

### 1: When Your Heart Is Troubled: 3 Scriptures to Settle Your Soul - Club 31 Women

*Troubled Minds is far more than an introduction to the issues surrounding mental illness and the church. It is a call to practical discipleship for everyone who seeks to follow the One who spent much of his ministry caring for the ill and those at the margins of society--often the same people."*

A world where at times it seems like everyone and everything is against you. Imagine a mind that becomes so overwhelmed you simply shut down. Only those automatic functions like breathing and a beating heart remain, yet even those feel disrupted. Such is a life for those with a chronic, severe mental illness, particularly when untreated. In her book, *Troubled Minds*: Simpson shares her own feelings of helplessness in moments when her mother would slip back into a catatonic state, unable to even walk to the car to go home. Mental illness is real, and so is the stigma that so many continue to face today. As more statistics become available on the prevalence of mental illness, many such as Simpson are sounding the alarm to the church that has continued to ignore or stigmatize those suffering in our midst. There is a prevalent view that feelings and behaviors can or should be controlled, and those that find their emotions or thinking out of their control must have a spiritual problem. Simpson is gracious and empathic to pastors and lay leaders who often cannot respond because those with symptoms are not making their needs known. Because of shame and stigma, those suffering with mental illness frequently do not come forward to their pastors, thus perpetuating the cycle in which there is a lack of help offered. Simpson offers ideas for pastors and church leaders on how to improve the response to those with mental illness. She suggests the creation of peer-led groups within the church, where those facing mental health challenges can come together for support. Another step all churches can take is to become more open to broken and hurting people. Jesus dwelled in the muck and mire, and we as Christians must do so as well. Christians can also talk about mental illness, sharing their personal stories. Pastors can do this from the pulpit, church members can do this in small groups or within natural relationships. Talking about your own experience or the experiences of a loved one gives validation and acceptance to those quietly suffering. Finally, Simpson encourages those in the church to become familiar with the mental health resources within their own communities. Having a friend encourage your mental health treatment is a major factor in the follow through and ultimate success of that treatment. *Troubled Minds* is a must-read for every Christian. Every single one of us needs to be engaging in this conversation to counter the false messages permeating the church today. Blame, stigma, shame, and marginalizing need to end within our walls. To those who are called into the field of Christian counseling, I would add this message: Our churches need to have professionally trained and licensed counselors on staff, ready to respond with accessible services where people are most likely to come for help. Being on a church staff gives you a platform to change the church culture, a voice to educate the church about mental illness, and a partnership with the pastors that is only possible when you work closely together day-in and day-out. Read more about the Church Therapy model [here](#) and become a part of the movement to bring quality mental health care into the church setting. Keep up with the conversation! Businessx theme designed by Acosmin.

### 2: How to Calm Your Troubled Mind - Love in 90 Days

*But some churches are leading by example with intentional ministries to people affected by mental illness. Menlo Park Presbyterian Church in Northern California founded the HELP (Hope, Encouragement, Love, Prayer) Mental Health Support Ministry in*

I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know. What is the Christian to do when his heart becomes troubled? He must look to Jesus and the comfort He can give. It has been said that only those who have known sorrow are able to give comfort. The fourteenth chapter of the gospel of John provides dramatic evidence of that fact. Jesus recognized how troubled His apostles would be by His death so in that passage He spoke words of comfort to them. In those same words we, His disciples today, are able to find the cure for our troubled hearts. The Comfort of Faith v. Faith frees one from sin, makes him pleasing to God, allows him to overcome sin and the world, and causes him to always remember that God will never forsake him John 8: If faith is great enough, one can accomplish or overcome all things Phil. What a comforting thought that is for all the faithful. The Comfort of Hope vv. Apart from Christ, in the world, there is no hope Eph. And in hell, all hope will be left behind. The hope of better things should comfort the Christian in adverse times 1 Thes. The Comfort of Understanding vv. Jesus has given him a plain way to the Father and made complete provision for him to understand it. He sent the Holy Spirit to guide men into all truth and to reveal the mystery of the Christ. He is our advocate with the Father 1 John 2: The Comfort of Prayer vv. It is an aid in time of trouble. The Comfort of Love vv. That love is great 1 John 3: The Comfort of the Holy Spirit v. The Comfort of Peace v. They are in a kingdom of joy and peace Rom. They produce the fruit of the Spirit which includes love, joy, and peace Gal. The peace they have passes all understanding Phil. Conclusion The next time your heart is troubled, look to Jesus. He provides comfort in all the above ways to those who allow Him to guide their lives. Send questions or comments to Gene Taylor at:

### 3: A Prayer for Peace of Mind - To Heal Anxiety and Stress

*Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

The Lord Jesus spoke clearly: He followed this, however, with but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world John He did, however, give them the assurance they could become overcomers. These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: But now I praise You! Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you: Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. You are helping me know day after day that peace can be mine and trouble need never rule my heart. I receive this promise from You and give myself to You to walk in its light. Thus, make me an ambassador of peace for Your Kingdom. But there shall not an hair of your head perish. Open my mind so I can receive Your Words. Then settle them in me by Your Spirit. Let them be a strength to me and my family in our time of trouble. Oh, let the Word be so strong in my heart and mind that the trouble I face each day will only make me stronger for Your Kingdom! By faith, I thank You for this present affliction. And it shall turn to you for a testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts not to meditate before what ye shall answer: I believe Your wisdom and grace are working their way in my life even now. I believe I will be able to stand firm in the day of affliction. He taught his disciples that distress can help press us into the Kingdom. I complained and became depressed over what happened, but You helped me repent so I could receive it all as a stroke from Your loving hand. I am coming to the place I can see Your work even in the darkest days. I receive this painful betrayal as a good thing in our lives. Oh, thank You, thank You, for giving us your enabling grace! Even now I can see Your mercy in it. I am growing while in this trouble and I will become a better minister of mercy and comfort to others. I confess Your Holy Spirit is helping me right now. It is a platform for Your grace and power. Thank you for the persecution. It is pressing me into Your bosom. Thank You for the death that stares me in the eye. It is making me see eternal life more clearly. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Today I give up this inordinate love of self and give myself anew to the purpose You have for me in Your Kingdom, even if it calls for hardship and suffering. Oh, let Your grace prevail! For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake. These problems are actually causing me to learn more of Your salvation. I praise You for this time and I see Your hand moving in my behalf. What I thought was impossible is being cast aside. I am beholding a miracle taking place! For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. I am learning to keep my thoughts under control. I am learning not to give in to emotional reactions when things come against me. This testing of my faith is causing me to find something more precious than gold. It is the faith, and the praise and honor and glory that even now is coming upon us as we anticipate Your appearing. Thus the hatred that comes from the enemy. Many are they that rise up against me. Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Oh, but just in this time of waiting before You I am receiving encouragement! You are the shield that is protecting me. Your presence is helping me know Your glory. I am ready now to lift up my head and rejoice. When we cry to Him, He hears us. I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: It seems to be coming close upon my family and these others that I love so dearly. Oh, enlarge us in Your Kingdom! Cause us to know its triumph. Show us we can live under its protection and draw upon its resources. But let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice: It is precious to me. Its very sound brings healing to my spirit. I worship and adore You. Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: Yet still there are spirits that harass my soul, especially when I am alone. But today, I praise You even in their ears. Let them be vexed. Let them be turned back. Let them be ashamed. He withheld nothing as he confessed his sins and made strong cry unto the Lord. The Lord responded in a powerful way. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto Thee, but unto us confusion of faces Our minds are darkened. I am now ready to lay before You all that I am, and think, and do. Bring us out of our confusion into Your righteousness. To the Lord our

God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. They know not how to rightly govern us. Our hope is Your mercy and forgiveness. Please bring upon them a spirit of repentance. Grant them the mercy of Your presence as they gather in counsel. Help them lead us according the righteousness of Your decrees. Bring all Your people to repentance. Let Your Holy Place become ready for Your dwelling. For the sake of Your Kingdom, please bring upon Your people a spirit of revelation, and repentance, and faith. Turn us from our dark ways so we will embrace the ways of Your Kingdom.

### 4: Cure for the Troubled Heart | Faith, Hope, Understanding, Prayer, Love, Holy Spirit, Peace

*Article Continues Here. Troubled Minds? Meet Mindfulness. By now, the Mindfulness "revolution" has probably reached your part of the world. Mindfulness is the ideal intervention strategy to offer students with SED, anxiety problems, depression and similar.*

Because I want to walk in faith and not worry so much. And yet here I am troubled in spirit and unsettled in my soul. Longing for Home You probably know that we care for my mother-in-law and that she and Dad have lived with us for the past 17 years. And how I love her. And how much she means to me. Among other things, she has this strong impulse to slip out the door and start walking out into the hundreds of empty acres that surround our property. And she gets fairly irate when we try and stop her. Yet I gave her my word. Several years ago I took her sweet hands into my own and looked into her eyes. And I promised that we would always take care of her. And what will we do when can no longer keep her here. A Troubled Heart And you, my friend. Or anxious for your children. And it deeply troubles your soul. In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From His temple He heard my voice, and my cry to Him reached His ears. Crazy, to think we could forget such a thing. And yet we do. We look to ourselves for the answers, as if we could figure it out. But His Word says that our cries reach His ears. He hears us and we can call on Him. So cry out to Him. Trust in the Lord. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. None of this catches Him by surprise. Not our sorrows and not our circumstances. He is good and kind and powerful. Put your trust in God and He will not fail you. Wait on the Lord. I want to know the solution today. We can quiet our souls, knowing that we are safe and well in His hands. He is able to deliver you. I found them sitting there at the kitchen table holding hands and singing their hearts out to old gospel tunes. One right after the other. Could see Dad with big tears in his eyes. It was one of those rare moments when Mom knew who he was and that he was her faithful, loving husband. And she knew that their time on earth was growing short. And they talked about tying a rope to each other, so that when one went. And I wished it was like that. So here they are, waiting on the Lord. And if they can do it? And so can you. Be strong and let your heart take courage.

### 5: Meditation for Troubled Minds: Can the Mind Heal the Mind? | Brain Blogger

*Dear God, Please help bear my worldly burdens. Guide me to a better, safer path. Give me the strength to carry on each day knowing you are by my side.*

Aug 17, JB rated it really liked it Troubled Minds, as other reviewers have noted, is part-memoir, part-treatise, part-counsel. At one point, her mother, in the grip of persistent delusion, began thinking she was hearing secret messages in the sermons that lured her to the occult. Here, she provides a mixed picture, but stresses the negative: She quips that mental illnesses are "no-casserole" conditions - the sort that inspire avoidance, not practical acts of care. She notes that, while many churches have support groups aimed at a variety of other life circumstances, only the smallest minority offer any explicitly for sufferers of mental illness and their loved ones. See especially the fifth chapter, "Church Life," as well as the sixth chapter, "Ministry Life. Throughout the book, and not without justification though rather tiresome, she persistently inveighs against the stigmatization of mental illnesses of all varieties, and their use as a source of humor or fear in popular culture. And yet she is honest enough to describe hard cases of sufferers of mental illness behaving quite inappropriately in the church, including a church dealing with a verbally abusive schizophrenic lurking around the church, and another church with a member with borderline personality disorder who caused great havoc and dissension, and yet another church visited by a disruptive man with a messiah complex. Amy grants that "some people with mental illness can be highly disruptive and that their behavior affects the community. How do church leaders minister to the whole congregation when these things happen? One only wishes she had clearer answers to offer. In some ways, the memoir-like elements of the book are the strongest; and, indeed, the ninth and final chapter "What God Does" consists entirely of testimonies Amy has gathered of people who credit God for working in and through their adverse mental health situations. And Amy also excels when noting, from a Christian perspective, the spiritual confusion that can be a side effect of a variety of mental illnesses: For people with psychosis, like my mother, mysterious spiritual matters may become fodder for complex delusions. For people with personality disorders, the concept of personal sin and repentance may be hard to fathom. To me, as a pastor, the chapter I was waiting for was the eighth: Even in this chapter, the almost the first half just describes the origins of mental health support groups at three churches []. The third recommendation is simply for the pastor to become better acquainted with mental health resources. The fourth is to "make a determined and intentional effort to rid your church of the stigma and shame associated with mental illness", and the fifth is like unto it: The sixth recommendation is to encourage relationships, as Amy has noted that her parents told her "how helpful it is when curious people ask questions, learning about their experiences and seeking common ground" The seventh recommendation is to just ask what you can do to help - she lists a few practical examples, such as "organize meal delivery, visit someone in a psychiatric hospital, find a ride to a medical appointment, provide childcare, get the kids to school" The ninth recommendation is to "radiate acceptance", which rather overlaps with others already mentioned. And the eleventh - somewhat a callback to the seventh - is to "help with practical needs" - under which heading, she suggests that churches start funds to assist with the expenses of medications The twelfth recommendation is for pastors to confer with counselors, either to get general advice or, with signed permission from the patient, to discuss their case in its particulars Overlooking inappropriate behavior or beliefs is destructive to your congregation, and it does no favors for the mentally ill" The fourteenth recommendation is to encourage small groups Not too bad as general guidelines, but when she phrased them as recommendations, I expected more of them to be concrete and, well, helpful. Some are good for cultivating a general culture of acceptance; some are good for extending hospitality and showing love; some are good for support, but seem to assume a conventional American middle-class lifestyle as the backdrop. But Amy is certainly right about one thing: I believe he wants that love to reach people with mental illness and lift them in a great wave of healing and hope - right where they are, among those our society considers untouchable, avoidable, and justifiably condemned to the fringes" Even in the present, Amy detects God-given "glimpses of the glory to come," through which

God "changes people from the inside out, and he infuses our stumbling, bumbling, ridiculous efforts to serve him with effective, graceful revelations of himself that somehow cause ripples in the world around us. Our hope for the present is in Jesus and his work in and through us. Sometimes that work brings healing; sometimes it brings a new and deeper perspective on pain. Sometimes it knocks down prison walls that will never be rebuilt. Regardless, it always redeems" And Amy rightly looks forward to the era promised in the gospel when "our thoughts and perceptions will no longer be distorted by pain, grief, selfishness, greed, depression, anxiety, psychosis, or pride. The church is often the first and last place people turn to for help in mental health crisis and this book is a great resource that every church leader should read. Troubled Minds also weaves in experiences shared by other Christians, and shares the results of a survey of church leaders on the subject. This is an excellent book for those who have no understanding of mental illness, but it also has a great message for those who do already have experience in the area. There is a real power in stories. This book will help you humanize those suffering from these conditions, much like certain movies set out to do. Reading was a riveting experience, and I even found a tear forming in my eye at some points. It is hard for many Christians to relate to mental illness because it is something that is not openly or frequently spoken about. It is brave of Amy to share her experiences, and we are grateful to her mother for giving her permission to make this inspiring story public. It is not surprising that most people with mental illness do not feel that they can share in a similar way. Mental illness is a painful part of the lives of those who have experienced it in themselves or have loved ones with a psychiatric diagnosis. It is not always appropriate to share such pain broadly with others. It is often very unwise to publicly announce that you suffer from such an illness due to the stigma that still surrounds this, in all our communities. We therefore benefit all the more from those who carefully decide they are called to speak openly about their condition for the good of others. Unfortunately, many people feel unable to share the pain that mental illness causes even with their pastors or close friends. When people like Amy Simpson bravely tell their stories, it will surely help others at least feel able to seek support. Maybe one day we will feel as ready to share openly that we or a loved one is mentally ill as we currently would if the problem was a heart attack. I doubt that day will swiftly come, nor perhaps should it. But, I do hope that mental illness will cease being the hidden illness that nobody speaks about. We can all learn to do much better than we do currently. It is vital for people, especially in the middle of an acute episode, to realize that for most people there really is a way back from even the most severe attacks. How tragic that so many Christians suffer in silence rather than seeking such help. Troubled Minds also outlines how some churches have developed thriving ministries to those with mental illness. She recommends considering starting support groups for those who either suffer themselves or have family members with a mental illness. She also suggests that church pastors should attempt to forge strong partnerships with psychiatrists and therapists whether Christian or not for the benefit of members who suffer in this way. This could hardly be further from the truth. In response to this great book I am hosting a site-wide conversation about Mental Illness on Patheos:

### 6: Healing For Troubled Mind Sermon by Vincent Leoh, John - [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com)

*In this webinar we will explore some of the unique challenges that Christian families face when trying to help a family member who struggles with some form of mental illness. Grace for Troubled Minds: Christian Perspectives on Mental Health.*

Related Media Introduction With the traitor dismissed The entire passage from John The character of these chapters is that of final instruction designed to provide help for troubled hearts. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. Prior to these words, however, Jesus had been teaching His disciples about forgiveness, about His betrayal, His glorification, and His departure. Because of their lack of understanding of His purpose in the plan of God and their inability at that point at least, to relate all of this to their own existence and purpose, their hearts were extremely troubled. The truth they needed to settle their disturbed hearts was necessary for both their unity and courage. The fears and hostilities they would face, the unanswered questions, the differences in temperament and the jealousies which had existed among them would alienate them from one another and render them useless in the plan of God. The Teaching Regarding His Glorification Included was His resurrection which would validate the significance of His death. But there was surely another reason. Through daily cleansing and fellowship with Him John However, at this point in their understanding, they simply had not grasped all of this nor could they yet comprehend it John Once the Spirit had come, it would then not only make sense, but revolutionize their lives. The Teaching Regarding His Departure vs. It is used only here by Jesus in this Gospel. John used it seven times in his first epistle 1 John 2: But it appears that Jesus used it here in this context to communicate a vital truth. Though He would leave them and though they could not follow Him, at least not then, His departure was not because He did not care for them. Indeed, His departure was vital to their needs The Teaching Regarding the New Commandment vss. As an outworking of love for God, loving others is at the heart of the Law and expresses the last half of the Ten Commandments. So why does the Lord call this a new commandment? In contrast to the self-righteous religious Pharisees, the Lord Jesus had come to fulfill the Law and demonstrate its true meaning in both supreme devotion to God and in love for others. Nevertheless, this talk about His betrayal Later in this scene, Peter would be told that he would disown the Savior So, their hopes and expectations were progressively, piece by piece, being dismantled; they had all kinds of reasons to be troubled or agitated in their hearts. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. John 14, then, is one of those marvelous passages of the Word that is sublime in its promises and profound in its significance to the life of the body of Christ or to His disciples. In view of the perplexed hearts of the disciples, John It points us to two needs and two problems every disciple faces in his or her walk in the world. The first problem is troubled hearts, but we should note up front that a troubled heart is really the result of a deeper problem that will be addressed later. By applying the truth of Scripture, like those given in this passage, we are to consistently calm the agitation of our hearts. The disciples were troubled and the Lord was here calling on them to deal with their fears. The second problem and the root is fear coupled with unbelief. The greatest problem in man is his fear caused by his unbelief in God. This is the root and heart of all wickedness and wickedness leads to troubled hearts. It is here, then, that we find the second need, but this need is one which, when corrected, also becomes the solution. What men need is a relationship with God through belief or faith in God. This naturally results in troubled hearts. The disciples had troubled hearts because of their lack of understanding of the Word as it related to the sufferings of Messiah. Though clearly taught in the Old Testament, they had as yet not grasped the need of the cross. They believed in Him as the Messiah, the Son of God, but they were struggling with His repeated comments about His death and resurrection. So how do we get understanding? By asking questions and by getting answers through instruction. And that is precisely what begins to happen in verse 2. In this section of verses there are a number of questions asked by the disciples, questions by Peter Further, there is actually an unasked question that the Lord answers It is helpful to notice that these questions portray perplexities of the human heart which unsettle hearts and trouble minds. But marvelously, all of the questions find their answer only in the person and work of Jesus Christ and His purpose for us as His disciples. But as the text shows, the answers

to these questions are found in the death, resurrection, ascension, session, and return of Christ. Crucial Questions That Trouble Hearts In other words, is our future secure? There is clearly an element of fear here—what about heaven and how are we going to get there? The Lord answers this in The Question of Thomas, a Question of Skepticism He wanted to know who would show us the way? Christ gives the answer in verses 6 and 7. Thomas, like the other disciples except Judas Iscariot, were believers and knew the Lord in that sense, but they did not know Him as deeply and intimately as they needed to. They needed a deeper understanding of the Savior. They had not penetrated the life of Christ as the suffering Savior as had Mary, who sat at His feet to hear His word Luke The Question of Philip, a Question of Realism Philip was a materialist who wanted something more tangible than metaphysical distinctions or theological abstractions. He wanted to see some concrete evidence. This desire in man is why we are so prone to various forms of idolatry and the pursuit of things we can see and touch and hold. The answer comes in verses Unless this question is answered and found in a personal relation with Christ, as one who abides in Him John 15, it is an issue that not only drives men incessantly from one pursuit after another, but diverts them from the call of God on their lives. Here, then, is a question of the heart that people may not even know they are asking. Like a spiritual submarine, it is a question that runs silently and deeply beneath the surface in the unconscious waters of the heart. Here is a question and a longing that unsettles and troubles the hearts of men—it is the question, what is my purpose in life? Why am I here? It is the quest for significance. Why am I here or what are we here for? What is the reason for this life? What is my purpose here on earth? What am I to do with my life? This question and its answer, given here as a promise to the church, lies at the heart of this passage and points us to one of the key helps to untroubled hearts. Herein lies one of the major causes of perplexity, disunity, and unrest in men; here is a question that every disciple, if he or she is to be effective, must come to grips with. John White, a Christian author and psychiatrist, has pointed out one of the spiritual problems that he has found causing serious mental disorders is being without an adequate purpose for life. One striking discovery of the survey was that there was little internal sense of cause or duty among students. Primary motivations centered on personal enjoyment and development of job-related skills. This leads to an almost pathological obsession with climbing the ladder of success as defined by the world cf. It defines it in terms of prosperity, prestige, position, power, pleasure, and possessions. It defines it in terms of numbers, names, and noses—and too many Christians and churches seek their significance the same way. Such can only lead to troubled hearts filled with disunity, competition, and resentment. Like a bad dream, true happiness and meaning in life will always be just out of reach unless it is sought and found in the answers the Savior gives us in this passage. The picture the world offers of meaning and happiness in the good life, in peace and safety, is a satanic mirage. Not only does it not pay off, it has definite negative consequences. In essence, this pursuit is a paradox. It causes us to neglect our health, our mates, our children, our friends. We become blind and callused to people in need all around us, and above all, we blatantly neglect God. It is a pursuit that becomes selfish and immoral because it is based on wrong values and priorities, those that are self-centered rather than other-centered. These verses constitute several promises, but promises that are directly related to one primary promise, one concerning the principle of direction or purpose. In the context of this passage, what we have before us is as indispensable to effective disciples and untroubled hearts as is oxygen to the breath we breath cf. The promises and message of this passage are not restricted to ministers or missionaries or preachers. It speaks to every believer, to all of us. The one issue here is faith in Christ. Faith in the Savior enters one into union with both His life and His purpose. God wants all believers to be disciples.

### 7: BIBLE VERSES ABOUT TROUBLED MIND

*Our troubled minds run over and over on a negative groove that causes suffering. Great suffering. In the face of all the sewage of ain't-my-life-awful self-talk with its stinking stress and anxiety, we need a big-time force to help us.*

I really love this magazine because it focuses exclusively on stress reduction techniques which we all need to learn and practice daily. I know I certainly do. Real Stress Solutions features physicians, psychiatrists and, of course, yours truly. We all say we want to be happy and find inner peace. But it is hard to do and at times seems impossible to achieve for longer than a few fleeting moments. As if on a looped tape, regrets about the past and fears for the future run us ragged. Our troubled minds run over and over on a negative groove that causes suffering. Something powerful enough to allow us to calm the troubled mind and help us to enjoy the many yes, many! It is the willingness to connect to the spiritual dimension. This is the ultimate connection that takes us out of the constant muddied stream of thinking, thinking, thinking and into the real world of the present moment with all its depth and richness. Relief from pain is ours if we can turn to a spiritual practice, a Higher Power HP , or the God of our understanding. Simply being willing to try such a connection gives you a clearinghouse for your resentments, pain, and upset; a balm for your troubled mind and spirit; inner peace and a renewed faith in life and love. There are tons of benefits from spiritual practice designed to connect us to a Higher Power. Research and clinical studies show that prayer and meditation can and do heal. Even when prayer takes place at a distance from a sick person, and those who are praying do not know those they are helping, there is a positive and healing physical effect. Thousands of studies show that meditation strengthens the immune system and helps prevent heart disease, asthma, type II diabetes, PMS, and chronic pain. Meditation also lowers stress, anxiety, fear, and blood pressure while increasing feelings of being in the present and in a state of connection, compassion, and serenity. Whether you practice meditation or prayer, listen to music or spend a little time in Nature, please be willing to open yourself to connect to a Higher Power or Something Greater than yourself. It could be the universe of which we are but a speck, Spirit, light, angels, power animals, or love itself. Over time you will develop a sense that the universe is benevolent and trust that it will provide support for you, even when things seem to be shockingly negative or your life seems to be falling apart. To read the rest of this article and if you own a digital device like an android phone, iPad etc. In order to celebrate the launch of this valuable magazine, the publisher has graciously allowed me to offer you a free 3 month subscription. Wishing you peace and love, Dr. Diana Kirschner Diana Kirschner, Ph. Diana is also the best-selling author of the acclaimed relationship advice book, "Sealing the Deal:

### 8: Help for Troubled Hearts (John ) | [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com)

*Can the mind cure the mind, working on itself? Well, although the entire self-help psychology industry survives on an assumption that it does "€" with various techniques, young and old, aimed at self-therapy, scientific research on the subject is still in its early stage. Mindfulness meditation, or.*

Tap below to see prayers from other visitors to this site. Faith, strength and fairness - Bless me strength peace of mind. Help overcome all my insecurities and bless me with faith. Let there be fairness. For Tyler - God - I ask that you help Tyler find his way in the world A Prayer for Peace - I need prayer that I may trust God completely with my life and anxieties and that I will have a peace with me that is Debt removal - Lord please help us with our financial problems we need your guidance Lord please help us to make the right decisions with our life. Noisy Neighbors - Please pray that my neighbors above me move to another location. The noise is too much. Prayer for Financial Prosperity - Almighty and Everlasting Father, please pray to the Lord our God to come into our lives and keep us from anxieties, worries, problems, financial problems, Please help my daughter overcome panic attacks, stress, fear and depression - Dear Holy Father, I pray to please relieve my dear daughter Bethany from panic attacks, fears, anxiety, and depression. Please restore to her a peaceful Peace of Mind - Dear Lord. Please remove any anxiety and fear from me Lord so that my mind and body can be at peace and find rest. Calm Amongst the Storm - Lord, please watch over my loved ones tonight. May their hearts and minds be filled with joy. Relief from extreme anxiety - Please Lord, take my worry and anxiety as I accept your peace! Show me your mercy grace and peace. Help me to wait on your Worry on fiance and family - God, I need you to help my husband is no a belief like I and my marriage and financial is not going I need you I ask Jesus to help me.. My daily prayers - Dear heavenly Father, I ask that you take this anxiety and panic attacks away from me Please give me peace of mind Mistakes - O Heavenly Father, I am praying to you for help and guidance for cleansing all the wrong I have done. I humbly ask you to Sound peace of mind - Just want to pray for my daughter in law Stephanie to receive Jesus in her heart the peace the love the comfort and all the Surgery Prayer - Please pray a successful op on my wisdom tooth being removed soon. I need full anesthetics. Guidance and Direction and Confirmations!! That HIS Will would be done in this My children - Please, Jesus, guide my children to never lose track of what you did for them. Please guide them to always make good decisions. I need discipline - The devil has been attacking me alot lately and I have been struggling to keep my peace of mind lately and struggling to find joy Peace and prosperity - Dear Jesus I am at a turning point in my life Take away my pain - Please help me take away my daily and constant agonizing anxiety and depression. I put myself in a deep hole which is causing me to Lord I have sinned and My Love Forever, till we meet again - Forever in my heart, forever in my soul. I will never lose you, our love will only grow stronger, until we meet again in the I need prayer for success - I wish for prayer for success in my schooling. I pray for knowledge to successfully finish the class and to pass all exams. I ask for peace of mind, and soul - I ask for myself to be freed from my worried mind. In my anxiety has caused my intrusive thoughts to overcome my whole being and Moving with wife - We are planning on relocating when the lease to our apartment is up next summer. We will both have to find new jobs, and it Prayer for finances and peace of mind - Please Pray for me and my family for peace of mind and strength to cope with our financial problems. May God give us chance to My prayer is that God will put his healing hands upon us and our 2 teenage Stress - I need prayer for my family that I can provide for them to keep food on the table and for the health of my daughter Employment - I feel at my lowest. Please pray with me for strength. Pray for my daughter too. Her heart is heavy after an attending a job Family salvation health and finances - Please pray for the health I have diagnosed breast cancer last year everything is good so far let it stay that way. Anxiety about work - I pray in Jesus name that today I will not fear that I will make mistakes and that I will be made to feel as Deliverance from Fear anxiety depression - Please pray for God to heal and deliver me from crippling fear, depression, anxiety, and stress. I have missed many days from work, spent thousands No more lust or coveting - I pray in the name of Jesus Christ that i no longer have lustful or covetous thoughts. Cleanse my mind, heart, and soul and make Myself - Just pray that thing get better for me if I take to step forward it seem like

something pull me back I keep having bad Help to have peace in my life - I need prayer to ease my loneliness financial concerns and grief over losing my brother Jimmy. Thank You in Jesus name. Help Me - I need help. I need to get out of here, get out of my mind. I want to be happy I need strength. Anxiety and worry - Please pray that I find peace of mind. That I can walk through faith every day knowing that God is with me and I do The Little things - I need prayer and release from survivors guilt to move on with my life. Harassment at work - I have been working on an estate as a housekeeper for 23 almost 24 years in November for a wealthy family in CT. Freedom from Financial Struggle - Dear God, I trust that you will free us from this financial struggle and grant us peace of mind. Fill my family with understanding, love Thanksgiving - Help me thanks God for His mercy and favour upon my family. To communicate well when I go to the meeting - Thy heavenly father I come to you with thanksgiving in my heart and praises to you. Hallelujah to the name of Jesus. Unjust Situation at Work - I am asking for prayer for, in my opinion, an unjust situation at work. I have been employed since and was hired with my Want to leave my country - Want God to help me out so I can leave my country to work for God outside my country. There lot of evils in my Work Visa - Please pray for my son Mark. He is waiting for his certificate of eligibility to come through to work in Japan. Anxiety and complete trust God - Pray so I dont fear death. Switch my mind to think positive and completely trust the Lord. Patience and inner strength - Father God, first I want to give you the most highest praise. Lord I ask that you give me inner strength, I ask in the Blessed - I had best friend who passed away 4 months ago. And i think about her everyday sometimes i cry an sometimes i laugh because we Also issues within my family. Get a house to live in - O Lord my Father, I need to get my own house to live in without the inconvenience of being housed by others. Deliverance from bitterness - I pray to God to be able to let go of things that have hurt me. Peace of mind - I need healing in my soul. I wanna truly forgive my father and aunt. Also I wanna be healed of low self esteem. Peace and deliverance - I would like to pray for peace and calm in my neighborhood or if the Lord see fit, I ask for deliverance from this neighborhood. Peace - Please pray for me ,i need peace,employment, and God in my life.. I want to walk in his name,not mines.. I want to get to know you Healing - Sometimes I feel anxious and and my breathing is so fast and I feel like I gonna pass out or faint, and my blood pressure Free My Daughter from Anxiety - Please Lord heal my daughter from constant anxiety that is disrupting her life.

### 9: Troubled Minds -- Amy Simpson | Patheos Book Club

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