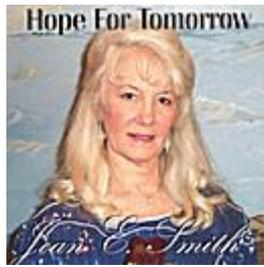


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why I crave music. Mother taught me to always put others before myself. She often reminds me life's journey will either make us stronger - so we can be encouragers or it allows us to be the one in need - Either way people need faith in God and people need people. By openly presenting my private life to the grant committee it helped me realize that it is okay to ask for help. The financial assistance received from the grant made it possible for me to produce this CD. My uttermost desire is to honor Almighty God with humble praise. May I always put Him first and be a willing helper to others. The American Pen Women Writers Group, Spring River Branch, of Cherokee Village will soon sponsor their third annual writing contest. I challenge all female private writers take the bold plunge go public who knows you just might experience a brand new awakening. I know I did! The time spent working with the grant committee is priceless I owe many thanks to Pat and Nancy and the other published writers. Recording an album under the professional technical engineering hand of Floyd Helems, of Lighthouse Recording Studio in Mountain View, Arkansas can be described in one word. . . magnificent! Wendy Stevens, of Thunder Ridge Castle Duplicating in St James, Arkansas, professionally packaged and duplicated the master CD. Dennis Brannon Ellen Brannon, of the Stone County Citizen Newspaper Thank You so kindly! I truly appreciate everyones helping hand. This project came about thanks to each of you. To all purchasing the Hope For Tomorrow CD Gods Richest Blessings to YOU. Dear friends, I covet your continual prayers and please know your investment into this project is a joint mission our desire is to bring songs of hope and encouragement. To my dearest friends and neighbors thank you so kindly - I truly appreciate your encouraging support. And, thank you for allowing me to share the beauty of music with you. Joan E Smith

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