

A Prayer for Later Years

All Gracious God, You have given me all that I am and have,
and now I give it back to You to stand under Your will alone.

In a special way I give You these later years of my life.
I am one of those called by you into old age,
a call not given to all,
not given to Jesus,
not given to most of our world today.

I humbly ask You, grace me deeply in each aspect of this new chapter in my life.

As my physical eyesight weakens,
may the eyes of my faith strengthen, that I may see You and Your love in
everything.

As my hearing fails,
may the ears of my heart be more attentive to the whisper of Your
gentle voice.

As my legs weaken and walking becomes more difficult,
may I walk more truly in Your paths, knowing all the while that I am held
in the embrace of Your love.

As my mind becomes less alert and memory fades
may I remain peaceful with You, aware that with You there is no need for
thought or word. You ask simply that I be there, with You.

And should sickness overtake me and I be confined to bed,
may I know myself as one with your Son and he offers his life for the
salvation of the world.

Finally, as my heart slows a little after the work of the years,
may it expand in love for you and all people.

May it rest secure and grateful
in Your loving Heart
until I am lost in You,
completely and forever. Amen.

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