**KEEP READING IF……**

**YOU SUFFER FROM ILLNESS, PAIN, OBESITY, STRESS OR ANXIETY.**

“*YOUR PATH”*, a Concentrated 8 Week

 Program May Be For You

**INTRO**: In my decades working as a physician, I saw many people who suffered. Many times I couldn’t help them as much as I wanted, but I came to realize how much they could help themselves. To empower each of us to move toward health of body, mind and spirit, I started *Serenity and Health* in 2014. Now I am offering a new program for a small group of people who are ready to commit time and effort in order to actually transform their physical and mental health.

I am looking for adults who can answer **yes** to these three questions:

**1) Do you suffer from chronic illness, obesity, chronic pain, stress, anxiety, depression, insomnia, or other ailment?**

**2) Are you honestly ready to take steps to do something about these problems? This means devoting time for a meeting weekly for 8 weeks plus followups, for daily home activities, and to be open to learning and trying new things and sharing in a small group.**

**3) Do you want to improve your relationship with God, and learn how God can help you help yourself?**

**WHAT**: 8 week concentrated small group program, facilitated by myself, a retired Family Medicine doctor. I am offering to **accompany you** as **you** start anew your journey to health of body, mind and spirit. We will cover topics such as prayer, including the meditative prayer Centering Prayer; lifestyle choices we make about eating and exercise; mindfulness; stress and stress reduction; and a brief rundown of the science/psychology related to these topics.

**MY PART**: I will meet with you for 1- 1/2 hours weekly in a **small group** and provide information and support. I will be available for questions and will arrange group follow up meetings every 3 mos. for the first year.

**YOUR PART**: You must decide if **now** is the time when you really want to be open, learn and make the changes that will be needed for you to achieve better mental and physical health and a closer relationship to God. To join this group you will **need to commit to attending the weekly meetings and doing the assignments, which will initially require 30 minutes every day, to do your “home practices.”** This time commitment and a willingness to participate in the program are what will be required of you—there will be no monetary charge, only the opportunity to make a voluntary donation.

**NEXT STEP**: Pray about this. For questions email me at serenityandhealthgroup@gmail.com or call me at 301-277-2970. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday January, 24 at 7:30PM. Attendance at this meeting is required. The group will be limited and early applicants will be given priority.

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St. Mark parishioner since 2010, retired Family Medicine physician.

Founder Serenity and Health. See [serenityandhealth.com](http://serenityandhealth.com) for general information.

**SCHEDULE**

MEETINGS: Wednesday evenings 7:30-9:00 PM, Rm. 115 in School Building, St. Marks Catholic Church, Hyattsville. Attendance is expected for all meetings.

DATES:

January 24 Information, sign-up

January 31, February 7, 13\*, 21, 28, March 7, 14

follow-ups announced later [Wed., 2/14, is Ash Wed.]

*They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength,*

*they will soar on eagles’ wings,*

*walk and not grow faint. Is 40:31*