GRIEF COMFORT SCRIPTURE CARD PACK

for Church Care Teams

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24 printable Scripture comfort cards, timed across the first year after a loss

A 12-month mailing schedule so no family is forgotten after the funeral

A visit-notes sheet to keep every contact, need, and promise in one place

HOW TO USE THIS PACK

Print the card pages on cardstock, cut on the dashed lines, and hand-copy the short message on each card (or write your own version of it). Sign every card from a real person, not just "the church." Mail or hand-deliver on the schedule in this pack, and log every contact on the visit-notes sheet within 24 hours.

Scripture quotations are from the King James Version (KJV) and the World English Bible (WEB), both public domain, written out in full on every card.

Print for use within your own congregation. Please do not resell this file.

CARD 1 - DAYS 1-3

With Our Sympathy

"The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit."

- Psalm 34:18 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know your church family is close by and holding you in prayer today and in the days ahead. You do not have to carry this alone - call us for anything, at any hour.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 2 - WEEK 1

You Are Being Prayed For

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."

- Matthew 5:4 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

These are Jesus' own words, and we are praying they come true for you in real, felt ways this week. We are bringing meals, errands, and anything else you need - just say the word.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 3 - WEEK 2

God Is With You

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

- Isaiah 41:10 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

When the house feels quiet and the days feel long, remember you are being upheld - by God, and by us. We are still here, and we are not going anywhere.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 4 - WEEK 3

For a Broken Heart

"He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."

- Psalm 147:3 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

Healing after a loss is slow, and that is okay. There is no timetable here and no need to be "fine" around us. We love you as you are, right in the middle of this.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 5 - ONE MONTH

Peace for Your Heart

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

- John 14:27 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

It has been a month, and we have not forgotten - not you, and not the one you love. We are praying for a quiet, real peace to settle over your home.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 6 - SIX WEEKS

When the Visits Slow Down

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

We know the calls and visits from others often slow down around now. Ours will not. Expect to keep hearing from us - that is a promise, not a pleasantry.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 7 - TWO MONTHS

Through the Valley

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

- Psalm 23:4 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

A valley is something you walk through - you will not live here forever, even if it feels that way today. We will walk beside you for as long as the road takes.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 8 - TEN WEEKS

New Every Morning

"It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

- Lamentations 3:22-23 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

This promise was written from inside deep sorrow, not after it - which makes it honest company for you. One morning at a time is enough. Great is His faithfulness, and it includes today.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 9 - THREE MONTHS

A Place Prepared

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

- John 14:1-3 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

For those who are in Christ, goodbye is not the last word - "see you again" is. We hold that hope with you, especially on the days it feels far away.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 10 - FOUR MONTHS

Strength for the Waiting

"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

- Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

Some days "walking and not fainting" is victory enough, and God calls it strength. Be patient with yourself. We are proud of how you are enduring, and we are still praying.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 11 - FIVE MONTHS

A Very Present Help

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

- Psalm 46:1 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

Not a distant help, not a someday help - a very present one. Run to Him like a shelter, as often as you need to. And lean on us, too; that is what we are here for.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 12 - SIX MONTHS

Half a Year

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

- Revelation 21:4 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

Six months on, we remember with you. A day is coming when every tear ends for good - until then, we will sit with you in the tears of today without rushing you past them.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 13 - SEVEN MONTHS

Sowing in Tears

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

- Psalm 126:5 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

Your tears are not wasted, and your love was not wasted. God is doing quiet work underneath this season, even when nothing looks like it is growing yet.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 14 - EIGHT MONTHS

He Sings Over You

"The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing."

- Zephaniah 3:17 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

Even now - especially now - you are delighted in, not merely tolerated. God is in your midst, mighty and near, and His love for you has not dimmed by one degree.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 15 - NINE MONTHS

Nothing Can Separate You

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- Romans 8:38-39 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

Death is on Paul's list - and even death cannot separate you from the love of God. Nothing about your grief frightens Him away. He is as close as He has ever been.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 16 - TEN MONTHS

A Time to Mourn

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance."

- Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

If you laughed at something this month and then felt guilty - please don't. Laughter returning is not betrayal; it is a season turning, exactly as God described. Both seasons are holy.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 17 - ELEVEN MONTHS

He Cares for You

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

- 1 Peter 5:7 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

As the one-year mark approaches, old feelings may come back strong. That is normal, and you will not face that week alone - we have it circled, and we will be in touch.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 18 - ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Seen and Unseen

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

- 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

One year. We remember this day with you, and we speak their name with you. Your grief this year has been a measure of your love - and that love, and the God who gave it, are eternal.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 19 - THEIR BIRTHDAY (FLOATING)

Precious in His Sight

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."

- Psalm 116:15 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

Today would have been a celebration day, and we did not want it to pass unmarked. We are remembering them with gratitude today - their life mattered, and it still does.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 20 - FIRST THANKSGIVING (FLOATING)

Mercy That Endures

"O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."

- Psalm 107:1 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

Holidays can sharpen an empty chair at the table. If this season is more ache than gratitude, that is understood here - no forced cheer. His mercy endures forever, including through this.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 21 - FIRST CHRISTMAS (FLOATING)

Light in the Darkness

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness hasn't overcome it."

- John 1:5 (WEB)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

Christmas came first to people sitting in darkness - that is the whole story. However this season feels, the Light has come, and the darkness does not win. We love you, and we are near.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 22 - FIRST NEW YEAR (FLOATING)

A New Thing

"Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

- Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

A new year can feel like leaving them behind. It isn't. You carry their love forward with you, and God makes ways in wildernesses. We will walk into this year beside you.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 23 - SPECIAL FAMILY DAY (FLOATING)

With You Wherever You Go

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

- Joshua 1:9 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

Days like this one can ache in a particular way, so we wanted you to hear from us today specifically. You are remembered, you are loved, and you are not walking through this day alone.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

CARD 24 - ANY HARD DAY (FLOATING)

Where Help Comes From

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth."

- Psalm 121:1-2 (KJV)

A NOTE YOU CAN HAND-COPY:

No occasion for this card - just a hard day, and we thought of you. Help is nearer than it feels. Call us, come by, or simply know you were prayed for by name today.

With love, from your friends at _____ Church

12-Month Mailing Schedule

One family = one schedule. Start at the date of loss (Day 0). Cards 1-18 follow the calendar; cards 19-24 are floating and are added on the family's own dates. One coordinator owns each family's schedule; review all active families at the care team's monthly meeting.

Days 1-3	**Card 1**	Hand-deliver with food/flowers if possible; do not rely on mail alone this week.
End of Week 1	**Card 2**	Pair with a meal-train or errand offer.
Week 2	**Card 3**	First care-team phone call this week (see visit notes).
Week 3	**Card 4**	Ask about practical needs: yard, bills, rides, paperwork help.
1 month	**Card 5**	Mark the monthly date on the care-team calendar - it recurs all year.
6 weeks	**Card 6**	This is when outside support typically fades; increase, don't decrease, contact.
2 months	**Card 7**	Suggest an in-person visit or coffee this week.
10 weeks	**Card 8**	Share a specific memory of the deceased if you have one - families treasure these.
3 months	**Card 9**	Check on sleep, appetite, and support network at this visit.
4 months	**Card 10**	Invite (no pressure) to a small group, class, or church meal.
5 months	**Card 11**	Ask directly: "What is hardest right now?" - then listen.
6 months	**Card 12**	Half-year mark. A call plus the card; name the deceased out loud.
7 months	**Card 13**	Watch for isolation; offer rides to services/events.
8 months	**Card 14**	Share an encouraging update or story if a visit goes well - with permission.
9 months	**Card 15**	Ask about upcoming hard dates (birthdays, holidays, anniversary) and record them.
10 months	**Card 16**	Normalize returning laughter and new routines; no guilt, no rushing.
11 months	**Card 17**	Warn gently that the anniversary may stir things up; plan anniversary contact now.
12 months	**Card 18**	Anniversary. Call or visit on the day itself. Consider a flower or candle delivery.
Their birthday	**Card 19**	Floating - record the date on the visit-notes sheet.
Thanksgiving week	**Card 20**	Floating - send the Monday before Thanksgiving.
Mid-December	**Card 21**	Floating - send by Dec 15 so it arrives before Christmas.
Late December	**Card 22**	Floating - send Dec 28-30 for the New Year.
Special family day	**Card 23**	Floating - Mother's/Father's Day or their wedding anniversary, whichever fits this family.
Any hard day	**Card 24**	Floating - keep printed spares on hand; send whenever a name comes to mind.

Family's key dates (fill in at the first visit)

Date of loss: _____

Deceased's birthday: _____

Wedding anniversary: _____

Other hard dates: _____

Care-team rhythm: cards signed by a real person, never just "the church" - every contact logged on the visit-notes sheet within 24 hours.

Visit-Notes Sheet

One sheet per family. Print copies and keep in the care-team folder. Log every visit, call, and card within 24 hours.

Family name: _____ Care-team coordinator: _____

Deceased's name: _____ Date of loss: _____

Address / phone: _____

Preferred contact: [ ] Call [ ] Text [ ] Visit [ ] Card only for now Best time of day: _____

Practical needs tracker: [ ] Meals [ ] Rides [ ] Yard/home help [ ] Paperwork/benefits help [ ] Childcare

[ ] Financial concern (refer to pastor / benevolence team)

Prayer requests - permission to share with prayer team? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Notes: _____

Referral: if grief appears to be deepening into inability to function, flag pastoral follow-up the same week -

care teams accompany; pastors and counselors treat. Date referred: _____

Anniversary plan: _____