# Prayer for Living Fully in the Dying Days

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Loving God,

I am so grateful for the life I have had. I am grateful for the love I have received and given. I am grateful for the strength I have found to move forward through the years. I am so grateful for the special people in my life: *name, name, and name.*

Loving God, give us the ability to live each of the final days that we have togetherto the full.

May we do the things we want to do even if they are risky and not what others expect.

May we say the words that are on our hearts and lie deep within that deepest part of us, and may we join with family and friends in remembering, in laughter, and in peacefully being together.

We want to make the earthly time we have together a happy time, a fulfilling time, and a time of great joy. We know that you are with us as our wish comes true.

Bless every day,
bless every minute of every day,
and bless every second of every minute of every day
we live and love and hope and struggle and share together. Amen.