

True Compassion at the end of life



Prayer to Prevent Assisted Suicide

O God, source of all life and hope,
grant us the grace to see you in others,
especially in the poor and vulnerable,
the frail and old.

Look kindly on your sons and daughters
who have grown weak
through illness and age:
Fill them with the strength of your
Holy Spirit. Keep them firm in faith
and serene in hope,
that they might give us all
an example of patience
and joyfully witness to the
power of your love.

We pray for our country and for our
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:
that we might continue to protect and
defend the dignity and worth
of every human life,
created in your image and likeness.
Assist us as we oppose those who,
out of misguided mercy,
advance the cause of
doctor-assisted suicide.

Help us to recognize that to die
with dignity is to die in your
loving embrace, trusting in your
compassionate care for us,
and allowing your will to be done in us.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
and help us grow in faith and trust,
so that your words might become ours:

“Let it be done to me
according to God’s will.”

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.