

#CONNECTBYTEXT

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... encourage one another daily. (Hebrews 3:13)

It doesn't take much to brighten someone's day, offer a few words of comfort, keep in touch with a photo, or add a little light-hearted humor. A simple, heartfelt text can make all the difference.

We may not be able to meet with friends, family, co-workers, or neighbors very often, but we *can* reach out and send a simple text.

With just a few keystrokes, we can:

- text a few words of hope at sunrise or sunset, reminding someone they are thought of, cared about, and prayed for.
- send an inspirational quote.
- keep in touch by sending photos to friends or family.
- text words of comfort to someone in grief.
- ask someone how we can pray for them.

Did you know that reaching out to others has a positive impact on our health too? Studies show that those who regularly reach out to others experience less pain. Isn't it just like God to send the blessings both ways?

TEXTING DOs

- Be genuine, personal, and kind.
- Ask thoughtful and intentional questions.
- Express gratitude and appreciation. It deepens relationships.
- Tell friends and loved ones what they mean to you.
- Remember birthdays, anniversaries, and special days. It reminds others that they matter.
- Celebrate others' accomplishments, big and small!
- Use emojis to add a caring, compassionate, or light-hearted touch.
- Encourage and build others up.
- Pray for everyone you text today.

TEXT MESSAGES TO GET YOU STARTED

- You're on my heart today.
- *Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.* (2 Thessalonians 3:16)
- God sees you. You are known. You are held. You are loved.
- *For though I am far away from you, my heart is with you.* (Colossians 2:5)
- I'm praying for you right now.
- You are one of God's greatest blessings to me.
- How I wish I could sit with you, holding space, and praying quietly.
- You are not a burden. You are God's beloved.
- You are one of my favorite people!
- What do you need? How can I help?
- I love how you hold me accountable. Thank you!
- You inspire me to be a better person.
- I see how hard you fight every day. Thank you for not giving up.
- We all need help sometimes. There is no shame in asking.
- You inspire me to be a better person.
- God delights in you!
- Just checking in. How are you today?
- Thinking of you and all the ways you make my life brighter and so much more fun!
- Whatever today holds, remember that I love you.
- Congratulations! I knew you could do it!
- You make this world a better, brighter place.
- Thank you for everything—big and small—that you do everyday.
- You are beautiful inside and out!
- Thank you for noticing that I haven't been myself lately.
- I'm so proud of you!
- Praying you feel the deep, deep love of God everywhere you go, in everything you do, and through everyone you're with today.
- Be good to you today!
- Hey, it's me, checking on you. How are you doing, *really*?
- I know things have been a little tense between us lately, but that doesn't change how I feel about you. I love you always!
- I thank God for you every day. You are God's masterpiece, His magnum opus, His exquisite treasure.