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Dear Dr. Lucy,

It was a true pleasure to receive your little note of appreciation for my column. I'm not on line where people give feedback of likes or dislikes, so the only feedback I get is from notes like yours, or people I bump into on the street. Every writer wants to know, if there's anybody out there who reads anymore. I think those numbers are diminishing, but I hope not.

I had to ask my wife, Audrey, if she knew who you were. I recalled hearing or seeing your name mentioned on rare visits to the clinic for pop-up maladies, but I thought you might be the wife of a male Dr. Malksian. I take it you might still be practicing; I hope so.

I gatherer from the lovely card and envelop you sent you might be a naturalist too or at least a bird watcher; I loved that little meadowlark stamp. That bird is my totem, the signature bird of my grade-school days, and my favorite of all the birds.

You've probably gathered from my writing that I'm a pretty serious Christian, so I hope you'll be sure to make your reservation for Heaven a certainty. I may have lost my best friend because he died thinking being kind was all one needed to "get in" and he doubted there was a heaven, so I've prayed for God to have given him a wake-up deathbed conversion.

So I'm no longer shy about asking precious people I love to be sure to obey simple instructions of Romans ch 10: (8, 9, and 10.) or the simplest way of all, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord (Jesus) will be saved." Just like the thief on the cross.

By the way, supporting Boys Town will get you some of the most beautiful calendars, note pads and other decorative thank you stuff they send supporters every year. Supporting ministries and charities you believe in is a sure way to maintain your

own good health. God blesses such people, and the promise of Malachi ch. 3 is a biggie for givers – “and I will rebuke the devourer for your sake.”

Well, Lucy, it was great too get your note, Here’s a little verse I wrote just for you: “May your sweet smiles have loving sparks/ And your best bird songs be meadowlarks.”

PS I’ve enclosed a couple articles you might have missed. And my brother Charles is caching most of my stuff on his website – www.friendlyarts.net under Gene Pinkney’s writings.

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