

Good News!

There have been many advances toward a cure for diabetes since the *Cure Diabetes Prayer Day* was started several years ago.

Holding God's promises in our hearts, the following Bible verses are reflections of what He can do:

"Expect great things when you pray." -Hebrews 4:16

"God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." -Ephesians 3:20

"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken." -Acts 4:31

"Nothing is too hard for You." -Jeremiah 32:17

Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for You are the One I praise." -Jeremiah 17:14

"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." -1 Peter 5:7

"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well..." -James 5:15

Pray

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." -James 5:16

The following is a suggested prayer which may be used in your church, synagogue, Bible group, or at home:

Dear Lord, You are an awesome God. You have been gracious and merciful to us. Accept our thanks for Your goodness and let us find joy in You. In Your mercy look upon those who are ill. Ease their suffering, quiet their fears, and bless those who care for them. At this time we especially ask for help for Your children who are suffering from the dreadful disease of diabetes. Forgive us when we underestimate what You can do. If it is Your will, bless the researchers who are searching for a cure. Give them the skill and knowledge they need in their work to find the keys which will bring about the prevention and cure of diabetes. Lord, help us to trust Your timing and Your wisdom. In Your name we pray. Amen

Diabetes Prayer Day

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What Is Diabetes?

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life.

Diabetes Statistics

- ◆ 6th leading cause of death in US: 18.2 million people in US (6.3% of population) have diabetes
- ◆ Diagnosed: 13 million people
- ◆ Undiagnosed: 5.2 million people
- ◆ Newly diagnosed cases growing at an epidemic rate
- ◆ Approximately 1.3 million people, 20 years of age or older, will be diagnosed this year
- ◆ 16 million people are pre-diabetic patients
- ◆ Type 2 Diabetes is projected to increase 165% over the next 50 years
- ◆ Cost of diabetes in the U.S. in 2002: (direct and indirect): \$132 billion

Complications from Diabetes

- ◆ Eye damage and blindness
 - *Leading cause of new blindness in people ages 20-74.*
- ◆ Kidney disease
 - *Nearly 21% of diabetics will develop diabetic nephropathy.*
 - *Leading cause of end-stage renal disease.*
- ◆ Nerve damage and amputation
 - *Up to 70% of diabetics will develop nerve damage.*
 - *Most frequent cause of non-trauma amputation.*
- ◆ Heart disease and stroke
 - *Diabetics are up to 4 times more likely to have cardiac events.*
 - *Diabetics are 2 - 4 times more likely to have a stroke and heart disease.*
- ◆ Other Factors
 - *Vascular disease.*
 - *Tooth and gum disease.*
 - *Poor healing of infections and wounds.*

What can you do?

- ◆ Call upon God to assist the researchers in finding a cure for diabetes
- ◆ Make copies of this brochure and send them to relatives, friends, newspapers, churches and/or synagogues
- ◆ Say a special prayer for the cure of diabetes--in your home, your neighborhood, your Bible Study group, and/or your church or synagogue.

Let us know what is being done in your area to help spread the word of this Diabetes Prayer Day.

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Diabetes resources may be found at:

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