

Some Core Components of a Loving / Compassionate Presence

- Be a comforting and calm presence
- Be warm and accepting
- Maintain eye contact
- Visit at “eye” level (if possible)
- Be a good listener
- Be present in the moment
- Be accepting and non-judgmental
- Be “other-focused” and not “self-focused”
- Listen for their story & reflect feelings
- Display a quiet, practical servant attitude
- Be the presence of Jesus (Ask to pray)
- Know when to leave
- Leave the door open for follow-up, if applicable