

That They May Have *Life* ...

... for Eternity

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Terminal Illness

A terminal illness is a condition that is expected to end in death - - the disease is irreversible or incurable.

In 2024, 619,871 people died of cancer in the United States.

Symptoms of a terminal illness can include confusion, hallucinations, fatigue, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, and agitation.

Terminal illnesses can include advanced heart failure, end-stage cancer, dementia, ALS, and COPD.

Caregivers of those diagnosed with a terminal illness may face increased depression and anxiety, impaired immune function, and worsened health.

End of Life

In 2022, there were 14,700 nursing homes and 1.2 million nursing home residents in the U.S.

The leading causes of death for adults 65 and older are heart disease, cancer, stroke, chronic lower respiratory diseases, and Alzheimer's disease.

Palliative care, or end-of-life care, is required for over 40 million people worldwide annually.

Hospice care is given when comfort is the primary goal. It is a time that can help the person suffering a terminal illness prepare physically, emotionally, and spiritually for death.

There are four levels of hospice care: routine home care, general inpatient care, continuous home care, and respite care.

God's Word

Romans 6:4-5

"We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."

1 Peter 1:3-5

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Christian Response



Emphasize Christ's promises of heaven, glorified bodies, and eternal life.

Celebrate the gift of life and relationships each day.





Be present and supportive during terminal illness and the final moments of one's life.



Learn more about Life Week 2027

Sources for Life Week fact sheets