The Power of Prayer

Life After Life, Raymond Moody, MD

Some persons have expressed the feeling that the love or prayers of others have in effect pulled them back from death regardless of their own wishes.

"I was with my elderly aunt during her last illness, which was very drawn out. I helped take care of her, and all that time everyone in the family was praying for her to regain her health. She stopped breathing several times, but they brought her back. Finally, one day she looked at me and she said, 'Joan, I have been over there, over to the beyond and it is beautiful over there. I want to stay, but I can't as long as you keep praying for me to stay with you. Your prayers are holding me over here. Please don't pray any more.' We did all stop, and shortly after that she died."