

What happens to my message?

01 Write

You write your message

When you choose a gift card, take a moment to write a handwritten note of encouragement on the tear-off Connection Card (you can keep the other side as a reminder of your gift). If you are donating online, after you scan the QR code to donate, you can write a digital message of encouragement and it will be added to our digital message wall.



02 Post

Put your message in the mailbox

Drop your completed Connection Card directly into your Message Mailbox. Each week, your church coordinator will safely pack and post all of your congregation's handwritten messages back to Anglicare using the reply-paid envelopes supplied.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift – 2 Corinthians 9:15

03 Sort

Our team receives your card

Once your Cards arrive at Anglicare, our team will sort them, and distribute them directly to our frontline teams, including community pantries, mobile hubs, caseworkers, financial counsellors and chaplains.



04 Connect

Your encouragement is hand-delivered

Our teams hand-pick and deliver your physical Cards directly to families and individuals in moments of care throughout the year. With your help, we hope to create a beautiful cycle of encouragement, prayer, and connection across New South Wales.

Messages of encouragement

Not sure what to write? We've prepared some example messages below to show you the kinds of things that might be encouraging for us to share with members of our community as we serve them this year.



Prayer-based messages

Hello,

I'm praying that God gives you comfort and strength today, and that you feel His love and care surrounding you.

Please know you are in our thoughts.

*Blessings,
Ethan*



Christmas themed messages

To my neighbour,

This Christmas season, I'm praying that you would be encouraged by the hope of Jesus' birth.

One of the names of Jesus is Immanuel, meaning 'God with us' (Matthew 1:23). May you be reminded that you are never alone in your journey.

Sincerely, Janet



General encouragement messages

Dear friend,

I just wanted you to know I am thinking of you today. Your story matters, and there is hope ahead.

We are standing with you in prayer, asking God to guide your steps and fill your week with His unexpected blessings.

*Sincerely,
Tara*

Hi there,

As I write this card to you, my prayer is that God brings peace to your heart, helps you with any worries, and reminds you that you are never alone.

My church community is standing with you in prayer.

*God bless you,
Micah*

Dear neighbour,

May the light and hope of Christ's love bring comfort to your heart this Christmas!

Our church community is thinking of you, and we are praying that you experience God's peace and joy in the year ahead.

From Sarah

Hello,

I'm not sure what you're facing right now. But whatever today looks like, I really hope this note brings a little encouragement to your week.

Please know that there are people who care about you, and are cheering you on.

From Jaryd

Bible verses of encouragement

We've chosen some Bible passages that are appropriate for believers and non-believers. If you want to share a Bible verse, consider using one of these, and share with your recipient why it's encouraging to you.



Bible passages

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

– Matthew 11:28

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

– Isaiah 41:10

Come near to God and He will come near to you.

– James 4:8

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

– Psalm 9:9-10

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– Romans 8:38-39

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

– John 1:5



Example messages

"I wanted to share a verse that's really encouraged me over the years. These are Jesus' words: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' (Matthew 11:28)

I like to pray to God, knowing that He wants me to come to Him, no matter what I'm going through. I hope and pray that you'll know His rest too."

"Sometimes I've felt like I have nowhere to turn when I'm am going through a really hard time. In those times, I've found this verse from the Bible really encouraging.

'The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.' (Psalm 9:9-10)

If you're in a time of trouble or uncertainty, I hope it's helpful for you to know that God is your refuge.

One of the most powerful things I've ever known is the faithful love of God. These are some words from the Bible that I always turn to when I need to remember that God loves me.

'For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Romans 8:38-39)

If you don't know the love of God for yourself, I hope this verse encourages you that God loves you and wants you to know Him.