

# Memory Loss Connection

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## A Prayer for Memory Loss

By Mary Ross

The Big Stone Memory Loss Connection Committee has asked our area church congregations to set aside a few moments during their September services to pray for those who are living with Alzheimer's.

One of my favorite prayers in this regard is the following...

### When Memory Fades

*When memory fades and recognition falters, When eyes we love grow dim, And minds confused,  
Speak to our souls of love that never alters; Speak to our hearts of life and fear abused, O God of life  
and healing peace, Empower us with patient courage, by your grace infused.*

*As the frailness grows, and youthful strengths diminish, In weary arms, which worked their earnest fill.  
Your aging servants labor now to finish... Their earthly tasks as fits your mystery's will. We grieve  
their waning, yet rejoice, believing, Your arms, unwearied, shall uphold us still.*

*Within your spirit, goodness lives unfading. The past and future mingle into one. All joys remain,  
un-shadowed light pervading. No valued deed will ever be undone. Your mind enfolds all finite acts  
and offerings. Held in your heart, our deathless life is won.*

This prayer has been put to music beautifully, and can be found on YouTube. I suggest viewing the one composed by Jayne Southwick and arranged by Eric Nelson. It is even more powerful when set to music.

Prayer often changes our own hearts. It yields insight, compassion, and motivation to act.

**Will you pray with us?**