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ANONYMOUS PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to post a **Prayer Request** on the **Message Boards** but remain anonymous, please write it as you'd like it posted and send it to Jan at jayme1943@comcast.net She will be glad to post it for you.

NEW BOOK ADDED TO THE AMAZON PAGES – "Seventy Times Seven" - by Salvatore Sapienza

"Give me chastity and self-restraint, but not just right now."
- The Confessions of Saint Augustine

"Jesus instructed us to forgive those who have wronged us seventy times seven times," Brother Vito Fortunato teaches the boys in his high school religion class, but it's Vito himself who has the most trouble with forgiveness: trying to forgive the Church, the gay community, and most of all, himself. Just a few months from his final vows as a Brother in the Catholic Church, Vito finds himself at a crossroads, torn between his spirituality and his sexuality as a fully out and proud gay man. Will a summer of volunteer work at an AIDS center in San Francisco - and a love affair with Gabriel, a recently divorced landscaper - help Vito decide his calling - and his future?

Seventy Times Seven is a poignant, sexy, funny, and romantic novel set in the early 1990's about a young man's struggle to integrate his religious beliefs with his sexual desires. The gap between sexuality and spirituality is punctuated throughout the novel with quotes from the Scripture, and from song lyrics from Prince and Madonna, artists who merged the two worlds in provocative and groundbreaking fashion. Vito struggles too, with the idealism that drives his desire to change the archaic ways of the Catholic Church and its views on AIDS and homosexuality.

The book lists for \$15.95 but new and used copies are available starting at \$11.62 from Amazon.com. If you buy anything at Amazon.com via the CG.com website, the ministry makes a small percentage on the sale. Just go to one of the Amazon pages and do a search in the Amazon search box for whatever you'd like to buy. Shop as

much as you want. As long as you make the purchase from that visit which started at ChristianGays.com, we will get the credit.

You can access this book via the **Amazon link** on the website (Under the "**Store**" link on the right side of the home page). A direct link is http://christiangays.com/amazon/amazon_books_title.shtml Scroll down to "**Seventy Times Seven**" and click on the pic.

LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK – THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY

Some of you will know the pastor of **Christos MCC in Toronto**, Rev. Deana Dudley. Deana's wife, Anne Erskine is going through chemotherapy for Leukemia. Deana writes:

I'm participating in the "Light the Night" in Toronto on Thursday, Oct. 5. The Light The Night Walk is The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's nationwide walk (international, really; it's in both the U.S. & Canada) to raise awareness and funds to cure leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. I'm participating in the walk in honor of all individuals who are battling blood cancer, and of course, especially for my beloved Anne.

I NEED YOUR HELP!!! I NEED SPONSORS!!!

You can sponsor me online by going to http://www.active.com/donate/ltntor/1925_pastordeana All major credit cards accepted. :-) And all donations, of any size, greatly appreciated. If you don't want to donate online, email me directly at PastorDeana@aol.com, and we'll figure out another way!

- Every five minutes, someone in this country is diagnosed with blood cancer: Every ten minutes, someone loses the fight.
- Leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children.
- Lymphomas are the most common blood cancers.
- The myeloma survival rate is only 32 percent

Please support Rev Deana & Anne. If you want to see a pic of their wedding day, go to <http://christiangays.com/pics.shtml>

KIDS4TRUTH – THE WATCHMAKER

A wonderful video presentation

<http://www.kids4truth.com/watchmaker/watch.html>

Enjoy!

(Thanks Jack!)

UPDATE ON ELLINOR – Five year old violin prodigy in Jamaica whose vision was in jeopardy

This is from Mary Catherine, forwarded to me by my friend Janina:

Just a short e-mail to let you know that Elli and I went to see my cousin (an ophthalmologist) after school today and he confirms that she does indeed need glasses. The good news is that after examining her eyes he found that, apart from being very myopic, she's quite fine.

He wrote up the prescription and I took her directly to Imperial Optical to look for frames. She knew exactly what she wanted after trying on six or so.

Her mother, of course, is still extremely skeptical and will go tomorrow to make sure Ellinor's choice is a sensible one. Naturally, she needs to feel a part of all this, but is sure that her daughter will lose the glasses within a few days, hence her reluctance to spend her hard-earned money.

I'm willing to pay the \$15,000 so she shouldn't object too much. I'm so relieved. I think it's the right of the child to see well. What's more, she now realizes that she only needs glasses and is not going blind.

I'm sure you share my relief.

Thanks to all who prayed for this little girl. Surely this is an answer to prayer.

NEW TIDBITS

I always know...
God won't give me more than I can handle.
There are times I just wish He didn't trust me quite so much.

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

(Thanks Scev!)

*If you want to enjoy more **Tidbits**, you'll find them at <http://christiangays.com/tidbits.shtml>*

UK/EURO CHAT ROOM NIGHTS

Andrew writes:

Well the euro chat time was a blessing as always, so many new people coming in .

We had Mandy from the UK, Will from Malaysia, Stacy and Kelly from the States, Calida also from the States, Lindsey from the UK, which was a great surprise, and also Scott kywildcat who was feeling a bit better.

Oh I forgot to mention Jan and Andrew, so a total of 9 which isn't bad !!!!!!!

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We had prayer for all our members and we had a great time of fellowship.

If you haven't tried out the **CHAT rooms**, please join us on **Wed or Sat nights after 9:30 pm EDT** or on **Thur 9:30 pm London, England time. That's 4:30 pm EDT.**

Just follow the **Gay CHAT** link at <http://christiangays.com/chat.shtml> and follow the instructions. If you're new and not sure what you're doing, just let the others know and they'll help you along.

IS "QUEER" A DEROGATORY WORD?

Once used by homophobes to negatively describe a gay man or woman, the term is now being used by the gay community itself as a positive or neutral descriptive of each other. By embracing a word that was used to attack or degrade, the gay community has demagnetized the strength of the word, making it a common everyday term. This lessens the effect of the word when used against them.

This process by which a word meaning changes from negative or neutral to more positive is called amelioration. The word "fag" has also been ameliorated by gays themselves.

Nonetheless, much care should be taken when using an ameliorated word as some may take offense. For instance, just because gays have embraced the word "queer" does not mean it cannot be used as a term of hate by a homophobe.

(from About.com)

KIDS IN CHURCH

"Our Father, Who does art in heaven,

Harold is His name. Amen." - 3 yo Reese

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime.

She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer.

Finally, she decided to go solo.

I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer:

"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail."

(Thanks Christian!)

THE PASTOR'S ASS

The pastor entered his donkey in a race and it won. The pastor was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in the race again, and it won again. The local paper read:

PASTOR'S ASS OUT FRONT.

The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the pastor not to enter the donkey in another race. The next day, the local paper headline read:

BISHOP SCRATCHES PASTOR'S ASS.

This was too much for the Bishop, so he ordered the Pastor to get rid of the donkey. The pastor decided to give it to a nun in a nearby convent. The local paper, hearing of the news, posted the following headline the next day:

NUN HAS BEST ASS IN TOWN.

The Bishop fainted. He informed the nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey, so she sold it to a farmer for \$10. The next day the paper read:

NUN SELLS ASS FOR \$10.

This was too much for the Bishop, so he ordered the nun to buy back the donkey and lead it to the plains where it could run wild. The next day the headlines read:

NUN ANNOUNCES HER ASS IS WILD AND FREE.

Alas, the Bishop was buried the next day.

MORAL OF THE STORY?

Being concerned about public opinion can bring you much grief and misery and even

shorten your life. So, be yourself and enjoy life ... stop worrying about everyone else's ass and you'll live longer and be a lot happier!

(Thanks Bev!)

God bless,
Mary

Gay AND Christian? YES! It IS Possible!

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