Pricing Supplement Dated3/18/05(To Prospectus dated March 5, 2004, andProspectus Supplement dated March 5, 2004)

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## Principal Life Insurance Company Principal<sup>®</sup> Life CoreNotes<sup>®</sup> (Callable) Issued Through Principal Life Income Fundings Trust 2005-27 (the "Trust")

The description of this pricing supplement of the particular terms of the Principal<sup>®</sup> Life CoreNotes<sup>®</sup> offered hereby, and the Funding Agreement (specified below) sold by Principal Life Insurance Company to the Trust (specified herein), the payment obligations of which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Guarantee (specified below) issued by Principal Financial Group, Inc. to the Trust, supplements the description of the general terms and provisions of the notes, the funding agreements and the guarantees set forth in the accompanying prospectus and prospectus supplement, to which reference is hereby made.

## 1. The Notes

Principal Amount:	\$811,000.0		Purchasing Agent Discount:	2.000%
Issue Price:	100.0%		Original Issue Date:	03/23/05
Net Proceeds to the Trust:	\$794,780.0		Stated Maturity Date:	03/16/20
Interest Payment Dates:	The 15th day of ever	y sixth mo	nth commencing on 09/15/2005.	
Initial Interest Payment Date:	09/15/05			
Regular Record Date:	The 1st day of every	sixth mont	h commencing on 09/01/2005.	
Type of Interest Rate:	I Fixed Rate	🗖 Floa	ting Rate	
Fixed Rate Notes:	🛛 Yes	□ No.	If, Yes,	
Interest Rate:	5.50%			
Floating Rate Notes:	□ Yes	🛛 No.	If, Yes,	
Regular Floating Rate Notes: Interest Rate: Interest Rate Basis(es):	□ Yes	□ No.	If, Yes,	
Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Note: Floating Interest Rate: Interest Rate Basis(es): Fixed Interest Rate: Fixed Rate Commencement Date:	□ Yes	□ No.	If, Yes,	
Initial Interest Rate, if any:	N/A			
Initial Interest Reset Date:	N/A			

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Interest Rate Basis(es). Check all that apply:	N/A CD Rate Commercial Paper Rate Treasury Rate Other (See Attached)	CMT Rate CMT Rate LIBOR Prime Rate	
If LIBOR:	□ LIBOR Reuters Page LIBOR Currency:	LIBOR Moneyline Te	lerate Page
If CMT Rate: Designated CMT Telerate Page: If 7052: Designated CMT Maturity Index:	□ Weekly Average	□ Monthly Average	
Index Maturity:	N/A		
Spread (+/-):	N/A		
Spread Multiplier:	N/A		
Interest Reset Date(s):	N/A		
Interest Rate Determination Date(s):	N/A		
Maximum Interest Rate, if any:	N/A		
Minimum Interest Rate, if any:	N/A		
Calculation Agent:	Citibank, N.A.		
Computation of Interest: (not applicable unless different than as specified in the Day Count Convention: (not applicable unless different than as specified in the Discount Note:	N/A		If, Yes,
Total Amount of Discount: Initial Accrual Period of Discount: Additional/Other Terms:			
Terms of Survivor's Option: Annual Put Limitation:		□ \$2,000,000 or 2%; or □ \$or_%	
Individual Put Limitation: Trust Put Limitation:		□ \$01_70 □ \$250,000; or □ \$ □ 2%; or \$	
Redemption Provisions: Initial Redemption Date: Redemption:	<ul> <li>I Yes</li> <li>3/15/07</li> <li>In whole only and not in part</li> <li>May be in whole or in part</li> </ul>	□ No.	If, Yes,
Additional Other Terms:	Any redemption date will be a	n Interest Payment Date fa	lling on or after the Initial Redemption Date
Repayment: Repayment Date(s): Repayment Price: Repayment:	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>In whole only and not in pa</li></ul>	0 No. rt	If, Yes,
Additional Other Terms:	☐ May be in whole or in part		
Sinking Fund (not applicable unless specified):	N/A		
Securities Exchange Listing:	□ Yes	0 No.	If, Yes, Name of Exchange:
Authorized Denominations:	\$1,000		
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## Ratings:

The Notes issued under the Program are rated AA by Standard & Poor's ("S&P"). Principal Life expects the Notes to be rated Aa2 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's").

Purchasing Agent(s) Purchasing Notes as Principal:	🛛 Yes	1 🗆	No. If, Yes,
Purchasing Agent(s)			Principal Amount
Merrill Lynch Total:			\$ <u>811,000.0</u> \$811,000.0
	New York		\$ 811,000.0
State of Organization of the Trust:			
Additional/Other Terms:	None		
Special Tax Considerations:	None		
2. The Funding Agreement	D	G	
Funding Agreement Issuer:	Principal Life Insuranc	e Company	
Funding Agreement No.:	6-11823		
Deposit:	\$811,015.0		
Net Deposit:	\$794,780.0		
Effective Date:	03/23/05		
Stated Maturity Date:	03/16/20		
Interest Payment Dates:	The 15th day of every	sixth month c	ommencing on 09/15/2005.
Initial Interest Payment Date:	09/15/05		
Type of Interest Rate:	I Fixed Rate	□ Floating	g Rate
Fixed Rate Funding Agreement:	🛛 Yes	□ No.	If, Yes,
Interest Rate:	5.50%		
Floating Rate Funding Agreement:	□ Yes	🛛 No.	If, Yes,
Regular Floating Rate Funding Agreement: Interest Rate: Interest Rate Basis(es):	□ Yes	□ No.	If, Yes,
Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Funding Agreement: Floating Interest Rate: Interest Rate Basis(es): Fixed Interest Rate: Fixed Rate Commencement Date:	□ Yes	□ No.	If, Yes,
Initial Interest Rate, if any:	N/A		
Initial Interest Reset Date:	N/A		
Interest Rate Basis(es). Check all that apply:	□ CD Rate □ Commercial Paper Rate □ Treasury Rate □ Other (See Attached)	N/A	□ CMT Rate □ LIBOR □ Prime Rate
If LIBOR:	□ LIBOR Reuters Page LIBOR Currency:		LIBOR Moneyline Telerate Page
If CMT Rate: Designated CMT Telerate Page: If 7052: Designated CMT Maturity Index:	□ Weekly Average	3	☐ Monthly Average

	Index Maturity:	N/A		
	Spread (+/-):	N/A		
	Spread Multiplier:	N/A		
	Interest Reset Date(s):	N/A		
	Interest Rate Determination Date(s):	N/A		
	Maximum Interest Rate, if any:	N/A		
	Minimum Interest Rate, if any:	N/A		
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