is ever waiting to fill the soul, and will, when the soul longings become real for its possession.

I am here. St. John.

I heard your prayer and know that this Love is flowing into your soul and that now you have a great abundance of its possession of which you are conscious. It will never fail you when you pray in earnestness and with the real longings for its coming. It is always ready to respond to your aspirations and to make you feel its presence and the happiness that comes with it.

I, as you know, am your special friend in my work of helping to develop your soul, and whenever you pray to the Father, as you have just prayed, I come to you with my love and influence to help open up your soul to the inflowing of this Love. Have faith, and you will have the certainty of the presence of the Love, and that it is yours - seeking to come into your soul in greater and more abundance.

You are blessed in that you have the knowledge of the existence of this Love, and that it may be yours if you so will it to be, and pray with the true longings of your soul's desires. You cannot doubt the truth of what I write, for, as in the ordinary things of life, there is nothing so convincing as personal experience, and your experience is such that there has been no room for doubt. So if you would keep the consciousness of the presence of this Love continually alive, pray and pray whenever the opportunity presents itself, and by this I don't mean that you shall wait for a time when you are not engaged in your business affairs, but at moments when the mind may be free, even if only for a moment, from these business affairs. The longings, if exercised only for a moment, will bring their results; for God's ear is always open and ready to cause the responses to such longings.

One moment of true soul felt longings is more effective than hours of prayer where these longings are not present. The prayers of the lip or of habit rises no higher than the escaping breath, and does not cause the Love to respond and flow into the soul. Remember this, and then realize how futile are all the prayers of preachers and ostensible worshipers when the soul's longings and desires are not present.

Only soul can call to soul, and love responds only when such soul calls. The mere desires of the mind, if I may so express my meaning, do not in the least affect the soul, and as mind can operate only on mind, there cannot possibly be any activity of the soul's faculties, when only mind is in operation. Hence, you will see, that all the worship that comes merely from the mind will not effectuate the working of the Love or bring into operation the Spirit's work.

I write this to further encourage you, and also to make plain the necessity for the true prayer.

John.