



# COTTONWOOD CREEK CANCER CARE

Dear Cancer Fighter,

Throughout the course of our lives, each one of us will have to have difficult conversations with the Creator at some point. Circumstances arise that cause us to come face to face with the reality of this fallen world. One of those many circumstances is a cancer diagnosis. How exactly do you pray to the Lord in such a time of uncertainty and fear?

**A Prayer for Wisdom:** Wisdom is crucial for you to seek and act upon when you're faced with a life changing circumstance, such as cancer. It's okay to ask God for wisdom in deciding on how to tell your family and friends or choosing a treatment plan. Once you have prayed for wisdom, remember to move forward and make the best decisions that you can, trusting in Him all the while.

**A Prayer of Praise During Difficult Days:** Whether it's an impending doctor appointment, surgery, or you are just feeling discouraged, remember that the Lord is faithful and will never leave you. Remember the good that He has done in your life and trust that He can make something good come out of this time in your life.

**A Prayer for Success After Failure:** Remember the promises of God; He will sustain you. After a difficult diagnosis, embrace the Lord and those around you. Let them lift you up; it's okay to be supported and let others reach out to you. Rest in the Lord's care and keep moving forward.

**A Prayer for Healing:** During this time, remember that God has healed in the past, can heal now, and will someday heal. As you wait upon the Lord, it's important to take care of your body as best as you can.

**A Prayer of Pardon and Confession of Sin:** While our physical illness may not have been caused by our personal sin, the guilt we sometimes carry from past sins can be just as unhealthy as any disease. So, confess your sins, ask God for forgiveness, and remember that God is a loving God, full of Grace and Mercy.

**When It Seems Like There Is No Hope:** A cancer diagnosis undoubtedly can make you feel hopeless and broken. However, you must remember that God will never abandon you. He knows what you need and when you need it because everything is done in His perfect timing.

Our ultimate hope rests in the power of Christ. As you face this new normal of fighting your cancer battle, turn your struggles into an inspiration for others who may be going through the same thing. Our final home and victory is with the Lord and found in Heaven. Stay strong, keep your faith in the Lord always, and strive to use your diagnosis to share your strength and advance the Kingdom of God.

I hope you feel encouraged and you are in my prayers.

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