

Sample

the *Comforter*  
ministry



a journal

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

## Dear One,

We want you to use the comforter you are receiving that you, too, might be wrapped in God's comfort and love in this tangible way.

It is our prayer you will first read and ponder the Scripture references found on the next few pages.

Please use this journal to share your "story," express your thoughts, and pass on to others what you want them to know about you and your experience with cancer. Share meaningful Scripture, a picture, include a drawing, or write out your prayers. Let the Lord lead you, and may your words be a blessing to many.

When you are physically and emotionally ready, we would ask you to return the journal and comforter to the address located on the back of this journal. There is no time constraint on how long you keep them. If you prefer, you may forward the comforter and journal to a woman with cancer who could be comforted by them. In fact, if you are so moved, feel free to simply keep them both.

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Before sending the comforter and journal(s) back or forwarding to another woman with cancer, please:

- Clean the comforter in warm/cold, sudsy water or according to quilter's directions.
- On the back of the comforter write your name, city, state, and month/year of your cancer using fabric pen with permanent ink or some other permanent method.
- If you are forwarding the comforter and journal(s) to another woman with cancer please inform us of the new recipient's name, city, state, and the date the comforter and journal were sent or given.
- If journal pages are filled please request another journal. Journals should remain with the comforter they start with.

In Christ's Love, *Mary,*

*Judy & Christine*

## Comforter Ministry Mission

IS BASED ON THESE TRUTHS OF GOD'S WORD:

- God is the source of my comfort, the God of all comfort and hope. 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 and Romans 15:13
- God is my Triune God—three persons but one God. God the Father is the creator of everything, my creator, and the first person of the Trinity. Jesus Christ is the Savior of the entire world, my personal Savior (John 3:16). He is the second person of the Trinity who is true God and true man, came to earth to live, suffer, and die for my sins, rose from the dead, and has prepared a place in heaven for me. The Holy Spirit, the Comforter/Counselor, is the third person of the Trinity. He has brought me to faith, comforts, and counsels me. 2 Corinthians 1:21,22
- The Holy Spirit, my Comforter/Counselor, comes to me in Word and sacrament (Baptism and Lord's Supper) to comfort and counsel me. Acts 2:38 and John 14:16
- My sinful nature hears the words of God but can't understand them nor can I take them into my heart by faith without the Comforter/Counselor. For example, I go to a doctor and hear what is said but don't understand: but a friend who is familiar with medical terms goes with me and explains what the doctor meant. That is what the Holy Spirit, the Comforter/Counselor, does for me. 1 Corinthians 2:10b-14 and 12:3b
- My Comforter, the Holy Spirit, intercedes for me even when I don't know what to pray or can't physically or emotionally pray. Romans 8:26,27
- My Comforter, the Holy Spirit, gives me the best advice and the greatest comfort. The result is Jesus' peace. John 14:26,27
- The work of the Holy Spirit through God's Word compels me to reach out to others with the love and comfort I've received (2 Corinthians 1:4,5). No matter my circumstance, I am a new creation in Christ! 2 Corinthians 5:14-15,17.

Scripture references are printed on following pages.



## Comforter Photo

Enclosed is a photo of the comforter that goes with this journal.  
Please make sure the photo remains in the envelope. Thank you.



## Greetings

FROM THE QUILTER

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

*Then maidens will  
dance and be glad,  
young men and  
old as well.*

*I will turn their  
mourning into  
gladness;*

*I will give them  
comfort and joy  
instead of sorrow.*

*Jeremiah 31:13*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

*If you have  
any encouragement  
from being united  
with Christ, if any  
comfort from his  
love, if any fellow-  
ship with  
the Spirit,  
if any tenderness  
and compassion...  
Philippians 2:1*