

**PRAVERS
AND READINGS
WITH ONE
WHO
IS GRAVELY ILL**

**IN THE CURRENT SITUATION IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
YOU MAY FIND YOURSELF WITH SOMEONE WHO IS
SERIOUSLY ILL**

**-EVEN, PERHAPS, NEAR TO DEATH -
AND YOU WANT TO BRING THEM COMFORT BY
PRAYING WITH THEM.**

**IT MAY BE THAT NO PRIEST IS READILY
AVAILABLE, BUT YOU AS A FELLOW CHRISTIAN
SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID TO GIVE THE SICK
PERSON THIS HOPE AND REASSURANCE.
YOU MAY WISH TO USE SOME OF THE PRAYERS
AND SHORT READINGS GIVEN BELOW**

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said

'Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you,
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.' *Jn.14:27*

'Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear,
It is not night if thou art near :
O may no earth-born cloud arise
To hide thee from thy servants eyes.

Come near and bless us when we wake,
Ere through the world our way we take;
Till in the ocean of thy love
We lose ourselves in heaven above.' *John Keble*

Jesus said 'Come to me, all you who labour and are
overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my

yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.' *Matthew 11:28-29*

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shades lengthen, and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is
over, and our work done.

Then Lord, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *J.H.Newman*

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy.
Jesus, my Lord, I thee adore,
O make me love thee, more and more.

'Let thy voice call me home,
saying 'Yet there is room,
There is room at my side for thee'.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for thee.' *E.Elliott*

Jesus said 'Do not let your hearts be troubled,
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am going to prepare a place for you
and after I have gone and prepared you a place
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am, you may be too.' *John 14:1-4*

Jesus, I trust you.
Jesus, I love you,
Jesus, I place myself into your loving hands.

'Lord Jesus,
you came readily and lovingly to the sick and dying,
bringing them the light and the peace of your presence.
Be with us now : let us feel that you are near,
and help us to put all our hope and trust in you.
Give us, we ask, a love for you which casts out all fear,
and gives us confidence to follow you through death
into the fullness of light and life in heaven. Amen.'

'The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and loving in all his deeds.' *Psalm 144 :8-9*

If the person seems to be at the point of death, and no Priest is available, then it would be right for you to say the Commendation :

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world
in the name of God the almighty Father
who created you,
In the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who suffered for you,
in the name of the Holy Spirit,
who was poured out upon you,
Go forth, faithful Christian.
May you live in peace this day,
may your home be with God in Zion,
with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,
with Joseph, and all the Angels and Saints.