

#PENTOPAPER

MINISTRY OF CONNECTION, PURPOSE, AND WORDS FROM THE HEART

WHAT IS #PENTOPAPER?

#PenToPaper is a ministry of connection, purpose, and words written from the heart.

Handwritten notes remind someone they are thought of, cared about, and prayed for. Our written words bring a sweet touch of encouragement, a glimmer of hope to someone who is struggling or feeling lonely, brightening the day (both theirs and yours!).

***We are the living letters of Jesus**, inscribed not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God.* (2 Corinthians 3:3)

God's love, poured into us, infuses every word we write in love to the heart of another. What an encouraging reason to write! Yet it's not the length of our notes that matters, but the kindness and love penned into them—words written from the heart make a big difference.

Notes of encouragement, celebration, gratitude, prayers, and appreciation are a blessing from us and an encouragement to us. Why not pick up your pen today and pour out a little love, reminding someone that they are not alone—that they are thought of, cared about, and prayed for? Your words just might make them a little stronger or braver today.

WHAT TO WRITE

- An encouraging quote
- A favorite Bible verse
- A short prayer
- A favorite joke or something that made you laugh
- A line detailing where you noticed God in His creation today
- A few words of heartfelt gratitude for a friend being there, listening, and trying to understand
- The lyrics of a favorite hymn or worship song
- A thoughtful question

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Go on, my dear friend, in your ministry of letter-writing, and let Christ use your pen in this way for his service. God has given you a big heart—a great fountain of love, sympathy, and cheer. Let the streams pour out continually in all directions to bless the world. Hundreds and thousands of people need encouragement and uplifting. You will scarcely meet one man or one woman ... whom you cannot make a little stronger or braver by saying the right word. (J.R. Miller)

CONSIDER WRITING TO SOMEONE WHO IS:

- sick or struggling.
- homebound or hospitalized.
- celebrating good news.
- recovering from surgery.
- grieving the death of a loved one.
- struggling with the loss of a job, home, or spouse.
- estranged from family.
- living with the continual and sustained losses of chronic pain or chronic illness.
- lonely, anxious, or depressed.
- in an assisted living facility or lives alone.
- overlooked or underappreciated.
- kind, generous, or has made a difference in your life.
- a soldier, missionary, or student far from home.

Note writing can become a ministry of purpose and connection through which we share God's beauty, truth, and goodness.

Looking at the blank note card is sometimes the hardest part of sending a #PenToPaper note. There is no right or wrong way to begin; just be yourself and ***write the words you'd want to receive***.

It takes just a few words to brighten someone's day and to let them know they are thought of, cared about, and prayed for.

If you're still stuck, our website has a selection of printable note starters, and our book, ***#PenToPaper: Note Starters for Every Day***, is chock-full of note starters for every day, special occasions, weddings, new babies, Christmas, and so much more (even note starters for difficult relationships). Included are suggestions for cards to pair with your note, giving visual ideas to spark your #PenToPaper adventure. Ask God to prompt you, and when He does, start writing.

With whom will you share your words today?

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