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PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for: Cancer Care Packages—Phil's Friends

PRAYER #1

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the dedicated volunteers of Phil's Friends who prepare packages and cards to be sent out each week. May these packages and cards bring comfort to those suffering hopelessness and despair as they fight their battle with cancer. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Great Physician. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Gracious God, when those with cancer are feeling overwhelmed, remind them they are not traveling alone. May the comfort and joy of packages and cards from Phil's Friends bring hopefulness and light to those on an otherwise dark journey. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Dear Lord God Heavenly Father, thank You for the blessing of Phil's Friends and the service it provides for those suffering with cancer. Since 2006 they have reached thousands of people in the United States with care packages and cards bringing hopefulness and comfort. We ask that You continue to direct their work according to Your will, and guide us in our prayerful and generous monetary support of their efforts. In Your most precious name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #4

We are thankful to You, O Lord, for the blessings of Phil's Friends and the work it does to bring light to an otherwise dark journey to those affected with cancer. The care packages and cards from Phil's Friends makes a significant impact on those patients by providing hope and comfort at a time of loneliness and despair. You have promised to sustain us at all times and to carry us through all circumstances. As we hold on to the strength that only Jesus can give, use us even in our weakness. In His name. Amen.

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MISSION GRANT STORY

CANCER CARE PACKAGES— PHIL'S FRIENDS \$50,000

Going through cancer once, let alone a second time, there are moments that can be blanketed by feelings of hopelessness. In 2004, Phil Zielke was diagnosed with cancer. After receiving treatment he showed no signs of cancer but in 2005 the cancer reappeared. It was during this two year period while Phil was undergoing aggressive chemotherapy and then stem cell transplantation that he often felt alone.

While he had great support from his family, friends and the Lutheran church, there were times he couldn't have visitors and often there were times when he didn't want visitors. He kept a journal of his experiences of how God showed up in such amazing ways during his cancer journey. He saw great needs and how God met those needs in powerful and often tangible ways. The only reason he had true hope and peace was because he knew through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior.

While hospitalized, a group of people put together a care package for him full of items he desperately needed and they all signed their names to it. The care package showed that people were praying for him while others sent cards each week of encouragement that included Bible verses to show they cared. But as challenging and dark as these trials were, something hopeful and positive was about to be born. Using his illness and what he had learned through that journey, God equipped him to help others in similar situations. It was from Phil's hospital bed that the vision of Phil's Friends was born.

Today, Phil's Friends engages an army of volunteers that enables the organization to support thousands of cancer patients every week across the United States through free care packages, weekly cards and prayer. Through Phil and his wife, this organization carries forward the bold vision of supporting cancer patients in homes and hospitals across the world.

