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**Editorial - Friends**

A huge thank you to my amazing neighbors who are the kindest, most thoughtful and helpful people in the world. They don't speak much English and we don't speak much Spanish, but the language of love needs no words.

One of my friends, Karen Russell, is in hospice care and it breaks my heart. I check in often, just so she knows I am thinking of her. Today she shared what her hospice nurse posted to her friends. I want to share it with you.

"Good Morning! We had a great night despite having a somewhat stressful day.

"Karen woke up after a great night's sleep and is in good spirits. We are all on this very unique journey, together, a once-in-a-lifetime journey. We will never be in this place again. Karen's body may be weaker

than last month; however, her mind, soul and spirit grow stronger every day. We all love her and care deeply for her on vastly different levels, all of which have extreme significance. I have only known her for a few days, compared to the years and memories she shares with you all. My job is different than yours; you are friends and loved ones; I'm her nurse and caregiver. My goal is to keep her safe and comfortable. I pray for stress-free days for Karen; I pray for happy stories and memories shared. Send her love and joy at every possible moment - please. Every person plays a huge roll in helping me make sure this happens. I pray that God touches all of our hearts and guides our speech and writings through this experience. "Have a Blessed day and God Speed!"

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