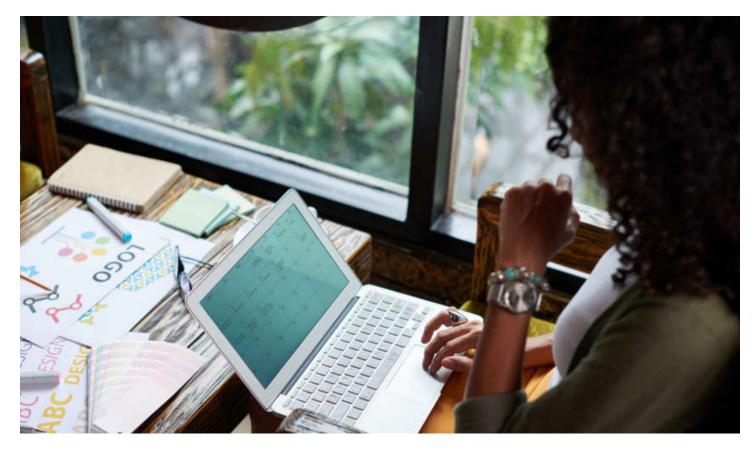


"I pray, God, that You remove my selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear." – 10th Step Prayer, Big Book Page 84



Day In and Day Out

I was "struck abstinent" on April 20th. I used to think being struck abstinent meant it was permanent, but it isn't. I work very hard to maintain my abstinence. **Abstinence for me means eating three meals plus two snacks daily, with no sugar, fast food, or anything from my "red light" list. This is my action plan:**

On Sundays, I decide what recipes to cook. I make a list, go shopping, and cook most or all of my food for the week. Then, I

pre-portion it and put some in the fridge and some in the freezer. Next, I plan out all my meals and snacks for the upcoming week, taking into account events and meetings I'll attend and whether I'll be dining out. All my thinking about food is done for the week!

Every night, I look at my food plan for the next day. I prepare a snack fresh and put it in the fridge with my pre-portioned foods. I take a call from my sponsee. I write things I'm grateful for in my gratitude journal, five things every night. I read and write to complete my Step work assignment from my sponsor. (Currently, I'm on Step Ten, and I'm emailing inventories every night.) When my head hits the pillow, my prayers begin: personal prayers, Step Three and Step Seven prayers, **and I actively bless my father with all the concrete items I want for myself, which is my way of letting go of my resentment.** Step Ten: continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.

fast food today. I find a guided meditation video online and immerse myself for five to twenty minutes. I read from Voices of Recovery and another daily meditation book. I read aloud the prayer my sponsor helped me create, asking God for his will for how to make direct or living amends to my father. I read aloud three affirmation statements. I read a daily recovery email and a daily devotional email.

> I reach out to various program people by text. I listen to OA podcasts while I get ready for work (I also do this in the evening instead of watching television). I take another sponsee's call, then pack up my lunch and eat my abstinent breakfast. When I'm really focused on program, I make an outreach call on my way to work. During the workday, I make and take outreach calls whenever I can, often during my lunch, and on the way home. I text people and respond to texts throughout the day.

> I do all these things day in and day out, and it really pays off! I'm healthier, happier, more peaceful, and more serene than I've ever been in my life.

Every morning, my first waking thought is of God. I say morning prayers and then text my OA buddy to commit to no sugar and no

- Barb, New Haven, Connecticut USA

https://www.oalifeline.org/abstinence/day-in-and-day-out/



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The littlest thing can easily tip me off-balance. Most days, I take personal inventory at the end of the day. It helps me sleep. I inventory fears, resentments, and stressful thoughts and beliefs. Wrongs seem to stem from those. I also list gratitudes, but not the things I think I should be grateful for. Instead, I list things I actually feel glad about.

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She then said, "It's not the end of the world. Nothing is the end of the world." **When I** let go of my defenses, it frees others to be less fixed in their positions too.

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Principle of Concept #10

Clarity

Principle of Step #10 Perserverence Principle of Tradition #10 Neutrality

Not Perfection

I struggle with extremes; it's all or nothing, because my disease deals only in absolutes. I am also a perfectionist and have trouble living in the moment, always feeling like there's more I should be doing. But my disease is a bully and a liar who wants me dead, therefore my recovery must be gentle, mediocre, boring, calm, and somewhere in the middle.

My disease tells me that if my abstinence is not perfect I should just go out and eat and die; that if I'm not the best at absolutely everything, I should just go out and eat and die. My recovery has to be loving, as is my Higher Power (who I defined in Step 2). My Higher Power tells me everyday that day that they love me, they are proud of me, and I am doing such a good job. My HP thinks that I do enough and I am enough, and that my progress in the program is the most impressive miracle ever seen.

Because my disease wants me to be perfect or dead, my recovery has to live somewhere in the middle, where the mediocre progress lives, aspiring to do just enough, just for today. My recovery keeps it simple and is forgiving of all my imperfections (including my food and my character defects). Where I am right now is exactly where my Higher Power wants me to be, including my weight, my character defects in process, and all the beautiful things unfolding in my life, slowly, beyond my wildest dreams.

All or nothing no longer works for me. Living in the disease no longer works for me. I now live somewhere in the middle, imperfectly, with serenity, where things are not very exciting, but where I'm basking in the light of my Higher Power, whom I call **God**, who loves me and always planned for me to be exactly the way I am.

So now I can just take a breathe, relax, and enjoy this day, trusting God to take care of everything else. Just for today I'm exactly where I need to be, living in progress, not perfection.

– Rebeca D., California



A Step Poem

I took Step One, began to moan I can't do this one on my own. I took Step Two, began to pray

Restore me God, please now, today. I took Step Three, gave up my will

Why did I still feel like eating?

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Maybe God could love me still. I took a Fourth, I looked inside Nothing more would I hide. And on the Fifth, I said aloud I've done some wrong, and I'm not proud. I took Step Six, and got prepared To lose the defects, I was scared. Now I'm at Seven, take them away My God, for this I truly pray. And on Eight, the list was long Amends to make for all the wrongs. I took Step Nine, put down my pride Amends made, I will not hide. Step Ten I take, each day I pray I make amends along the way. And on Eleven I pray to know Each day His Will, which way to go. I take Step Twelve, I'm like a bird

– Anonymous

To others now, I spread the word.

https://www.oalifeline.org/steps/saying-the-words/



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Twelve Steps of OA

1. We admitted we were powerless over food that our lives had become unmanageable. 2. Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. 3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him. 4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves. 5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs. 6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character. 7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings. 8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all. 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others. **10.**Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it. **11.** Sought t hrough prayer & meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out. 12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to compulsive overeaters and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Twelve Traditions of OA

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon OA unity. 2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. 3. The only requirement for OA membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. 4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or OA as a whole. 5. Each group has but one primary purpose to carry its message to the compulsive overeater who still suffers. 6. An OA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the OA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose. 7. Every OA group ought to be fully selfsupporting, declining outside contributions. 8. Overeaters Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers. 9. OA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. 10. Overeaters Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the OA name ought never be drawn into public controversy. 11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion: we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and other public media of communication.

12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all these Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

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Gold Coast Intergroup Meeting List (as of 7/30/2023)

All Zoom meetings have the same dial in number: 1-646-558-8656 and the same Password: 954954 (except when noted below)
- Check OABroward.org for the most updated meeting list –

Monday

10:00 AM St. Benedict's Episcopal Church Zoom Zoom link: zoom.us/j/750162024?pwd=MEhrS2U2ajVzd2pvRkt6bl ISRUx6dz09 Zoom ID: 750 162 024 - Password 954954 Meeting Type: Big Book / Newcomers Contact: Charles (954) 600-6280 Meeting Number: #800665

10:30 AM 4th Dimension Zoom Zoom link: <u>zoom.us/j/733969447?pwd=VGhJQitFY1NLK0N1aXNGS</u> <u>1B5cTVOdz09</u> Zoom ID: 733 969 447- Password 954954 Meeting Type: 12 Steps & 12 Traditions

Contact: Sheila (786) 837-3093 Meeting Number: #51180

7:00 PM Regents Park Zoom Zoom link: zoom.us/j/305659342?pwd=ckR1bVhRaHFzSIFVbVpIK3 FXRzlydz09 Zoom ID: 305 659 342- Password 954954 Meeting Type: Beginners and discussion

Contact: Bobbie (561) 477 -7914 Meeting Number: #27229

Tuesday

10:00 AM Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Zoom Zoom link: <u>zoom.us/j/819491242?pwd=V01CYzJWSmxUT2NrSVR1</u> <u>elhsOTZiZz09</u> Zoom ID: 819 491 242- Password 954954

Meeting Type: OA/AA 12&12 Step Meeting Contact: Nancy (561) 343-5587 Meeting Number: #02797

Tuesday (continued)

7:00 PM Crossroads 100 lb Zoom Zoom link: zoom.us/j/516282779?pwd=cTFOUlgxaGx6aGhCd0JHc TdHbTVqdz09 Zoom ID: 516 282 779- Password 954954 Meeting Type: 100 lb (all are welcome) Contact: Marcia (917) 693-4729 Meeting Number: #54776

7:00 PM Our Lady of Lourdes Boca Raton - IN PERSON Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Church 22094 Lyons Rd., Boca Raton Location Notes: Lourdes Christian Formation Center Bldg., Room 201 Meeting Type: Literature Contact: Ron (561) 483-0500 Meeting Number: #00903

Wednesday

10:00 AM Science of Mind Church Zoom Zoom link: zoom.us/j/654731057?pwd=QIVReUxGRHY0MGhleGxB NmRTQ0pDdz09 Zoom ID: 654 731 057- Password 954954 Meeting Type: Speaker Contact: Sherry S. (818) 398-4160 Meeting Number: #30002

10:00 AM TY Park – Zoom meeting

Zoom link: <u>zoom.us/i/290923334?pwd=cillcFVtbndGWiY5WE5pL1</u> <u>ZPciNOZz09</u> <u>Zoom ID: 290 923 334- Password 954954</u> Meeting Type: OA 12&12 on 1st, 3rd & 5th Wed. - Big Book of AA on 2nd & 4th Wed.

Contact: Ellie (248) 342-8822 Meeting Number: #800997

Wednesday (continued)

Meeting Number: #27545

10:00 AM TY Park - IN PERSON

Location: T.Y. Park - 3300 N Park Rd, Hollywood On Atlantic Street - Keep right and follow sign to Pavilion #2. Meeting Type: Big Book Contact: Leon (305) 302-1377

11:00 AM - Coral Springs Literature - IN PERSON

Location: Coral Springs Medical & Dental Senior Center in Coral Palm Plaza (contains Doris's Italian Market & Michael's). 2029 N. University Dr. Coral Springs. Meeting location is near Panera on south end of plaza.

Meeting Type: OA Literature Contact: Sue R. (754) 307-5678 Meeting Number: #57389

6:30 PM Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Zoom

Zoom link: <u>zoom.us/j/337815181?pwd=NWhQWjg2UUdKT0ZxYW</u> <u>1CSElwbDVodz09</u> <u>Zoom ID: 337 815 181- Password 954954</u>

Meeting Type: Beginner / Literature Contact: Mike (954) 675-7382 Meeting Number: #800744

Thursday

9:30 AM Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Zoom Zoom link:

zoom.us/j/268739522?pwd=Z1BBTDBZK3ZyeDZwVXh3 YjhSTmd5UT09

Zoom ID: 268 739 522- Password 954954

Meeting Type: 11th Step/Spirituality Contact: Jody S. (561) 212-7366 Meeting Number: #56655

10:00 AM St. Benedict's Episcopal Church Zoom Zoom link: <u>zoom.us/i/750162024?pwd=MEhrS2U2ajVzd2pvRkt6bl</u> <u>I5RUx6dz09</u> Zoom ID: 750 162 024- Password 954954

Meeting Type: OA Steps / Abstinence / Literature Contact: Brenda (954) 609-7393 Meeting Number: #800666

Thursday (continued)

1:00 PM Good Shepherd Big Book - **IN PERSON** Location: 6301 SW 18th St. Boca Raton Meeting Type: Big Book Meditation Contact: Bobbie E. (954) 415-6005 Meeting Number: #53679

7:00 PM Cooper City Literature - IN PERSON **NEW** Location: 2525 Embassy Dr. Suite 10, Cooper City

(Milestones in Recovery/Embassy Lakes Professional Center) Meeting Type: Literature Contact: Haya P. (954) 732-7728 Meeting Number: #57865

Friday

10:00 AM Voices of Recovery Zoom Zoom link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89741340714</u> Zoom ID: 897 4134 0714 - Password 561561 Dial in number 1-929-205-6099 Meeting Type: Literature Meeting Number: # 800108

6:00 PM OA Literature Zoom Zoom link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82761028377</u> Zoom ID: 827 6102 8377- Password 561561 Dial in number 1-929-205-6099 Meeting Type: Literature

Saturday

9:30 AM Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Zoom Zoom link: <u>zoom.us/i/669862116?pwd=Q3NhemkyYkVsZXhuZmYv</u> <u>NG1nVFN5QT09</u> Zoom ID: 669 862 116- Password 954954 Meeting Type: 90 Day Speaker (Special Interest) Contact: Alan S. (561) 400-1493

Meeting Number: #800526

10:00 AM Good Shepherd Big Book – IN PERSON
Location: 6301 SW 18th St. Boca Raton.
Meeting Type: Big Book
Contact: Andi (954) 295-1123 or Sherry (818) 398-4160
Meeting Number: #57655

Saturday (continued)

10:00 AM A Vision 4 You/Plantation Zoom Zoom link: <u>zoom.us/j/194605389?pwd=c0lDdnprbFVFdStPUmVjd</u> <u>1RwK0pOQT09</u> Zoom ID: 194 605 389- Password 954954 Meeting Type: A Vision 4 You/Big Book/Speaker

Contact: Nancy (954) 600-9513 Meeting Number: #800955

Sunday

12:15 PM Pride Center Zoom Zoom link: zoom.us/j/150175349?pwd=bFIFU28rWG9IRGxIRGVPV HhEWFZCQT09 Zoom ID: 150 175 349- Password 954954 Meeting Type: Newcomer / Speaker

Contact: Darlene (954) 299-8038 Meeting Number: #46694

6:30 PM Sunday Pompano For Today Zoom Zoom link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87204351241?pwd=M2taY</u> <u>VRzK1ZCMXVHbWhCdXFFenIIUT09</u> Zoom ID: 872 0435 1241 – Password 954954

Meeting Type: Literature For Today/Voices of Recovery Contact: Roz (516) 851-0677 Meeting Number: #800743

Next Gold Coast Intergroup Meeting:

Please be sure to join us remotely for the next GCIG Meeting on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 2pm-3pm

Zoom Link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84375463048?pwd=dEgyR</u> <u>nFNSXhHVXBXNVB4a09vazBpUT09</u>