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“Rather than offering superficial platitudes, this little book will draw your heart deep into the heart of the Suffering Servant who knows and loves. I highly recommend it.”

ELYSE FITZPATRICK

“Nuanced with the wisdom of personal experience and saturated with Scripture, this book will offer a voice to the suffering when words fail, and point them to the one, true Word who has borne their sorrows and is acquainted with grief.”

KATHRYN BUTLER, MD

In His Hands

Prayers for Your Child or Baby in a Medical Crisis

When your child or unborn baby is facing serious medical problems, it can be hard to know what to pray. The shock, uncertainty, and fear can mean that even though you want to cry out to God in prayer, your words just dry up.

That’s where this book can help, with prayers that use Scripture to help you communicate with the Lord. Whether you need to cry out honestly to the Lord in grief, to pray boldly for healing and help, or simply to process what is happening, you’ll find words to help you talk with the God who loves you and weeps with you—the God who can do all things.

Authors Eric Schumacher and Jessika Sanders both know what it’s like to face a family medical crisis, and they are passionate about helping others in the most difficult situations. Eric is the author of *Ours: Biblical Comfort for Men Grieving Miscarriage*. Jessika is the founder and president of Praying Through Ministries, which provides support for parents whose children have been hospitalized and families who have experienced child loss.

This easy-to-navigate book includes prayers for a clear diagnosis; prayers for healing; prayers for comfort and relief from pain; prayers for peace, courage, perseverance, and wisdom to cope well; prayers for unity; for the extended family; for the medical team; for practical needs; for times of spiritual darkness and doubt; and much more.

This book is designed to help both parents and the wider family turn to God for help when a child is facing a medical crisis.


About the Authors

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Suggested Interview Questions

1. What is your hope for this book in how it will minister to families?
2. Why a book of prayers?
3. Can you share a bit of your own experiences with your child's medical crisis?
4. How has God used prayer in your own experiences with pediatric medical crises and loss?
5. If we can pray to God in our own words, why is a book of pre-written prayers important?
6. Many of your prayers are based on Psalms or other passages of Scripture. Why is that? How can the scriptures teach us to pray?
7. How can parents help their children navigate their suffering, while experiencing so much burden themselves? How can they help any siblings?
8. Your book provides prayers in twelve different categories, as well as prayers for children and groups. Why did you format it that way?
9. Do you have a favorite prayer in the book? Could you read it for us?
10. For some people, times of crisis like this really test their faith in the Lord. How would you encourage people who are doubting or angry at God because of what has happened?
11. How can spouses care for each other in the face of this trial?
12. What attributes of God are most comforting to you having endured this suffering?