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Dear Praying Friends,

When the bombs went off all over the country of Ukraine on the morning of February 24th, I felt my world was coming to an end. My heart was shattered, my faith shaken, and my life was changed. Nothing could be worse than this. Unfortunately, there is something worse and I have been experiencing it this past week. I arrived in Lubbock on Sunday evening September 3rd. My plan was to spend a few days with mom between my weekend visits to supporting churches. Mom went to bed that night and has not gotten up since. Her body is shutting down. My sister called in Hospice a couple of weeks ago. Today's nurse was the same nurse that evaluated her the first day of hospice care. She fully expected mom to be in their care for a long time. Today, she was surprised at how quickly mom has faded.

My greatest fear in life has been to lose my mom and I'm watching it happen. I never dreamed that I would ask the Lord to take her home, but over the past week seeing her pain and suffering I have pleaded with Him to be merciful and take her gently home. It is a slow and heart wrenching process. This morning in a moment of clarity she looked into my eyes and said, "I'm so sorry you have to go through this." My precious mother, always thinking of others. She is the one going through the pain and misery, I'm just having to observe it along with the

rest of my family. The Lord has allowed all her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren to have time with her. There have been beautiful, precious, and even some funny moments in the past couple weeks. We cherish each of these moments.

I'm not sure how much longer she will be here with us. Our time is short for sure. It won't be long until my greatest fear is realized. In that same moment she will be with her Lord and Savior, and as my friend Doug Harris reminded me, in that moment, "Her faith will be made sight." She will get to see Him face to face.

Please be in prayer for her during these last hours and possibly days of life on this earth. Our family needs your prayers for comfort and guidance as we try to imagine and then begin to navigate a life without her here.

We've discovered the final arrangements my mother had set up for herself years ago, no longer exist. This was a bit of a shock and has left us with an immediate financial burden. I have no doubt that the Lord has the funds ready, after all, He owns the cattle on a thousand hills.

Thank you for your love and prayers during this time,

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