When Death is Imminent

Key scriptures to use [in this order]:

**Revelation 21:1-5 (a new heaven and a new earth)**

Begin by explaining what we believe as Christians and what they are about ready to experience. Do this by reading from Revelation that Jesus is on the throne, the old has passed away and God is about ready to make all things new. Even if they cannot respond, ask the person if they’ve already begun to see visions of heaven or who has gone on before them that will be there to greet them.

**1 Corinthians 15:51-57 (Where, O death is your victory?)**

Next, explain what it might be like to leave this reality. In terms that everyone can comprehend, talk about how death is like taking off an old coat that is completely used up and that God has prepared a new garment for us. This new body is perfect and pain free.
John 14:1-6a *(Do not let your hearts be troubled)*

Next, ask the family what kind of place they think God has prepared for the person. Do they like certain foods, or colors, or do they like to be at the beach? God has something absolutely perfect waiting for them.

Romans 8:38-39

Show this scripture to the family and confirm that “nothing can separate us from the love of Christ,” ending with, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Assure them with a sentence that the loved one will be with God and even as they close this chapter, they will be reunited.

Psalm 23 or the Lord’s Prayer *(closing)*

Lastly, move quickly to anointing the person and closing with prayer. Pray for the time ahead to be filled with sacred moments for the family, comfort for everyone, decreased pain and God’s perfect timing. We thank God for the person and at the end of this prayer close either with the Lord’s Prayer or the 23rd Psalm.