# Prayer of a Medical Professional as They Go to Hear the Request of a Patient to End Their Life

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Compassionate God, go with me as I talk with *name* about the decision to end their life.

Give me clarity of mind and purpose that I may be aware of underlying family needs and pressures.

Give me wisdom that I may sense any deep reservations or uncertainties; help me to focus on *name* that I may put into words my concerns, allay fears, and say clearly what it means to go forward if *name* makes the decision to bring life to a close.

Give me patience, give me the time that is necessary, give me the strength to say any hard words that may be needed.

Enable me to say the realistic but caring words I need to say to *name’s* family members and close friends.

I am doing your compassionate work, Loving God. Be my care-full companion as I go to see *name.* Amen