

Lauren,

I didn't know you, but I wish I had. You have inspired me to keep fighting and holding on to my dreams, to my hopes and to my God no matter the circumstances. You guide me whenever I need encouragement. Thank you for helping me to stay strong. Thank you for never giving up.

Since I heard your story, there hasn't been a single day that I haven't thought about you or prayed for your family.

You have helped me to fight depression and give me the courage everyday to keep fighting ~~the~~ eating disorder. You have helped me to know that even though I am not as physically strong as I used to be, because of an illness similar to yours, I can still accomplish so much and I can't let it limit me.

God uses the weak to show how strong He is, like David and Goliath. I see Him in you, you were like David and sickness like Goliath. You beat him by letting love and a positive attitude shine through you. I believe that we also learn compassion through suffering. You are an example of this thought of mine because of your last wish. You saved the lives of others by giving your organs.

Lauren, you have changed my life. I refuse to be reduced by what happens to me from this point onward, and I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.