

Facing Death:

For patients and families

SCRIPTURES

- **Psalm 23** — I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.
- **Psalm 62:8** — God is our refuge.
- **Matthew 11:28** — Come who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest.
- **Psalm 130** — Psalm of Lament.
- **Isaiah 40:28-31** — Comfort my people.
- **Revelation 21:1-7** — Vision of life after death.
- **2 Corinthians 4:5-8** — Light shines out of darkness.
- **Ephesians 1:15-23; 2:1-10** — Hope to which God has called you.
- **John 14** — Promise of life after death.
- Identify a verse that describes the person's life.

PRAYER

Gracious God, in this time of change and challenge, fear and uncertainty, I ask that you be with me. Lord, I am assured that you prepare a place for me in heaven. Remain with me, surround me with your peace, and comfort me. Holy God, walk with me all the way through the dark valley into your glorious light. I pray for my family and friends, that you will comfort them and give them strength for this and every journey. May I be free of pain and anxiety, always lifting my eyes toward heaven where you will be waiting to welcome me home. Amen.

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SUGGESTED READING

- *Final Gifts: Understanding the Special Awareness, Needs and Communications of the Dying* by Maggie Callanan (Bantam Books, 2012)
- *Final Journeys: A Practical Guide for Bringing Care and Comfort at the End of Life* by Maggie Callanan (Bantam Books, 2009)
- *Looking Up While Lying Down* by J.E. Biegert (Pilgrim Press, 2004)
- *May I Walk You Home* by Joyce Rupp (Ave Maria Press, 2009)
- *Grieving a Beginner's Guide* by Jerusha Hull McCormack (Paraclete Press, 2006)
- *When the One You Love is Gone* by Rebekah Miles (Abingdon Press, 2012)
- *Lose, Love, Live: The Spiritual Gifts of Loss and Change* by Dan Moseley (Upper Room Books, 2011)

RESOURCES

- Caring Conversations — www.practicalbioethics.org.