

# SERVICE IN A BOX



## WHAT IS SERVICE IN A BOX?

*Service in a Box* includes everything you need to encourage, strengthen, inspire, and love on those who are nearest and dearest to you. Serving is made simple! Inside each box you purchase, you'll find:

- beautiful, blank-back flat cards
- professionally printed guides
- envelopes

Writing a note might require brave intentionality. This one small act carries love that can change the trajectory of someone's day, brightening both theirs and yours! Place these beautiful and inspiring gifts in one envelope: your thoughtful note and an encouraging guide. Pray for the recipient and drop it in the mail.

## HOW TO USE SERVICE IN A BOX MATERIALS

- ENCOURAGE A FRIEND who is struggling with depression or anxiety.
- REMEMBER A NEIGHBOR who is lonely or isolated.
- STRENGTHEN A TEEN as they navigate the tricky waters of independence with chronic illness.
- SEND A FUN NOTE TO YOUR GRANDLITTLES.
- LIFT A WEARY CAREGIVER'S SPIRITS.
- THANK A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL.
- PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR and church leaders — and let them know.
- INTRODUCE A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE to Chronic Joy.
- EXPRESS YOUR APPRECIATION with notes of gratitude.
- BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY with a touch of kindness.
- INVEST IN THE HEARTS OF YOUNG ADULTS.
- COMFORT SOMEONE WHO IS GRIEVING.

*We have so much joy before our God because of you!  
So we thank God for you. But we cannot thank him  
enough for all the joy we feel.*

(1 Thessalonians 3:9)

Visit [chronic-joy.org](http://chronic-joy.org) for more resources.



# BOOKMARK IT!



## SPREAD A LITTLE KINDNESS WITH BOOKMARKS

Order a supply of Chronic Joy bookmarks and:

- slip them into public library books ready to be returned.
- include them in #PenToPaper notes to friends or loved ones.
- tuck them into *Little Free Library* books in your neighborhood.
- use them as decorative gift toppers.
- gift them to friends or co-workers in celebration of:
  - World Read Aloud Day (February 3)
  - International Book Giving Day (February 14)
  - International Literacy Day (September 8)
  - World Kindness Day (November 13)
- give them to your small group or a children's Sunday school class.
- include them in retreat or conference swag bags.
- use them as decorative place-setting gifts.
- include them as fun party favors.
- hand them out for Trick-or-Treat (don't forget the candy!).
- leave a bookmark with your tip at a favorite restaurant.
- include a bookmark with your thank you to the hotel housekeeping staff.
- tuck a bookmark in the Bible at a hotel.
- send them with your Christmas cards.
- include them in teacher appreciation gifts.
- give one to your doctor, nurse, or medical technician.

## BOOKMARK FUN FACTS

The oldest known bookmark (made of ornamental leather lined with vellum and attached to the cover of a Coptic codex by a leather strap) dates from the 6th century AD. It was discovered in 1912 in the ruins of a monastery near Sakkara, Egypt.

In 1584, Elizabeth I was given a fringe silk-fringed bookmark depicting her portrait as a thank-you gift from Christopher Baker for granting him exclusive rights to print the Bible in 1577.

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