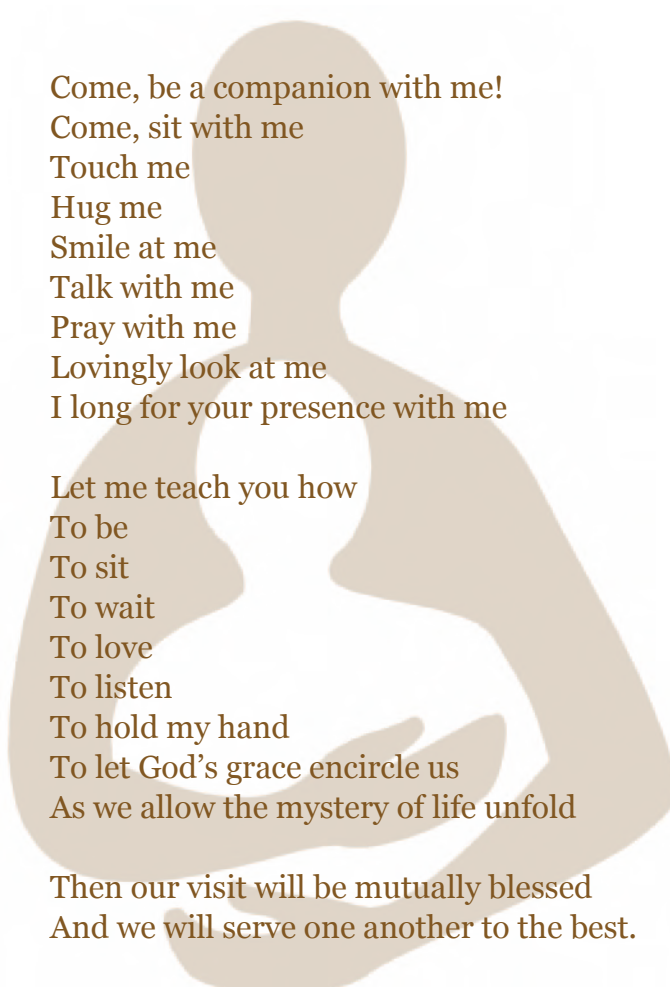


A Dying Patient Ministers to a Chaplain



Come, be a companion with me!
Come, sit with me
Touch me
Hug me
Smile at me
Talk with me
Pray with me
Lovingly look at me
I long for your presence with me

Let me teach you how
To be
To sit
To wait
To love
To listen
To hold my hand
To let God's grace encircle us
As we allow the mystery of life unfold

Then our visit will be mutually blessed
And we will serve one another to the best.

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