

2020 CHRISTIAN WRITING ANTHOLOGY

“Here I am, Lord”

SUBMISSION RULES/FORM

Isaiah 6:8: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I, send me.”

Submission Rules

1. Are you called to use your creative writing skills to provide a poem or short testimony to minister God’s love, grace, peace and healing to others? Is this you? Have you had a God-incident that you are able to share or an holy-spirit inspired poem?
2. The theme of this new collection is “*Here I am, Lord*” from Isiah 6:8. The editor is looking for spirit-filled poetry or short testimonies of hope and inspiration for people who are lost and looking for peace and love in this time of Covid-19 (and post Covid-19) as we move forward into a new world - socially, economically, and globally.
3. The anthology’s aim is to be uplifting and positive and speak to the reader’s spirit through poems or short pieces of spirit-filled writing about healing and peace.
4. God has given the editor a vision to get a copy of this anthology to every doctor’s waiting room, hospital or hospice around New Zealand for people to pick up and read. He wants his Church to have a voice and speak to those seeking meaning and purpose.
5. The editor is looking for contributions. Write your poem or prose in a way that does not preach the Bible, but rather shows in your writing the love and peace of God. Tell your story in a way that will touch the reader’s heart.
6. Submissions must be the original work of the entrant, previously unpublished and not under consideration elsewhere.
7. The maximum length for poetry to be no more than 40 lines, and prose up to 1,000 words (however, the editor reserves the right to make exceptions).
8. The editor will select a suitable number of poems and prose from the submissions received to publish in an anthology and will contact the submitters to have their submission emailed as a word file, as well as a brief bio (description) of the writer that will be included.
9. Additional poetry and/or prose may be requested from guest authors at the discretion of the editor.
10. First publishing rights will be given to the editor for each poem/prose, but copyright will remain with the writer.
11. Contributors published in the anthology will receive two free copies in lieu of payment and will be able to order further copies at a reduced price.
12. The submission fee is \$10 per poem, \$20 per prose; and writers are welcome to submit more than one entry. This is open to all ages, but submitters must be living in New Zealand.

13. The submission fees will go towards the publishing costs of the book, together with limited sponsorship opportunities and a Givealittle page <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/here-i-am-lord-spiritual-anthology-of-writing> has been established to fund the balance of the publishing costs.
14. This initiative is not a money-making scheme, and all funding received from the sale of books and donations will go towards the publishing and distribution costs. Once the costs have been recovered, the books will be distributed free.
15. Entries are to be typed and attached to the official submission form and emailed to karalynjoyce@xtra.co.nz.
16. Entry fees are to be paid to bank account (ASB K Reid: Anthology Account) 12-3159-0032067-54 (this is a separate bank account) with the submitter's name and title of the poem in the fields provided. Once payment is cleared, all entries will be confirmed by return email (this will also be the receipt for payment)
17. The editor's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into. Submissions will be chosen prayerfully.
18. The closing date for entries will be 31 May 2020.
19. Successful submitters will be contacted by email in June 2020. All other entries will be destroyed, so please keep a copy.
20. A book launch will be held in Timaru in September/October (or as soon as possible after that date depending on Covid-19 regulations). All successful submitters, major sponsors and special guests will be invited to the launch and further details on the book launch programme will be available closer to the time.
21. The Editor, Pleasant Point writer, Karalyn Joyce (Reid) has had short stories and poetry published widely in New Zealand and edited a number of anthologies including three other Christian anthologies: writing 'Fuel for the Soul', 'I Saw Love Today', and 'The Journey', 'Ragworts & Thistles' for NZ Rural Women, and four children's books.
22. For any enquiries please contact Karalyn Reid on karalynjoyce@xtra.co.nz

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Entry Form

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

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Title of Submission/s:

1. poem/prose

2. poem/prose

3. poem/prose

4. poem/prose

5. poem/prose

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