

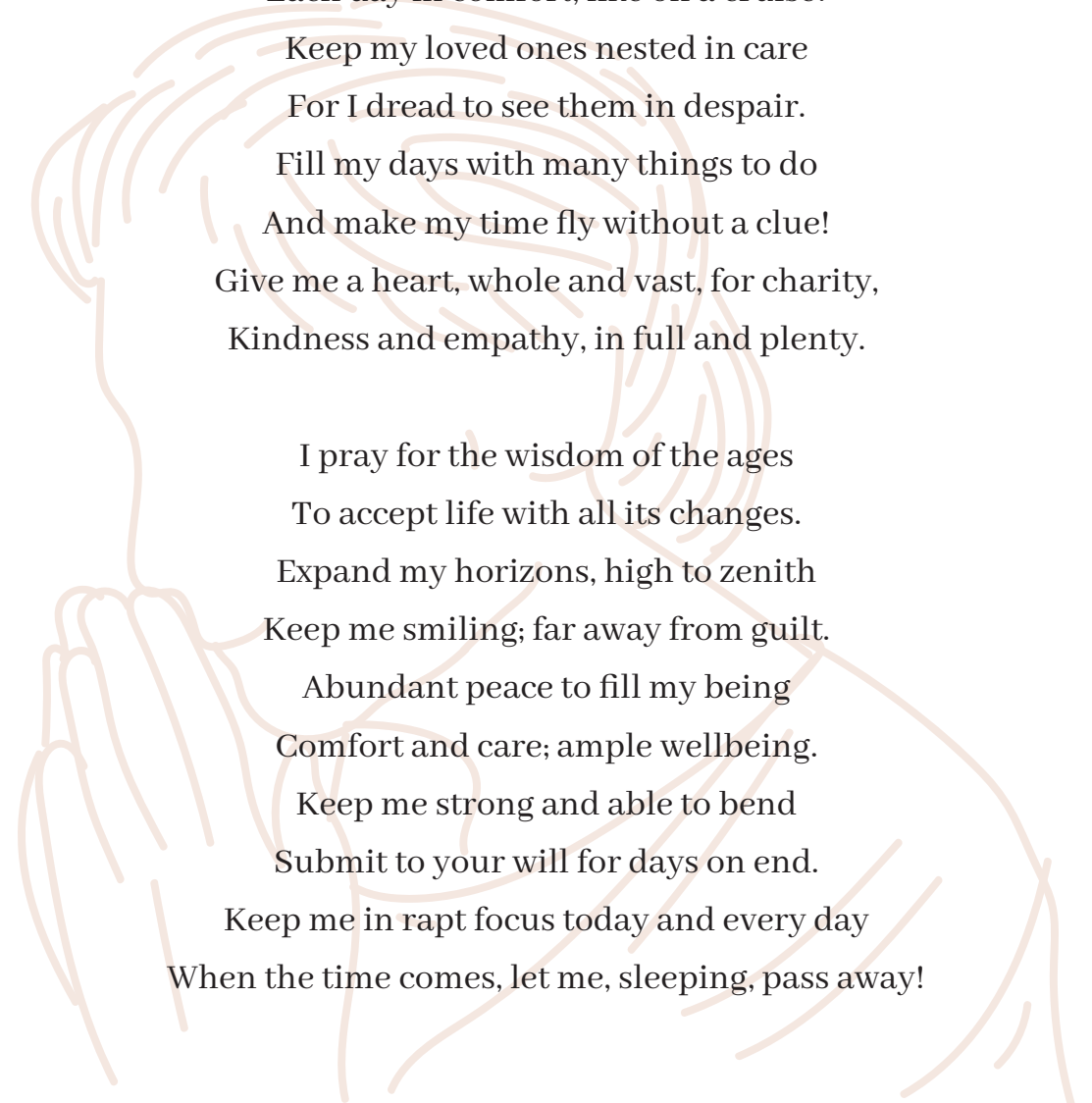


Prosperity Prayer

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Be it at sixty or at ninety,
I pray for a new prosperity.
I ask not for priceless Belgian lace
Or for that ten-million-dollar place.
Not for me, precious emerald or pearl
Or curly locks that make heads twirl.
Not for any fancy, fame or need, visceral...
Not for anything, so really material.
Not for my stocks to spiral and swell
Or bumper prize in any rare raffle!





Just keep me from every pain, safe
My kindred spirit far from chafe.
May my days pass without a bruise
Each day in comfort, like on a cruise!
Keep my loved ones nested in care
For I dread to see them in despair.
Fill my days with many things to do
And make my time fly without a clue!
Give me a heart, whole and vast, for charity,
Kindness and empathy, in full and plenty.

I pray for the wisdom of the ages
To accept life with all its changes.
Expand my horizons, high to zenith
Keep me smiling; far away from guilt.
Abundant peace to fill my being
Comfort and care; ample wellbeing.
Keep me strong and able to bend
Submit to your will for days on end.
Keep me in rapt focus today and every day
When the time comes, let me, sleeping, pass away!

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