

BIRTHDAYS CONNECT US

We were created to be in community, to share each other's joys and griefs, delights and challenges, highs and lows. Remembering each other's birthdays helps us connect, rejoice, and celebrate together. Sometimes finding the right words, even for a beloved family member or dear friend, can be challenging. These note starters offer a little inspiration and an easy way to say "Happy Birthday!"

- The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)
- Happy Birthday! May the LORD, the God of our ancestors, increase you a thousand times and bless you as he has promised! (Deuteronomy 1:11)
- May the grace you have shown others return to you on this day wishing you a very happy birthday!
- You are such a gift to me! May God gift you a wonderful birthday.
- On your birthday, I celebrate you YOU are a blessing and inspiration to the people around you!
- Most things don't get better with age, except you.
- I'm so glad you are part of my story. Happy Birthday!
- So glad God made you!
- Hoping you know how loved and cherished you are.
- You were born, and the world became a better place.
- Happy Birthday! Wishing you joy and love on this, your special day. May God bless you today and always!
- Another spin around the sun, another year has now begun.
 Celebrate with joy and fun! Happy Birthday!

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IS EXALTING LIFE

Birthdays need to be celebrated ... because to celebrate a birthday means to say to someone: "Thank you for being you." Celebrating a birthday is exalting life and being glad for it. On a birthday ... we say: "Thank you for being born and being among us." (Henri Nouwen)

- You may blow out your candles, yet the light of the Lord will always shine on you and his warmth shall be a comfort.
- Just like this birthday card that I lovingly placed inside an envelope, so may you be enveloped by the love of Jesus on your birthday and every day.
- On your birthday and every day, remember that you are wonderfully made by God. Rejoice in his enduring love!
- On your birthday, I want you to know that your faith, kindness, and goodness inspire me every day.
- Another year older is another year of learning to pray, love, and know God's grace. Here's to many more!
- You are truly a gift from God to us. May you enjoy every moment of this special day! Happy birthday.
- A sweet friendship refreshes the soul. (Proverbs 27:9) Happy birthday to a wonderful and faithful friend!
- What a great day to remember and celebrate the wonderful you. On this special day, I thank God for the gift that is you.
- It's an awesome day to celebrate how your presence makes your corner of the world a better place.

On our birthdays, we celebrate being alive. On our birthdays, people can say to us, "Thank you for being!" Birthday presents are signs of our families' and friends' joy that we are part of their lives. Little children often look forward to their birthdays for months. Their birthdays are their big days, when they are the center of attention and all their friends come to celebrate ... Birthdays keep us childlike. They remind us that what is important is not what we do or accomplish, not what we have or who we know, but that we are, here and now. On birthdays let us be grateful for the gift of life. (Henri Nouwen)

