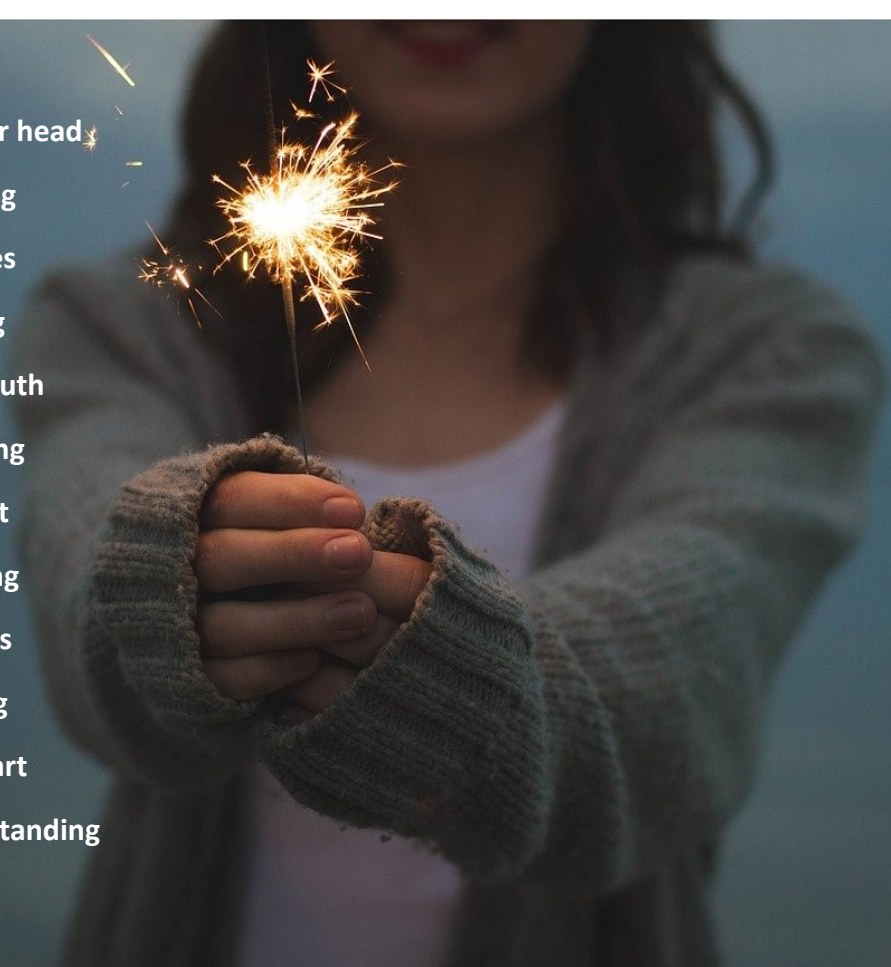


END OF LIFE READINGS AND BLESSINGS

Thank you for accompanying this patient at the end of their life. Below are some prepared blessings and readings which you can choose from. As far as you are familiar with the patient and their wishes please choose what you feel is appropriate. Most important is your presence, your attentiveness and your intention to care.

May you be blessed as you bless others on their journey onwards.

A blessing for you, as you bless others...

A person wearing a grey knitted sweater is holding a lit sparkler. The sparkler is bright and glowing, with many sparks flying out. The background is dark and out of focus.

May love be in your head
And in your thinking
Love be in your eyes
And in your looking
Love be in your mouth
And in your speaking
Love be in your feet
And in your treading
Love be in your ears
And in your hearing
Love be in your heart
And in your understanding

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Let us be still

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We are here after a long hard journey

What has happened has happened

What has not happened has not happened

Let it be.

In this time of quiet,

Let the quietness of peace come upon you

All dear to you

And all who have no peace

And you, (name of patient), who are loved

For you there are no more troubles and no more sorrow

You have laid your burden down now

May you be enfolded in peace.



Deep peace

Deep peace of the running waves to you

Deep peace of the flowing air to you

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you

Deep peace of the shining stars to you

Deep peace of the gentle night to you

Moon and stars pour their comforting light on you

Deep peace of the source of peace to you



Journey

{name of patient}, go forth on your journey;

In the joy that created you and delights in you;

In the love that surrounds you;

And in the peace that awaits you

May you go forth under the strength of heaven

Light of sun

Radiance of moon

May you go forth with the splendour of fire

Speed of lightening

Swiftiness of wind

May you go forth supported by the depth of the sea

Stability of rock

Firmness of earth

May you be surrounded and encircled

Above, below and about

With the deep Love that binds us all.



Tide

{Name of patient}, Go gently on your voyage, beloved

Let love call you home with the ebb tide

May the moon light a way across the waters for you

May the earth cradle you

The breeze blow you swiftly

Until you reach the place

Where your vessel need labour no more

Where love rises in bright fullness

And a new dawn breaks upon the white shore



Love

Love was at your beginning

May love be at your ending

Love in your lying down

Love in your rising up

Love in your thinking

Love in your heart's feeling

Love when you are in company

Love when you are alone

Love which held you before your mothers holding

May Love keep you as her own

Now and forever more



For one of Christian faith

May your soul and body be in the safe keeping of God,
May God lighten your darkness
and the light of the presence of God dispel the shadows of night.
In the name of the Father precious,
And of the Spirit of blessed balm
In the name of gentle Jesus
Lay thee down to rest.
The peace of all peace be yours,
Now and forever more.

