How to Use Your Barton Cotton Bereavement Set

Barton Cotton's Bereavement Set is perfect to assist in your Bereavement Ministry in reaching out to those who are grieving – especially during the difficult first year after the loss.

The item number for the set is MZ995 and it includes 25 each of 4 cards and 1 holy card. Each card in the Bereavement Set is designed to be sent at a suggested time during the first year, as indicated below. The <u>Bereavement Set Tracking Sheet</u> that is available with the set is an Excel spreadsheet that makes it easy to send the right card to the right person throughout the year.

Included in the Set:

- <u>Sympathy Card</u> (Item # MA922): This is the first card in the Bereavement Set and is designed to be sent at the time of the loss. This card is especially designed to bring comfort and a reminder of God's presence to those in mourning.
- <u>Safely Home Holy Card</u> (Item # HG927): This holy card can be sent with the Sympathy Card or given out separately. The Safely Home verse is a beautiful, well-known prayer.
- <u>Faith in God Note Card</u> (Item # MY924): This note card is the second in the set and can be sent three months after the time of the loss. The purpose of this card is to remind those who are still grieving that they are not alone. You may want to consider putting your contact information in this card in case they need someone to talk to or additional support.
- Our Thoughts are With You Note Card (Item # MY926): This note card is the third in the set and should be sent six months after the loss. This may be an especially difficult time as support from family and friends diminishes and the person who has lost someone feels very alone. Again, sending this card with your contact information will let them know that they have someone to talk to if needed.
- God Gives Us Strength Card (Item # MA928): This card is the last in the set. It is designed to be sent at the one year anniversary of the loss which is an especially difficult day for those in mourning.

A sample of the Bereavement Set Tracking Sheet is included on the back of these instructions. If you have any questions about the set, please contact one of our helpful representatives at 1-800-638-4652.

Sample Bereavement Set Tracking Sheet

Below is a sample showing part of the Bereavement Set Tracking Sheet. The actual tracking sheet that you receive will have a full 12 months showing. This spreadsheet provides an easy way for you to keep track of who should receive which card, and when.

Bereavement Set Tracking Sheet									
Name of Deceased	Date Deceased	Family of Deceased	January	February	March	April	May	June	
John Q. Sample	1/20/2010	Mary Sample	1 and 1a			2			
		Jane Sample	1 and 1a			2			
		Mike Sample	1 and 1a			2			

	Legend	
1	Sympathy Card	MA-922
1a	Safely Home Holy Card	HG-927
2	Faith in God Card	MY-924
3	Our Thoughts are with You Card	MY-926
4	God Gives Us Strength Card	MA-928