

## DEVOTION FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH CANCER

# Prayer

**The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. Romans 8:26**

We know that God wants us to pray, especially in times of trouble. But sometimes the blur of procedures and treatments make it difficult to think about (for what) exactly we should pray. We ask ourselves “are we praying properly?” Are we asking for the right things? Sometimes we just feel too overwhelmed to pray. The weariness of all things in this world infects us too. We may have even asked others to pray for us and we feel comforted in the knowledge that others are praying for us.

It is at this time that we realize we could use a prayer partner. How encouraging to know that someone, whose head is clearer at the moment, is praying with us! This person will know better what ought to be asked. And, if that person is experienced in prayer and is knowledgeable of God, so much the better. We need prayer allies like that.

How about the best prayer partner of all – the Holy Spirit Himself! If anyone knows how our prayer ought to be said, He does! If anyone knows the mind of the Lord, He does! If anyone knows our real needs, He does! What a prayer partner to have! What a prayer partner we have as we wait through treatments and possible nausea!

Verse 27 gives us some insights just how the Holy Spirit does this when it states, “**And he [God] who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.**” The Holy Spirit knows us thoroughly and there nothing hidden from him. The Holy Spirit also knows everything to know in the mind of God as 1 Corinthians tells us, “**For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.**” Since He is knowledgeable of all things on earth and in heaven, He is the perfect prayer partner. He knows what is “the will of God” and what is best for us.

The “saints” for whom the Holy Spirit intercedes are not some especially pious and good Christians but those who are holy by their faith in Christ – in other words, all believers. This is a special service of the Holy Spirit for all Christians.

### **Prayer:**

Dear Lord I so need your help! But when I pray I often feel so small. Dear Spirit please take my scrambled thoughts and make sense of them. Thank you for giving me the comfort that there are no bad prayers. And thank you that you know exactly what I need. Amen.