

It is extremely important to prepare our loved ones for eternal life. This can be done by:

1) Explaining redemptive suffering, and, if they are not able, we should daily offer up their sufferings in union with Christ's sufferings.

2) If Catholic, contact a Catholic priest and have your loved ones receive the Sacraments, especially, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (including those who have dementia) --and when close to death-- the Last Rites with the Apostolic Pardon.

3) On Divine Mercy Sunday, even if they are bedridden, help them do the following requirements of Divine Mercy Sunday.

- a) Ask a Catholic priest to absolve them of their sins (8 days before or 8 days after the Sunday after Easter).
- b) Pray the Chaplet and venerate the image with them.
- c) Have them receive Our Lord in Holy Communion.
- d) Do an Act of Mercy with or for them.

e) Obtain a Plenary Indulgence for an unknown soul in Purgatory by praying together: The Apostle's Creed, an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be -- for the intentions of the Pope.

4) Have Masses celebrated for them, pray for them, especially the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Jesus said: When you pray the Chaplet for a dying person, He will come as a Merciful Savior instead of a Just Judge.

5) Finally, place a Blessed Miraculous Medal or Brown Scapular on them.

Let us pray
for an end to Euthanasia.
It is **unethical not to provide** our
loved ones the
basic necessities of food, water,
warmth, and hygiene.

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REDEMPTIVE SUFFERING



I want to know Christ and
the power of His Resurrection
and the sharing of His
sufferings by becoming like
Him in His death, if somehow I
may attain the Resurrection
from the dead.

(Phil 3:10)



GROWTH in the love of God and others, involves taking time daily to speak to Jesus as a friend, and lovingly endure the trials He sends us. Our love must be purified of mixed motives as we grow in friendship with Him. Love is bringing others closer to God, and it is purified through suffering.

In fact, the whole spiritual life is a continuous purification of our love and this comes through situations such as: sickness, misunderstandings, persecutions, loss of job and reputation, etc. God calls us to daily unite our sufferings with His sufferings for others (i.e.: your children, spouse, the Church, the world). In other words, for the salvation of souls.

St. Therese of Lisieux taught: "It is prayer, it is sacrifice which give me all my strength; these are the invincible weapons which Jesus has given me. They can touch souls much better than words, as I have frequently experienced" (Soul, 240-241).

Our Lady of Fatima said, many souls go to hell because no one prays and sacrifices for them. Be aware of doing little acts of charity and accepting any discomfort, which you can offer to the Lord at the end of the day. Every night, picture handing Our Dear Lord a spiritual bouquet as you pray:

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, I offer you all my prayers and sufferings in union with the merits of Jesus' Passion and Death for the reparation of sin, conversion of sinners, the intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and my own intentions.... Amen.

If we persevere in a relationship with the Lord, we will love the Lord, and He tells us, "All things work to good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose" (Rm 8:28). He will care for every detail in our lives. He assures us that if we "Seek first the Kingdom (of God) and His righteousness... all these things will be given... (to us) besides" (Mt 6:33).

We need to trust Him, which means to believe and live the words which St. Therese of Lisieux said:

"Everything is a grace*"... everything is the direct effect of our Father's love, difficulties, contradictions, humiliations, all the soul's miseries, her burdens, her needs. Everything, because through them, she learns humility, realizes her weakness. "Everything is a grace*," because Everything is God's gift. Whatever be the character of life or its unexpected events to the heart that loves, all is well (*Conversations, 57).

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.
Romans 12:12