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## Lay Hands on the Sick and they will

### Recover!

*A Spiritual Application*

#### Pastor Dominic

In preparing for my message in Luke 7 a few weeks ago, the Lord imparted to me a spiritualization of a verse familiar to many Christians. Since I have some Pentecostal in me I will clarify it as spiritualization however it can and should be interpreted literally: "...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." (Mark 16:18b) The setting was a meal at Simon the Pharisee's house. He began to condemn his guest (Jesus) for allowing a prostitute to worship Him and specifically touch His feet reasoning that if Jesus were a prophet he would know who this woman is and would never allow her to touch Him (Luke 7:36-50). I spoke extensively about how Christ allowed Himself to be touched and we should too, the power of a smile, a handshake, even an embrace when appropriate. In the front row was a man who I had seen once before. He had visited our church about a month earlier. He was a trucker and was stuck in Albany until Monday. One of our Elders invited him over to his house to shower rather than going to the truck stop, afterward he came over for dinner, fellowshiped for a few hours, and later when to our Awana club. On the way over he opened up to me about some of the recent challenges he had faced in his life and walk and once at club he spoke to the kids about his call to missions and his upcoming mission trip. He sang songs and played games and bounced out the door to his truck—and there he sat one month later as I gave this message on touch. After service I went up to greet him and he began to weep. "You'll never know what I was going through the week before I came here last time." he said as he sobbed. "Thank you so much for touching me." What stops us from touching the lives of others? Is it fear of rejection or that we just plain don't want to be inconvenienced? I'm so glad Jesus never felt that way aren't you? *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life (1 John 1:1)*  
"NKJV"

## Prayer for Salvation

*So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." (Acts 16:31) "NKJV"*

Dan B.

Dawn, co-worker.

Hymie, Vince, and John, co-workers

Uncle Jim, cousins Hannah, James, & Benjamin

Shaniqua's family's salvation and closeness to God

## Renewed Commitment

Jocelyn, sister

Dave, Terry, Dennis

Toni and her four children

Bill

Son Adam and daughter-in-law

## For the Churches

Our Church to grow with those hungry for God's Word

Our church would have a burden for sharing their faith

Our Awana club to explode with attendance

A Baptist minister in NC to continue to be led in his creation ministry to young adults

## Financial Obedience & Blessing

Rachel Depp

Shaniqua Jackson

Kerry Giardino

## Marriages

Paul & Karalee, restoration

Ryan & Brit to be led by the Lord

East Greenbush couple to find healing and change in their marriage and family

Christian marriages would grow stronger and passionate for the Lord and each other.

## Wisdom & Guidance

Rachel Depp in walk

Vida Prophet

For Jim and Juanita in talking with a specialist for their son

Jen Cahill in developing a relationship with God

Help in making wise food choices, Anonymous

## Healing

Strength and recovery from surgery

The Peterson's puppy Petey, to find the cause of the infection

Spinal Surgery for Amy's mom

Joan's friend Alex for healing of Leukemia

Stacie Duke, physical healing and strength

## Petitions & Supplications

Tracy's pregnancy, the baby has been diagnosed with Down's syndrome. Sister of co-worker of Stacie Duke

Favor at work and school and protection for children and family, Shaniqua Jackson

To denounce a spirit of complacency, Anonymous

Jimmy Duke, more diligent in reading his bible

Tyler Johnson be healthy, safe, and to pass all classes

Peace and for the war in Iraq to end

## Testimonies

**Please submit your answers  
to prayer so that we might  
share in the blessing. We  
saved lots of space!**

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*Oh, give thanks to the LORD!*

*Call upon His name;*

*Make known His deeds among the peoples!*

*(1 Chronicles 16:8) "NKJV"*

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We have done our best to paraphrase and categorize your requests. We apologize if we got it wrong. You may rewrite your request and we will update it. Although we will be publishing this monthly we will be receiving requests and testimonies all month long and giving them to the elders and our altar and prayer teams.