

**THRIVE!**

**Devotions  
for Students**

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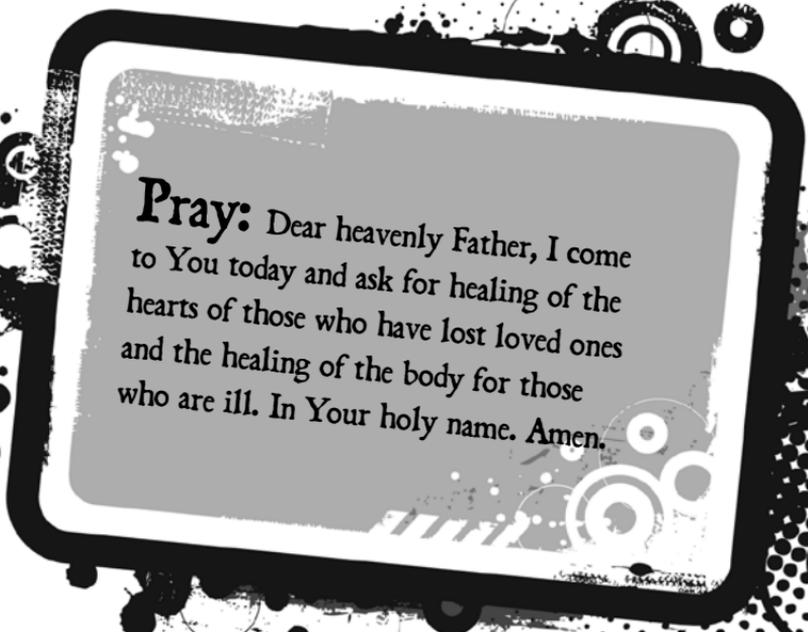
# My Best Friend

**Read:** Romans 6:8

When I was ten years old, my mother was diagnosed with cancer. Divorced with three children, she had no emotional or physical support. While she was being treated, she also had no faith in the Lord. Three days before my twelfth birthday, she went into remission. After that, she started taking my oldest brother and me to church, and she confessed her faith in Christ as her Savior. One year later, we moved to Colorado. My mom got married and was finally happy.

Only two months after getting married, Mom had a checkup and was diagnosed with cancer once again. This time, it was a very rare form of cancer for someone her age. She went through chemotherapy and radiation again, but it only made

things worse. When she accepted the fact that she was not going to go into remission, she went to a well-known hospice center in Boca Raton, Florida, where she passed away on February 14, 2004. The last memory I have of my mother being happy is when she said to me that knowing Christ was the best thing in her life, and that Christ would be with her forever. My mother knew and rejoiced that she would be with her Lord for eternity as He promised in Romans 6:8.



**Pray:** Dear heavenly Father, I come to You today and ask for healing of the hearts of those who have lost loved ones and the healing of the body for those who are ill. In Your holy name. Amen.



Micah Owens

# No More Boasting

**Read:** *Genesis 37:7*

Nathan was an all-star athlete. He was the captain and MVP of the basketball team, as well as the leading scorer. His team went all the way to the semifinals of the state tourney. The baseball coach also named him the captain of the baseball team.

One day at practice, Nathan started bragging about all the college scouts who were coming to watch him play in the big game on Saturday. "Two Big Ten schools are driving all this way to watch me play," he warned, "so you better not mess it up." The other boys on the team were tired of hearing it. Ever since they had been freshmen, all they heard was how great Nathan was, even from the coach.

Jeremy, another boy on the team, spoke up, "I would