

Ten Requests of the Alzheimer's Patient

- 1. Please be patient with me. Remember that I have an organic brain disease for which I have no control.**
- 2. Talk to me. Even though I cannot always answer you, I can hear your voice and sometimes comprehend your words.**
- 3. Be kind to me. For each day of my life is a long and desperate struggle. Your kindness may be the most special and important event of my day.**
- 4. Consider my feelings for they are still very much alive within me.**
- 5. Treat me with dignity and respect as I would have gladly treated you.**
- 6. Remember my past for I was once a healthy, vibrant person full of life, love and laughter with abilities and intelligence.**
- 7. Remember my present. I am a fearful person who misses my family and home very much.**
- 8. Remember my future. Though it may seem bleak to you, I am always filled with hope for tomorrow.**
- 9. Pray for me for I am a person who lingers in the mists that drift between time and eternity. Your presence may do more for me than any other outreach of compassion you can extend to me.**
- 10. Love me. The gifts of love you give will be a blessing from which will fill both our lives with light forever.**