

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Talking Grief

INTERNATIONAL PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY

Every life no matter how brief, forever changes the world.

October 15 is the annual day, proclaimed by the NSW State government in 2012, to remember Pregnancy and Infant Loss. This day is observed with remembrance ceremonies and candle-lighting memorials throughout the world.

We are all part of the international wave of light, a living memorial, a special time on a special day when, as a community, we remember. The International Wave of light is the worldwide lighting of candles from 7:00 p.m. in our local time zones for one hour, providing a light inspired moving memorial that will cover the globe during this special day. The candle's light provides a highly symbolic fleeting memorial of light, covering the world in a special glow, symbolizing purity and joy for the babies we have lost and will never forget in our hearts.

Whether you have experienced the loss of your baby during pregnancy, stillbirth, or in those first few hours, days, months, short years of their lives, the pain can often be overwhelming and unbearable. Whether it was recent the death or a long time ago, we come to remember the little ones with tenderness and reverence, whose lives were too brief but meant to be.

The loss of a baby, a child stays with a family forever. The bereavement and grief experienced is often challenging for others to truly empathise. Having support is paramount. Raising awareness is the first step to accessing available support.

Our babies were created in the image and likeness of God and were unique individuals. We pray for them by name if we are able. If our baby was never named God knows the child's "true name" which is written in Heaven's Book of Life.

O God, of gentleness, searcher of hearts and most loving consoler, surround us with your care.

You share the heartache of these parents, siblings and families, may they be reassured that their little ones will never be forgotten.

God ever caring and gentle, we commit to your love the little ones, quickened to life for a short time. Enfold them in eternal life.

We pray for their parents, siblings and families who are saddened and weighed down with their loss.

May they be comforted and supported.

*I am here with you by your side,
Sheltering your heart from the
night.*

*Wherever you go,
Whatever you do,
I'll be always loving you.*

*Let me love the world through
your heart,
Let me heal your wounds with
my touch.*

*I will be your God, your
comforter.
I will hold you close in my heart.*

*Let me see the worlds through
your eyes,
Let forgiveness shine through
your smile.*

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Death does not
end our story...

Death does not
end our
relationships