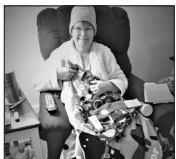




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#### We Pray Together:

Dear Father in heaven, when we hear the word cancer, we are frightened. We know how ravaging it can be for our bodies. The treatment can be long and painful. Help us to remember to put our trust in You as the Great Healer. Help us to place our hope in You and know that you are in charge. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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