

Hearts to Pray Ministry

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In times of loss, grief and sorrow prayer and His word has been the refuge that brings me the personal peace and comfort my soul longs for.

“Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief” (Psalm 31:9, NIV). My heart is broken, my mind exhausted. I cry out to you and hardly know what to ask. All I can do is tell you how I feel and ask you to “keep track of all my sorrows. . . . [collect] all my tears in your bottle. . . . [and record] each one in your book” as I pour them out to you (Psalm 56:8, NLT). Amen

On September 14, 2017 at 1:02 AM my precious sister, Teri Wells was called home into the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was my only sister and we were very close in heart and spirit. She lived a life for Christ and family. Teri showed us also how to be prepared to meet Him even while waiting in her move to heaven. As I held her hand, prayed and kissed her for the last time my heart was overwhelmed with great immediate loss and sorrow. God was in the room bringing His comfort, hope and peace even with all the tears and heartbreak. We had the hymns softly playing in the back ground, my nephew reading the scriptures and encouragements from text that were lovingly coming in, the fragrance of frankincense filling the room and family taking turns around her expressing their love. The emotions were beautiful and brutal in the same breath to be quite honest. We as believers grieve with hope not as unbelievers with no hope but we do grieve. (1Thess 4:13)

When you don't know what to say to someone who has lost a loved one, say a prayer and let them know your keeping them in your prayers, that says all that needs to be said most of the time. Thank you all your faithful prayers towards our family during this season of grief, we have been strengthen by them.

With Hope,

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