

PRAYER WITH THE FAMILY OF THE TERMINALLY ILL

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How miraculous a gift You have bestowed on us in giving us Life, these bodies, this time, in which to explore Your world, O God.

We stand in support and witness now of the life of our loved one, whose body ails and who will soon pass from life to death.

We ask for the clarity of vision and the strength of will to help him in the ways most meaningful to him, to honor his experience of life and his experience of death.

We ask that he be spared of fear and of pain; that he feel Your unwavering Presence of Love; and that he release his last breath without regret, with peace and serenity.

May we honor our own experiences of grief in the knowledge that Divine Wisdom guides all, and may we re-enter our lives re-committed to the celebration of the miraculous cycles of Life.

AMEN