

Someone Cares

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Let's do more to help
someone who needs our help.

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For You

This booklet is given to you as a free gift.

We want you to keep it so that you may read it again during the course of your illness, struggles, hardships, and trials.

Perhaps others will also be able to receive hope from it as you share it with them.

May God strengthen you as you read His Word.

May God grant you peace of mind and heart as you learn to commit your ways unto Him.

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Listen

Sickness and weakness
bring with them
all kinds of reactions –
fear
uncertainty
loneliness
hurt.

The sick person
wonders what might happen to him,
often fearing the worst,
while still hoping for the best.

While you are ill
or convalescing,
We invite you to listen
to words of confidence and hope,
Words given to you by God Himself
in the pages of the Bible.

When you trust in God,
You may have
great confidence in the present and
great hope for the future
Because God loves you.

And God promises richly to supply
all your needs
both for time and for eternity
Through Christ Jesus.

God Understands

God knows all about
your present weakness and trial.

He knows what you are going through.

He understands your hurts
and your fears.

He has not forsaken you
or forgotten you.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
went through great suffering Himself.

And it is He
who comes to strengthen
and to comfort you
in your affliction.

Listen to Him.

He understands.

The Bible Says

Cast all your care upon Him, because He cares
for you.

1 Peter 5:7

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed
is the man who takes refuge in Him.

Psalms 34:8

The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and
saves the contrite of spirit.

Psalms 34:18

For since He Himself suffered while being
tempted, He is able to help those who are being
tempted.

Hebrews 2:18

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God's Love

When you fully trust
in God,
You know that God's love
will never fail you.
Nothing can separate you
from God's love.

Circumstances
may sometimes cause you
to feel forsaken,
But you never are.

You may temporarily fail
to enjoy the presence
and love of God
because of your hurts
or fears,
But God's love is still there!

Circumstances
don't change the reality
of God's presence and love,
Even though you may change
in your awareness
of them.

God remains lovingly faithful,
and faithfully loving.

God doesn't change.

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The Bible Says

For You, Lord, are good, and forgiving,
abounding in kindness to all who call on You.

Psalm 86:5

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or
famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I
am persuaded that neither death nor life, neither
angels nor principalities nor powers, neither
things present nor things to come, 39 neither
height nor depth, nor any other created thing,
shall be able to separate us from the love of
God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Uncertainty

Perhaps you feel
that God is punishing you
for some wrong you have done.
You may feel
that you deserve
all the trials you are going through.

Is that how it is?

It is true
that God does not always intervene
to keep sickness away
from His children.

But
your sickness and your suffering
can never pay for your sins.
Only Jesus Christ can do that.

It is by His sufferings,
not yours,
That you are made right with God.

And remember,
god can graciously use
even your suffering and sickness
for your ultimate good,
If you humbly and sincerely
commit them
unto Him.

The Bible Says

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but
the Lord delivers him out of them all.

Psalms 34:19

We know that all things work together for good
to those who love God.

Romans 8:28a

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he
was bruised for our iniquities the chastisement of
our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we
are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

But my God shall supply your every need
according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

Trust

One of life's great blessings
is to have someone
you can trust.
Completely.
With everything.

Between you and
the one you trust
There is total openness,
complete confidence.
The one you trust
will never fail you
or leave you
No matter what happens.

God is Someone like that,
Someone you can trust.
He has promised
never to forget you
or to fail you.
He will not get weary
of listening to you.
He will not leave you
when your trials increase.

God wants to be your Friend.
He wants you to trust Him.
Completely
With everything.

The Bible Says

Call on Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver
you, and you will glorify Me.
Psalm 50:15

In the day when I am afraid, I will trust in You.
4 In God whose word I praise, in God I have
trusted; I will not fear. What can mere flesh do to
me?
Psalm 56:3-4

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom will I
fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom
will I be afraid?
Psalm 27:1

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed,
a refuge in times of trouble. **10** Those who know
Your name will put their trust in You, for You Lord,
have not forsaken those who seek You.
Psalm 9:9-10

Fear

Perhaps you are wondering
just how serious
your illness is.

You may be fearing the worst.
Or you may already know the worst.
And that may make you afraid,
afraid of today,
afraid of tomorrow,
afraid of what will happen to you.

Or you may be
afraid of what will happen
to your loved ones
if you don't make it,
if you don't get better.

Does God understand those fears?
Does He really care
when you're afraid?

Of course He does.

That's why He promises
that He will never leave you,
He assures you
that He will never forsake you,
no matter how rough
the way may be.

Tomorrow may be uncertain,
but the promises of are not.
Do not let fear of the unknown
take away the comfort
of that which is sure!

The Bible Says

For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of
power, and love, and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. **2** He
makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads
me beside still waters. **4** Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and
Your staff, they comfort me. **6** Surely goodness
and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalms 23:1-2, 4 & 6

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom will I
fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom
will I be afraid?

Psalms 27:1

"I have spoken these things to you while I am still
with you. **26** But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in My name, will teach
you everything and remind you of all that I told
you. **27** Peace I leave with you. My peace I give
to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be
afraid.

John 14:25-27

Thankfulness

Many people find it easy to be thankful
when things go well,
But they find it hard to be thankful
when things go wrong.

They quickly forget
their years of good health
after a few days of illness
They quickly forget
their years of freedom
after a few days of confinement.

And thankfulness drains away
along with
their declining
strength.

Do not lose your thankful spirit
when you lose your health.
God has not left you;
His love has not failed you.
God still wants the best for you,
no matter how little
you may understand that
right now.

Do not focus
on what you have lost.

Learn to give thanks
for what you have.

The Bible Says

Rejoice always. **17** Pray without ceasing. **18** In
everything give thanks, for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus concerning you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so
walk in Him, **7** rooted and built up in Him and
established in the faith, as you have been taught,
and abounding with thanksgiving.
Colossians 2:6-7

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from
above and comes down from the Father of lights,
with whom is no change or shadow of turning.
James 1:17

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will
rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalms 118:24

Discouragement

Hospitals and nursing homes
are great places to have around
when you're in need.
But they are not like home.

All the familiar things are gone,
your normal routine is interrupted,
your favorite foods are not available,
And someone you hardly know
tells you what you may
and may not do.
You feel so dreadfully out of place –
almost like a prisoner.

You hurt,
you weep,
nothing seems to go right.
And you simply don't know
how long it will be
before you are well again.

God understands all of that,
and He wants you
to be honest with Him.
He doesn't want you to hide
how you really feel.
He wants you to talk to Him
about it.

He promises to listen.

The Bible Says

As the deer pants after the water brooks, so my
soul pants after You, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for
God, for the living God. When will I come and
appear before God? 3 My tears have been my
food day and night, while they always say to me,
"Where is your God?" Why are you cast down, O
my soul? And why are you disquieted in me?

Hope in God, for I will yet thank Him for the help
of His presence. Yet the Lord will command His
lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night
His song will be with me, a prayer to the God of
my life.

Psalm 42:1-3, 5, 8

Prayer

Praying is a precious privilege.

Through prayer
you may find relief
from anxiety and fear.

Through prayer
you may find fellowship with God
and enjoy a blessed peace.

But sometimes
you may be too sick to pray,
or too tired.

Or it may seem
that God isn't listening.

Or you hardly know
what to pray for.
What then?

Then it's good to know
that many others
are praying for you.
Loved ones, family, friends
are lifting you up
in prayer before God.

And Jesus Himself
who knows all your needs,
presents them perfectly
before Your Father in Heaven.

The Bible Says

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with gratitude, make your requests known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will protect your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Let us then come with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me.

Psalms 66:20

Patience

For many people
life is so terribly busy.
Perhaps it is for you, too.
There simply isn't enough time
to do everything
you would like to do.

Then sickness comes.

And with it come
frustration and irritation,
Because you are no longer the master
of your own affairs.
You are simply no longer in control.
You need help.

Sickness, therefore, gives you
an opportunity to learn patience.
God Himself sometimes lovingly
slows you down a bit
from the frenzied pace
of your normal life.
He gives you the opportunity to look up,
to look up to Him,
to start talking with Him again,
to take a new look into His Word.

Patience! Don't be so restless!
Try to make the most
of this interruption
in your life.
Lean to wait upon the Lord!

The Bible Says

I waited patiently for the Lord, and He turned to me, and heard my cry. 2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet on a rock, and established my steps. 3 He has put a new song in my mouth, even praise to our God; many will see it, and fear, and will trust in the Lord.

Psalms 40:1-3

I know both how to face humble circumstances and how to have abundance. Everywhere and in all things I have learned the secret, both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things because of Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:12-13

Loneliness

Some people are very lonely.
They do not have to learn patience.
Nothing ever seems to happen,
so they are never in a hurry.
They always wait.
And no one ever seems to come.

Maybe you are like that.
Or maybe
you are like that now.
You expected a lot of visitors,
but hardly anyone comes.
Or even if some do come,
there are still so many hours
when you are alone.

And it hurts
to be lonely.
It can hurt as much
as the sickness does.
And even a lot more!

God understands those hurts,
and He cares about them.
He wants to help you
in your loneliness.
He wants you to know Him
as a Friend.
There may be times of loneliness
for you,
But if God is truly your Friend,
you will never
be alone.

The Bible Says

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or
famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **36** As it
is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day
long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter."
37 No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through Him who loved us. **38** For I
am persuaded that neither death nor life, neither
angels nor principalities nor powers, neither
things present nor things to come, **39** neither
height nor depth, nor any other created thing,
shall be able to separate us from the love of
God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:35-39

We know that we live in Him, and He in us,
because He has given us His Spirit.
1 John 4:13

And even to your old age I am He, and even to
your graying years I will carry you; I have done it,
and I will bear you; even I will carry, and will
deliver you.
Isaiah 46:4

Learning

Being sick
is rarely enjoyable,
But it may give you an opportunity
to learn some precious new truths,
or to re-learn some old ones.

For example,
You may have forgotten
just how much you depend on God –
for everything!

Or perhaps
you were starting to take
your health and strength for granted.
You just assumed
that you would always be well,
that sickness would always be for others.

Or you may have been neglecting
some very important things in your life –
your relationship to your family,
or to your friends,
or to your God.

Or you may simply
not have taken enough time
to think about the meaning and purpose
of your life.

And now you have
the opportunity to think.
Illness is a time for learning.

The Bible Says

My brothers, count it all joy when you fall into
diverse temptations, **3** knowing that the trying of
your faith develops patience. **4** But let patience
perfect its work, that you may be perfect and
complete, lacking nothing.

James 1:2-4

In this you greatly rejoice, even though now, if for
a little while, you have had to suffer various
trials, **7** in order that the genuineness of your
faith, which is more precious than gold that
perishes, though it is tried by fire, may be found
to result in praise, glory, and honor at the
revelation of Jesus Christ,

1 Peter 1:6-7

Confidence

Hope springs eternal
in the heart
of the child of God.

Nothing is ever hopeless
when your ways are committed
to your Heavenly Father.

God's power is unlimited;
His goodness knows no measure;
His mercy knows no end.

No matter what news
the day may bring you, therefore,
You can accept it
with quiet confidence.
For nothing whatever
will happen to you
beyond your Father's loving control.

Your Father
constantly watches over you.
Not one hair of your head
will fall to the ground
without His will!

Your confidence for the future
is built upon
an unmovable foundation.

The Bible Says

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father. **30** But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. **31** Therefore do not fear. You are more valuable than many sparrows.

Matthew 10:29-31

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

Psalms 118:9

In whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.

Ephesians 3:12

I can do all things because of Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

Healing

God has made you
in such a wonderful way
that your sick and tired body
often restores itself.

Sometimes God heals you
through the use of medicine,
or through surgery,
or through special treatment.

Sometimes God heals you directly
in answer to prayer.

However it may happen
that you get well,
It is God
who is the Great Physician.

So when you are well again,
and when you give thanks
to all who have helped you
during your time of illness,

Remember
to thank the Great Physician
for of all –
and above all!

And then use your healed body
joyfully
to serve the Lord!

The Bible Says

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing
praises unto Your name, O Most High: **2** to
declare forth Your lovingkindness in the morning
and Your faithfulness in the night,

Psalms 92:1-2, 4

So embrace, as the elect of God, holy and
beloved, a spirit of mercy, kindness, humbleness
of mind, meekness, and longsuffering.

Colossians 3:12

Finally, be all of one mind, be loving toward one
another, be gracious, and be kind.

1 Peter 3:8

Comfort

Someone once wrote:

My only comfort,
both in life and in death,
Is that I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

If you are able to say that,
then no matter what happens,
you can rest in peace.

Whether you get well quickly
or slowly,
Whether you get well completely
or only in part,
Or even whether or not
you get well at all,
You will be at peace with God.

To belong to Jesus Christ
is to be a child of God.
To be a child of God
is to be accepted by God,
to be forgiven by God,
to be loved by God.

That is comfort!

The Bible Says

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not
your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 14:27

“I have told you these things so that in Me you
may have peace. In the world you will have
tribulation. But be of good cheer. I have
overcome the world.”

John 16:33

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind
is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

Isaiah 26:3



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Invitation

Throughout this booklet we have been assuming that you are a child of God.

Some of you, however, may not yet have come to know Christ personally. You know that you are not yet at peace with God. But you would very much like to be.

You very much want the blessings of comfort and assurance and peace Which are described in these pages.

God invited you to receive them!

Accept that gracious invitation by praying the following prayer or a similar prayer of your own, Meant from you heart to Jesus Christ.

God,
I humbly come to You in Jesus' name,
asking You to fill my longing heart.
Please forgive me of all my sins,
and fill my life
with Your love and peace.
Thank You, Jesus for suffering, dying, and rising to
heave for me.

In Jesus name, amen.



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The Bible Says

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one;

Romans 3:10

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23



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The Bible Says

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

That if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved, 10 for with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
Romans 10:9-10

I will both lie down in peace and sleep; for You, Lord, make me dwell safely and securely.
Psalm 4:8

If you are not already involved in the worship and fellowship of a Bible-believing church, we invite you to join us Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Or email us or visit us on one of our social media sites. We will be happy to help you.

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