

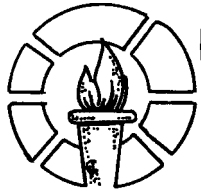


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**God's  
Kingdom  
is at  
hand**

### I AM

I was regretting the past and fearing the future. Suddenly my Lord was speaking: "My name is I Am." He paused. I waited. He continued, "When you live in the past, with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not I Was. When you live in the future, with its problems and fears, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not I Will Be. When you live in this moment, it is not hard. I am here. My name is I AM."

**A Joyful Day  
To Commemorate the 65th Anniversary  
of  
Ordination to the Holy Priesthood  
1941 - 2006**

**Father Peter Mary Rookey, O.S.M.  
Friar Servant of Mary**

**Sunday • May 7, 2006**

**Reception 5:30 p.m. • Dinner 6:30 p.m.**

**Orland Chateau • 14500 LaGrange Road • Orland Park, IL**



May Mary Bless You With  
Her Loving Child Jesus.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$40.00 per person.

\_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib          \_\_\_\_\_ Orange Roughy          \_\_\_\_\_ Fillet Mignon/Chicken Combo

**Limited Seating. Reservations filled in order received. (Open Seating)**

I am unable to attend but enclose a donation toward a gift.

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

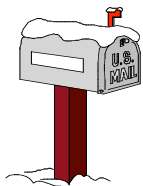
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**Please respond by April 17, 2006**



## IN THE MAIL BOX

### \*\*\*NOTHING WAS DONE\*\*\*

Dear Father Rookey,

On August 23rd, I asked you for the prayers for healing. One for myself, of which I notified you on August 30th about the favorable outcome. Secondly, for a friend who had been told that his tumor was inoperable. On August 30th, he told us, *"Nothing was done, because there was no tumor. Only white scar tissue where the tumor had been."* **Praise God!**

MISSOURI  
October 2004

### \*\*\*SEVEN DOLORS OF OUR LADY\*\*\*

Dear Father Rookey,

Because of God's blessing through you, and our continued blessing through you, *mom is alive and healthy, free from ovarian cancer for 4 1/2 years.*

I also want to thank you and your staff for alerting me to the dangers of Reiki. After having learned my lessons the hard way--with much illness and suffering involving myself and my extended family, I now spread the word to other Christians and anyone who I hear is involved in "New Age" modalities. I have renounced all of it, am charismatic and *much freer now.*

After 30 years of marriage, my husband finally started saying the seven Hail Mary's Novena for the Seven Dolors of Our Lady. Remarkable things are happening here with him, although he is saying it for our daughter.

FLORIDA  
January 2005

### \*\*\*CURE FOR HIS EYESIGHT\*\*\*

Dear Father Rookey,

You were in Sydney, I think about eight years ago, I took my grandson who was about ten, to a meeting where you were and asked you to pray for *a cure for his eyesight.*

Now, *without medical intervention,* he doesn't need glasses. Thank you so much for your prayers

AUSTRALIA  
December 2004

### \*\*\*FELT LIKE I HAD SEEN THE POPE\*\*\*

Dear Father Rookey,

On September 24th, you were kind enough to see my brother-in-law who was fighting terminal cancer.

My knee was giving me trouble and the doctor said I might need *more surgery* on it. When you laid hands on my head, I couldn't help but cry the whole time. You said *that was good.* I am so grateful for the healing. I saw the doctor

September 27th, and he said it looks like we can *postpone the surgery.* The knee doesn't ache like it used to. I feel like *I was cured.*

I know you lay hands on so many people and you might not remember me. *I felt like I had seen the Pope.* I am so honored to have seen you. I say the *Miracle Prayer* every day along with my rosary. I want to thank all the nice people who were there and offered us coffee and doughnuts.

WISCONSIN  
October 2004

### \*\*\*FREE OF HODGKINS DISEASE\*\*\*

Dear Father Rookey,

I want to tell you that our 37-year-old daughter has been *free of Hodgkins Disease since 1992,* when the Divine Mercy healed her after I'd stood in for her at your Healing Mass. She was in the 4th stages and was told that *"if"* she lived, she'd most likely *never have children.* She married two years later, is a good stay-at-home mom with four beautiful and healthy children.

**Praise God! Thank you, Jesus!** I thank God for you.

KENTUCKY  
October 2004

### \*\*\*WWII VETERAN CRYING WITH LOVE\*\*\*

Dear Father Rookey,

I must tell you that I am Lutheran and my beautiful Catholic neighbor found out that I have cancer and gave me your *Miracle Prayer* card. *It is one powerful prayer!* The first time I prayed it, I knew something wonderful was going to happen. I pray this prayer several times a day.

One day last week, I was alone at home saying my prayer when suddenly a wonderful feeling came over me, a feeling I have never felt before. *Tears started streaming down my face.* Father, I am 80 years old and a WWII veteran. I'm not much for crying, but this was something else. *I have never felt like that before.* It was like I was in another place, filled with love.

May God bless and keep you forever.

WISCONSIN  
December 2004

### \*\*\*WITHIN A MONTH\*\*\*

Dear Father Rookey,

I was one of four women who received your blessing in June or July last year. My daughter and her husband were trying very hard to conceive a child. Within a month after praying with you, *my daughter became pregnant.*

My sister had a complete mastectomy that resulted in a total *cure of her cancer.*

All of us experienced an amazing *miracle of the sun.* There are no words except to say, **Praise God** in His mercy and love and all confidence in the sweet heart of Mary! Thank you.

WISCONSIN  
January 2005

**AVE MARIA!**  
**March - 2006**

"Dear Children! In this Lenten time of grace, I call you to open your hearts to the gifts that God desires to give you. Do not be closed, but with prayer and renunciation say 'yes' to God and He will give to you in abundance. As in springtime the earth opens to the seed and yields a hundredfold, so also your heavenly Father will give to you in abundance. I am with you and love you, little children, with a tender love. Thank you for having responded to my call." Our Lady, Queen of Peace - February 25, 2006

Lent - time of grace, Mary you "burst our hearts open to gifts God wishes to give us when we say 'yes'. "Let your speech be, yeah, yeah," ... are there any of you sad? Let him pray. Is he cheerful in mind? Let him sing. "As in springtime, earth opens to seed, yields a hundredfold." So to your "yeah, yeah," God will give to you in abundance." Mary repeats, "will give to you in abundance."

Pope Benedict, XVI gives our Lenten message: 'Jesus, at the sight of the crowds was moved to pity.' "His compassionate 'gaze' continues even now." Our own 'gaze' this Lent, imitating Jesus, will be fasting, almsgiving and prayer shared with our needy brothers and sisters. "The worst poverty is not to know Christ" Blessed Theresa of Calcutta remarked.

March 17th - Blessed St. Patrick's Day: esp. all Patricks. March 20th - Blessed St. Joseph's Feast Day, esp. all Josephs.

South Dakota abortion ban okayed - Chicago Tribune paper headlines, February 26, 2006. We rejoice with all 'Pro-Lifers' that the fetus is a human life, a divine truth, upheld by pagan physician, Hippocrates, 460-370 before Christ, whose oath is taken by physicians, receiving their Medical Doctorate.

My Friends: Father Peter gave me permission to share with everyone three beautiful visions I was given while in our chapel. Bear with me!

1. On February 15, 2006 as I prayed, by phone with a beautiful lady for her intentions, she interrupted me and asked me if I would ask any saint for their help, I picked St. Theresa the Little Flower. Immediately after her call, we went into the chapel for Mass, as Father Rookey started with the sign of the cross, I was shocked to see who was standing in our chapel looking at Jesus on the cross but Saint Theresa the Little Flower! Instantly I was overtaken by the Holy Spirit.
2. On February 17, 2006 - I was having so much trouble keeping my eyes open during Consecration and I really wanted to see our Lord's face on the Host. When suddenly the Host was like a firecracker with sparks and many tiny red hearts flying out of it. Everyday I receive hearts from Heaven in many different patterns and colors, and everyday I share them with you.
3. On February 24, 2006 - After receiving the Eucharist as I was in prayer, a cherub with a long horn appeared with little "fluttering wings. Soon a "blue heart" appeared and immediately turned into a "blue butterfly" with fluttering wings flying upward.

Can I help but count my blessings? Mother Mary in Heaven teach me to be like you, full of kindness, love and compassion. Have Mercy on me my Jesus, forgive me for all my shortcomings. Jesus, I trust in you. Love to all, Vicki Gutierrez, Administrative Assistant

Smiles: Jesus came to pay a debt He didn't owe because we owed a debt we couldn't pay.

What do you call a nun who just passed her bar exam?  
A. A Sister-in-Law!

Pastor Prout: "Do you think the congregation agreed with my sermon, son?"

"Sure, Dad, I saw them nodding soon after you'd begun."

Wishing you all a fruitful Lent.

We love you,

*Peter Mary Rookey O.S.M.*

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**Thy Will Be Done**

