HANDWRITTEN WITH LOVE

NOTES OF FAITH, CARE, AND COMPASSION

A MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMPASSION

Handwritten notes remind others that they are thought of, cared about, and prayed for. A blank note card in front of you is not merely paper ready for ink; it's an invitation to offer your heartfelt words as a ministry of purpose and connection—a blessing sealed with love.

We are the *living letters of Jesus* (2 Corinthians 3:3). Could there be a greater purpose or richer ministry than reminding others that they are *cherished by the God of grace and compassion* (Psalm 145:8), pursued by the *God of peace* (1 Thessalonians 5:23), and loved beyond comprehension by the God who *is love* (1 John 4:8)? With the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, God's love infuses every word we write.

WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO WRITE

It takes just a few words to brighten someone's day, yet so often, we hesitate, unsure of what to write or how to begin. If you've ever been stuck, ***#PenToPaper: Note Starters for Every Day*** is for you! Inside this book, you'll find note starters sprinkled with Scripture, practical ideas, and ready-to-use words and prayers, making it easy to share *simple words with a lasting impact*. (Paired with our flat cards for every occasion, you'll find everything you need at **shop.chronic-joy.org**.)

Visit **chronic-joy.org/pentopaper** for our *free* printable: *Every Day Note Starters.*

Purposeful note writing (simply writing the words *you'd like to receive*) becomes a flourishing ministry of purpose, connection, and words from the heart as we share God's joy, strength, and faithfulness.

HANDWRITTEN WITH LOVE • A PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gentle ministry of notes written by hand. As I bring my willingness, my little loaves and fish, and all that is on my heart today, I trust You will use and multiply the offerings of my hands and heart in ways I cannot imagine. Please use each word to comfort the one who is weary, encourage someone who is hurting, and remind someone who is feeling isolated that they are never alone. May every word be a whisper of Your faithful love, carrying hope, peace, and love into tender places. In Jesus' name, amen.

HANDWRITTEN WITH LOVE INSTRUCTIONS

We are the *living letters of Jesus* (2 Corinthians 3:3). Could there be a greater purpose or richer ministry than to share the love of Christ, with others, reminding them that they are cherished by the *God of compassion* (Psalm 145:8), the source of *peace* (Thessalonians 5:23), and the one who is *love* (1 John 4:8)?

Whether shared as a service project, a small group activity, or a personal ministry, a handwritten note can be a holy interruption—one person choosing to slow down for another. The quiet power of words that are handwritten with love (offered without pressure for eloquence or perfection) becomes a prayerful act of care and reminds the writer that small, faithful acts can carry great love.

As you sit down to write a note, begin with a moment of prayer. Invite God to guide you to the messages that will comfort, encourage, and strengthen not only others *but also you*.

GREETINGS

- Dear Friend,
- Greetings in His love,
- Grace and peace,
- Beloved of God,

IF CHOOSING A VERSE, begin with:

Dear Friend, it is my honor to pray for you. Today, I prayed the words of (insert Scripture and reference) **over you.** Then write out the verse.

IF CHOOSING A PRAYER (*15 Prayers to Share*), begin with:

Dear Friend, today, I am praying these words over you: then write the prayer.

CREATIVE CLOSINGS

- God be with you,
- May God bless and keep you,
- Thanking God for you,
- Prayerfully,
- Blessings,
- Only by grace,

SIGN THE CARD

GRACE FOR MISTAKES

Use White-Out if you make a small mistake—or draw a line through the word(s), and continue writing.

IDEAS FOR FILLING YOUR ENVELOPE

- Print out a guide or coloring page to tuck in the envelope.
- bookmark
- inspiring photo