



GENEROSITY IS A BEAUTIFUL WAY OF LIFE

The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!
(Numbers 6:26)

You have looked kindly upon Chronic Joy this year and your generosity has made such a difference in the lives of those affected by chronic illness, mental illness, chronic pain, and disability.

*The key to living a life of generosity
is in having a heart that delights in the Lord.*
(David Royall)

Jamie writes, "I have witnessed the words 'You are not alone.' so many times on social media, but often the words aren't substantiated in a meaningful, personal way. It can be painful to see a sentiment uttered while in reality no hands are reaching out with sustaining action to make you feel and be less alone. What I love about Chronic Joy is that they always show up, and they keep showing up for you, on the website, through the mail, through their commitment to making the ministry accessible, and to the personal way they make you feel heard, seen, and tended to."

*No single act of generosity remains in isolation.
The ripples are many.*
(Sarah Winman)

We're so grateful for *every* prayer, kind act, helping hand and dollar donated so that *together*, we can serve in meaningful and intentional ways all over the world. Without you, we simply couldn't do what we do.

Together, we are making a difference *one precious life at a time.*

Grace and peace be yours in abundance this Christmas,

Patricia and Linda

PRAYERS

LORD JESUS, BE OUR HOLY GUEST

Lord Jesus, be our holy guest,
Our morning joy, our evening rest;
And with our daily bread impart
Your love and peace to every heart. Amen.

(Henry Van Dyke)

PREPARE THE WAY

In the lonely places
The wilderness
Where we stand forlorn
Windswept and alone
Your voice calls out
Prepare a way for the Lord
In the dark places
The shadows
Where we hide our fears
Embrace our tears
Your voice calls out
Prepare a way for the Lord
(faithandworship.com)

WONDER, JOY & PEACE

May you be filled
with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the determination of the magi,
and the peace
of the Christ child.
Almighty God, Father, Son
and Holy Spirit bless you
now and forever.
(Ray Pritchard)

LET ME NEVER FORGET

Dear Lord Jesus, let me never forget in my own
downcast moments that you too felt vulnerability
in Bethlehem as well as loneliness in your earthly ministry!
Help me to show others Your real love, especially now,
as well as all year round, and help me to share that love
with others, even if it's just in little acts of kindness.

When I feel lonely or confused, let me remember
that Your love for me is so great that You
would have experienced Your incarnation
and passion for me even if
I were the only person in the world. Amen.

(Christopher Castagnoli)