

A 7-Day Reading Pack for Serious Illness

For anyone facing a serious diagnosis, and for those caring for them.

Powerful KJV scriptures for those facing a serious illness, cancer diagnosis, or chronic disease.

How to use this pack

- One page a day, or one page repeated for a week. Both are fine.
- The prompts are honest about fear; do not answer them piously.
- Keep the pack for hospital days when waiting rooms swallow hours.

The seven days

Day 1 — Naming the fear · Psalm 41:3
Day 2 — God as refuge · Jeremiah 17:14
Day 3 — Prayer for healing · Isaiah 53:5
Day 4 — If the answer is not yet · Psalm 103:2-3
Day 5 — Letting people help · James 5:15
Day 6 — Today's mercies · 2 Corinthians 12:9
Day 7 — Whatever comes · Romans 8:18

Receiving a serious diagnosis — whether cancer, a chronic condition, or another life-altering illness — can shake the very foundations of your faith and peace. In these moments, God's Word becomes an anchor for the soul. These King James Bible verses remind us of God's healing power, His presence in suffering, and the hope that transcends any medical prognosis. Whether you are the patient, a caregiver, or a loved one, let these scriptures bring strength and comfort.

Naming the fear

The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

Psalm 41:3 (KJV)

God's presence at the bedside

Devotion prompt

What exactly are you afraid of — pain, dependence, dying, leaving people? Name the real one.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

God as refuge

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

Jeremiah 17:14 (KJV)

A prayer for healing

Devotion prompt

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. What does 'very present' look like on a bad day?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Prayer for healing

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5 (KJV)

Healing through Christ's suffering

Devotion prompt

Ask plainly for healing. Write the request without qualifying it to protect God's reputation.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

If the answer is not yet

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.

Psalm 103:2-3 (KJV)

God heals all diseases

Devotion prompt

Paul asked three times and was given grace instead. What would sufficient grace need to look like for you?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Letting people help

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5:15 (KJV)

The power of faithful prayer

Devotion prompt

What help have you refused out of pride? Accept one offer this week.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Today's mercies

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9 (KJV)

Strength in weakness

Devotion prompt

Write down three good things about today, however small. Illness narrows the view; this widens it.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Whatever comes

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18 (KJV)

Eternal perspective on suffering

Devotion prompt

Write a short prayer entrusting the outcome to God. Date it and keep it.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

More verses for this season

Keep this page for cards, texts, and the days when you need different words.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalms 46:1 (KJV)

Present help in trouble

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Isaiah 41:10 (KJV)

Do not fear

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

Psalms 30:2 (KJV)

Testimony of healing

For I am the Lord that healeth thee.

Exodus 15:26 (KJV)

God's identity as Healer

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:4 (KJV)

The ultimate hope

A prayer for this season

Lord, you know my body better than any scan. I ask you to heal me. Whatever the answer, do not leave me, and give me grace enough for today. Amen.

Practical ways to use these verses

- Isaiah 53:5 and Psalm 103:2-3 are the most cited healing scriptures for prayer
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 helps when healing doesn't come immediately
- Send Psalm 41:3 to someone in the hospital — it speaks directly to their situation
- James 5:15 is appropriate for anointing services and prayer groups
- Revelation 21:4 offers ultimate comfort when the prognosis is terminal

Notes and prayer requests

Read the full collection, with every verse in context, at biblesundays.com/life-events/serious-illness-verses — free KJV verse collections, printables, and reading plans for every season of life. Free to print and share; please keep this page attached.