

DEVOTION FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH CANCER

God Remembers

**But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.
(Genesis 8:1)**

We as Americans are a very busy people. That often leads to being forgetful because we have so much on our plate. We as a country soon forget the lessons of the past and wind up repeating the previous mistakes. We forget so soon and move on to something else. The same is true when someone like us is diagnosed cancer. At first there is a flurry of helpful activity. But as time passes the once sympathetic people seemed to have forgotten and moved on to something else. We get to the point where we wonder if anyone remembers our battle with cancer. We may even wonder if God has forgotten.

In the verse above we find a scene from Noah's family, the Ark in the flood. Noah and his family may also have wondered if God had forgotten them with the all animals who needed a great deal of care. When the verse says "But God remembered" is does not mean that after God had filled the ark He put them on the back burner and focused on the flood water. God had not forgotten Noah and his family. To "remember" in the Bible is not merely to recall to mind; it is to express concern for someone, to act with loving care for him. When God remembers His people, He does so with kindly action. (CSB) He works to complete His plan for us as spoken of in Romans 8:28: **And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.**

We are in good company with people whom God remembered. In Genesis 19 God had destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah but saved Abraham from danger. In Genesis 30, God acts to answer Rachel's prayer for a child. In 1 Samuel 1 God answered Hannah's prayer and gave her a son.

So, when we feel terrible, and we think the cure is awful and overwhelming, God will never lose track of us and our needs. He always remembers us and our situation. Just as He will never leave us or forsake us, He will never forget us, even for just a moment.

Prayer:

Lord, forgive me for even thinking that you don't care and don't remember me in my predicament. Thank you for never forgetting me and needs. Help me through your Word and Sacrament to be reminded of how much you really care for me and will always remember me. Amen