Prayer for Those With Dementia

Pour your grace, O loving God,
upon all suffering with dementia.
It is frustrating
not to find a word;
It is fearful
to lose one's memories.
Bless them with patience,
a loving and supporting family,
and days of hope and accomplishment.
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen

Read more at http://www.beliefnet.com/Prayers/Protestant/Aging/Prayer-For-Those-With-Dementia.aspx#klCxsmGcYUdzJjmd.99
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Norman Mc Namara
Oh dear Lord, hear my prayer,
And show me that you really care,
Trouble is I can't remember,
All my prayers for you to tender,
Will this matter, on the day,
When we meet, what will you say?
If I didn't have dementia
I would recall my holy Venture,
If I don't pray, from time to time,
Remember that my minds not mine,
Please forgive me, as you know,
No matter what, I love you so
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Father of all goodness,
your Son brought healing of mind and body
to show that your Kingdom is here.
In our hour of need, we look to you,
we seek to understand your purpose,
Through Joseph, the faithful and honourable husband of Mary,
you show us care and compassion in adversity,
you give us a model of generosity and care.
We pray for those whose lives we share
and who live with the knowledge of weakness,
whose memory now fades,
whose enjoyment of life’s story is changing.
Make us aware of the needs of others,
of the dignity of life at every stage,
of the collective memory that we own.
Bless those who care for the sick,
who share the journey.
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done,
in Your good time.
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Do this in Memory of Me**

Loving Father in Heaven,
You sent your Son, Jesus,
to change the world,
to bring peace to people of good will.
As he gave himself to us,
He said ‘DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME’.
So, when we gather in his name,
we remember Jesus and his words,
and he becomes real for us.
Father, we pray for those who need to be reminded
for as they grow frail their memory may fail them,
and who may struggle to find the right words,
but whose life is made up of many stories.
When the memory fades,
we know that it is not today that is remembered,
but days of long ago.
When we hear your words
‘DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME'
we are reminded that nothing can
separate us from your love.
So let us cherish today, heavenly Father
and all the memories we are making,
memories that are written in the book of life,
stored forever in grateful hearts.
Life is a gift from you.
Memory is your gift, too.
Let us accept your gifts with joy,
and always remember
that you are the beginning and end
of our story.
We make every prayer to you, Author of all that is good
in the name of Jesus, our companion on the journey,
and with the Holy Spirit, our inspiration and our life.
Amen.
Prayer for Healthcare Professionals ©
O Lord we pray for all those whose work is dedicated
to the assessment and care of those who experience
confusion and profound memory loss.
For all who work as Healthcare Professionals in
everyday care and research into the causes of
Dementia of many kinds.
May they be strengthened in their work of service
with individuals, families and friends.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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