



Hope in Healing

Finding Freedom in Jesus Christ.



**If you, or someone you know,
is dealing with Alzheimer's
or dementia and in need of
assistance, please contact us for
more information or to make a
counseling appointment.**

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ALZHEIMER'S

“The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.”

- Psalm 9:9

“In the multitude of my thoughts and anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul.”

- Psalm 94:19

“Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, for I am desolate and afflicted. Look on my affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins.”

- Psalm 25:16-17

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

- Philippians 4:6-7

A PRAYER for the Alzheimer Patient

Our Father who art in heaven, I pray according to 2 Corinthians 4:16 that you would help me not lose heart. Thou outwardly I am wasting away, yet inwardly I am being renewed day by day. Forgive me Lord for thinking there is no meaning left in life for me and that I am useless and unloved and a burden to others. I realize that meaning and purpose for my life comes from the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ, who is daily renewing my strength and growing His character in me. I stand upon your promise Lord that The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green. (Psalm 92:12-14) In Jesus Name.... Amen

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One of the most exciting current research areas in medicine is Alzheimer's disease. The test results look promising that we will soon understand why and how it happens. This will give us powerful tools to prevent and treat it.

As many as 10 percent of people aged sixty-five or older suffer from Alzheimer's disease and the risk continually goes up as one gets older so that 50 percent of those over age eighty-five are afflicted.

People with Alzheimer's disease often have profound changes in personality, behavior, and moods. Sometimes these changes precede the actual diagnosis by years. This means you have to consider the diagnosis whenever there is an unexplained first appearance of any unusual behavior in elderly people who formally had none. Currently the only way to make a definite diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease is by examining brain tissue under the microscope. This involves too much danger for the living person.

The Family

The family is greatly affected by an elderly member that has Alzheimer's disease. It is said that “the demands on families, that care for Alzheimer patients is like living a thirty six hour day with no breaks or time for rest. It is important for family members to gather all of the information they can about the disease. Then it is important to discuss it with everyone that is involved. There are two specific areas that should be looked at. One is the symptoms of the disease and the other is the spiritual symptoms of the person. A good question to ask is, “Does this behavior violate God's commands, is it a result of brain changes, or is it both? The patient need in both physical and spiritual areas is understanding and compassion.

God's Heart

An important key to remember is that “brain disability does not mean spiritual disability.”

**You can make
a difference.**

- Get information about the disease.
- Learn the disease's mental and emotional consequences.
- Ask for help.
- Distinguish between physical symptoms and spiritual problems.
- Be willing to address the spiritual problems with the Word of God.
- Treat the person with honor and respect.
- Pray to understand the person's gifts and strengths.
- Encourage the person's gifts and strengths.
- If necessary, teach skills to minimize weaknesses.