

Scripture Reading: Psalm139:16

*All the days ordained for me were written in Your Book before one of them came to be.*

My birth mother was ill all my life. She had rheumatic fever as a child and that damaged her heart. She suffered greatly.

When I was 12, she had a major heart attack and was dying.

I was brought up in a Christian home that knew the power of prayer...and so, I prayed hard and long for her to recover and get better.

God knew His plan for her and lovingly took her home to be with Him. I was never angry with God, but, as a 12-year-old, I did not understand why He took my Mother away from us. We all loved her so much and needed her.

As I grew older in life and my Christian walk, I understood my mother was God's gift to us... for the days he had numbered. He loaned her to us.

Our lives are full of the treasures and blessings God gives us...even temporarily.

What a blessing when we realize, that was God's plan all along.

*Prayer:* Heavenly Father, You know all the days of our lives. May we live each day as if it were our last and spread His Word to Glorify HIM in all we do.

~Submitted by Char Holbrook for the Fourth Reading of Lent.