

Verses, Poems, and Prayers



Stylized Verses ◇

Blessed

be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant

Mercy

hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

 from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in

Heaven
for you.

1 Peter 1:3-4

I'd like the memory of me

to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an

afterglow of smiles
when day is done.

I'd like to leave an echo

whispering softly down the ways. . .

Of happy times, and laughing times,

and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve
to dry before the sun,

Of happy *memories* that I leave behind
when day is done.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a *thousand winds*
that blow.

I am the diamond glint on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you wake in morning *hush.*

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circling flight.

★ ★ I am the *soft starlight* at night.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there, I do not sleep.

Author Unknown

Behind me

and before me is

God and I have
no fears.

- Helen Keller

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Surely *Jesus loves fishermen*
for HE CHOSE THEM for His own,
To be with Him and learn from Him
and someday share His home.
It must have been their trust in God
and patience He found rare,
That keeps them very NEAR HIS HEART
and ever IN HIS CARE.

-Anne Kujawa

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not PROMISED
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

But *God* hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
UNDYING LOVE.

Fireman's Prayer
WHEN I AM *Called to duty*, GOD
WHENEVER FLAMES MAY RAGE,
GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO *Save some life*

Save some life
WHATEVER BE ITS AGE.
HELP ME TO EMBRACE A LITTLE CHILD
Before it's too late,
OR SOME OLDER PERSON
FROM THE HORROR OF THAT FATE.
ENABLE ME TO BE ALERT
AND HEAR THE WEAKEST SHOUT,
AND QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY

TO *Put the fire out*.
I WANT TO FILL MY CALLING
AND GIVE THE *Best in me*,
TO GUARD MY NEIGHBOR *Best in me*
AND PROTECT HIS PROPERTY.
AND IF *According to my fate*
I AM TO LOSE MY LIFE,
PLEASE BLESS WITH

Your protecting hand
MY CHILDREN AND MY WIFE.
- AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

Footprints

The Lord replied
"My precious, precious *Child*,
I love you and I would
never leave you.
During your times
of trial and suffering,
when you see only one
set of footprints,
it was then that
I carried you."

Author Unknown

I carried you

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is not a sign of weakness.

Nor is it a loss of faith.

It is the price of

LOVE.

When you lived your life for others
and you loved *without condition*
When you made so many laugh and your
smile won't be forgotten

When you left behind an empty place
that no one else can fill
When the friendships that you shared
long to be renewed

When you built your life on hope
and fulfilled it every day

The *footprints* that you left behind
will bring us face to face

So, *goodbye*
is not forever,
You're only steps away.



An Irish Blessing

May the road
Rise to meet you.

May the wind be
Always at your back.

May the sun shine warm
upon your face.

May the rains fall soft
upon your fields.

And until we meet again

May God hold you
in the palm of *His hand.*

For *God* so
loved the world,
that He *gave* His only
begotten Son,
that whosoever
believeth in Him
should not perish
but have
Everlasting life.

John 3:16

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A collection of your memories,
Precious times enjoyed together;

Keepsakes 
of the *Heart*

That remain
with us *forever.*

"I am the resurrection
and the *life.*

He who believes in Me,
though he may die,
he shall live.

And whoever
believes in Me
shall never die."

John 11: 25-26

Leaf after leaf,
flower after *flower*
some in the dawn of day
some in the after hour.

Alive they
Flourish
and alive they fall
and the earth that
sustained them
receives them all.

Life is not a
question to be
answered,
but an event to be
experienced.

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The Lord's Prayer

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN,
hallowed be Thy name.

THY KINGDOM COME.

THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH,
as it is in heaven.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD;

And forgive us our trespasses,

AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO
TRESPASS AGAINST US;

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,
but deliver us from evil.

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,
AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY,
Forever and ever.

Forever and ever
Amen

Those we love remain with us
for love itself

lives on,

And cherished memories never fade

Because a loved one's gone...

Those we love can never be


more than a thought apart

For as long as there is
Memory, They'll live on
in the heart.

Heart 

Life is not measured by
the number of breaths

we take, but by the *moments*

that take our breath away


Blessed are they
that **Mourn**

for they shall be


comforted
comforted

Matthew 5:4

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Come to Me,

all who are weary and heavy-laden,
and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you,
and LEARN FROM ME, 
for I am *gentle and humble* in heart;

& you shall FIND REST for your souls.
For My yoke is easy, and My load is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus said,

*"Let the little children
come to me,
and do not hinder them,
for the
kingdom of heaven
belongs to
such as these."*

Matthew 19:14 NIV

May  *He support us*

all the day *long,*
till the shades lengthen
and the *evening comes,*
and the busy world
is hushed

and the fever of life is over
and our work is done.

Then in His mercy
His mercy

may He give us a
safe lodging and a holy rest
and *Peace*
Peace



When your loved one
becomes a

Memory,
Every memory
becomes a *Treasure.*



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O GENTLEST HEART OF JESUS,
EVER PRESENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,
EVER CONSUMED WITH BURNING LOVE
FOR THE POOR CAPTIVE SOULS IN PURGATORY
HAVE MERCY ON THE SOUL OF THY DEPARTED
SERVANT.

BE NOT SEVERE IN THY JUDGMENT,
BUT LET SOME DROPS OF THY PRECIOUS BLOOD
FALL UPON THE DEVOURING FLAMES,
AND DO THOU O MERCIFUL SAVIOR
SEND THY ANGELS TO CONDUCT THY
DEPARTED SERVANT TO A PLACE OF
REFRESHMENT, LIGHT AND PEACE.

Amen.

MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,
REST IN PEACE.

Amen.

There's an open gate

at the end of the road

Through which each *must go alone,*

And there in a LIGHT we cannot see

Our Father claims his own;

Beyond the gate YOUR LOVED ONE

Finds happiness and rest.

And there is COMFORT in the thought

That a loving *God knows best.*

Even though I walk
through the *valley*
of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for *Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff,
they *comfort* me.

Psalms 23:4

Now the laborer's task is over;

Now the *battle day*
is past;

Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.

Father in Thy *gracious*
keeping

Leave we now
thy servant sleeping.

~John Ellerton

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Oh that I
had wings
like a *dove!*
For then would I fly away
and *be at rest.*

Psalm 55:6

Lift Up mine eyes
I WILL *Lift Up*
MINE EYES
UNTO THE HILLS,
FROM WHENCE
COMETH MY HELP.
My help COMETH
FROM THE *Lord,*
WHICH MADE HEAVEN
AND EARTH.

Psalm 121

Lord, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT
OF *Your Peace.*
WHERE THERE IS HATRED,
LET ME SOW *Love.*
WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON,
WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, *Faith,*
WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE,
WHERE THERE IS
DARKNESS, *Light,*
AND WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, *Joy.*
O Divine Master,
GRANT THAT I MAY NOT
SO MUCH SEEK TO BE CONSOLED,
AS TO CONSOLE;
TO BE UNDERSTOOD,
AS TO *Understand;*
TO BE LOVED, AS TO LOVE;
FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE
IT IS IN *Pardoning*
THAT WE ARE PARDONED;
AND IT IS IN DYING THAT WE ARE
BORN TO *Eternal Life.*



TAPS *Taps*

Day is done, GONE THE SUN
from the lake, from the hill,
FROM THE SKY.

All is well, safely rest. *safely rest*
GOD IS NIGH.

THANKS AND PRAISE *for our days*
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,
'NEATH THE SKY.

As we go, this we know.

GOD IS NIGH
God is nigh

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For death is
no more than a turning
of us over from

Time
to *Eternity*

-William Penn

23rd Psalm

THE LORD IS MY *Shepherd*: I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES:
He leadeth me BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE
PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
for His names sake.
YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE
SHADOW OF DEATH, *I will fear no evil:*
FOR THOU ART WITH ME: THY ROD AND
THY STAFF *they comfort me.*
THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE
PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL:
my cup runneth over.
SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW
ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL
DWELL IN THE *house of the Lord forever.*

*F*or everything there is
an appointed *season*.
And a time for everything
under heaven -
A time for SOWING,
a time for REAPING,
A *time* for SHARING,
a time for CARING,
A time for LOVING,
a time for GIVING,
A time for REMEMBERING,
a time for PARTING,
You have made everything
beautiful in its time
For everything you do
remains forever.

If I should die and leave you
here a while,
be not like others, sore undone,
who keep
Long vigil by the silent dust
and weep. For my sake
turn again to life
and **smile**,
Nerving thy heart and
trembling hand to do
That which will
comfort other souls
than thine;
Complete these dear unfinished tasks
of mine,
And I, perchance, may therein
comfort you.

- MARY LEE HALL

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We have beauty by
God's Touch...

His flowers,
His trees,
His mountains.

We are comforted
by knowing
Our loved one has found

Eternal Rest

In the midst of all
His wonders.



HE GIVES *strength* TO THE WEARY,
AND TO HIM WHO LACKS MIGHT
HE INCREASES *power*.

Isaiah 40:29

*S*napsots of a time gone by

Cause us to remember

With hearts of hope we look ahead

To a time beyond forever

~ Sherrie Bradley Neal

February 24, 2012

Poems

ANGLER'S PRAYER

God grant that I may live to fish,
until my dying day,
And when it comes
to my last cast,
I then must humbly pray,
When in the Lord's
safe landing net,
I'm peacefully asleep,
That in the mercy I be judged,
As big enough to keep.

*The love in our
family flows
strong & deep,
leaving us
memories to
treasure and keep*

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LIFE'S RIVER

Crisp cool waters running
Through wooded banks of green
Offer peaceful invitation
To enter sweet reprieve

Life's river winding always
through seasons come and go
Steadfast through the changes
Brought by the ebb and flow

Serenity abounding
As earth and heaven blend
Creating place of refuge
for the weary souls of men

Resting place un hidden
Those who seek will find
Life's river flows forever
Through eternity it winds

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REFLECTIONS

Early in the morning
Awakening the sun
Again as dusk is moving in
With night skies soon to come

Familiar place is sought to tough
The soul with solitude
Reflecting on life's seasons
With heartfelt gratitude

In midst of waters peaceful
Memories fill the mind
Of laughter, love and family
Forever ties that bind

Though sorrow sometimes visits
Blessings come to rest
Each time that we remember
The times that we loved best

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Poems

Etched in timeless photographs
Taken by the heart

Memories held and cherished
Though time has come to part

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Snapshots of a time gone by
Cause us to remember
With hearts of hope we look ahead
To a time beyond forever

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I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one.
I'd like to leave

an afterglow of
smiles
when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways.
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright & sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of *happy memories*
that I leave behind
When life is done.

Life is not measured by the breaths we take,

but by the moments

that take our

breath away.

~ Author Unknown

Prayer Card Verses

23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose.
Beside restful waters he leads me;
He refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths
For his name's sake.
You spread the table before me
In sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup overflows.
Only goodness and kindness follow me
All the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
For years to come.

To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose
under heaven;
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant,
and a time to pluck up
that which is planted;
A time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down,
and a time to build up.
A time to weep,
and a time to laugh, a time to mourn
and a time to dance.
A time to cast away stones,
and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace,
and a time to refrain from embracing.
A time to get, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war and a time of peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour
of our death. Amen.

The Irish Prayer

May the road rise to meet you,
May the winds be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again
May God hold you
in the hollow of his hand.

Prayer Card Verses

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who
trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

Most Merciful

Most merciful Father, we commend
our departed into your hands.
We are filled with the sure hope that our
departed will rise again on the Last Day
with all who have died in Christ.
We thank you for all the good things
You have given during our
departed's early life,
O Father, in Your great mercy,
accept our prayer that the Gates of Paradise
may be opened for Your servant,
in our turn may we too be comforted by
the words of faith
until we greet Christ in glory
and we are united with you
and our departed.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Memorare

Remember...
O most gracious Virgin Mary
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to
thy protections, implored thy help
and sought thy intercession
was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins.
My Mother! To thee I come;
before thee I stand, sinful and
sorrowful. Oh Mother of the Word
Incarnate, despise not my petitions,
but, in thy mercy, hear
and answer me.
Amen

O Gentle Heart of Jesus

O gentlest heart of Jesus, ever present in
the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed
with burning love for the poor captive
souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the
Soul of Thy departed servant. Be not
severe in Thy judgment but let some
drops of Thy precious blood fall upon
the devouring flames, and do Thou O
merciful Savior send Thy angels to
conduct Thy departed servant to a place
of refreshment, light, and peace. Amen.
May the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen

Prayer Card Verses

Roman Rítual

May he lead thee into paradise.
May the martyrs receive thee
at thy coming and take thee
to the holy city.

May the choirs of angels
receive thee and mayest thou
have rest everlasting.

Amen

St. Anthony

Oh holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints,
your love for God and charity for His
creatures, made you worthy, when on
earth, to possess miraculous powers.

Miracles waited on your word, which
you were ever ready to speak for those in
trouble or anxiety. Oh gentle and loving
St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full
of human sympathy, whisper my petition
into the ears of sweet infant Jesus, who
loved to be folded in your arms; and the
gratitude of my heart will ever be yours.

Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things
I cannot change,
the courage to change the
things I can, and the wisdom
to know the difference.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assísí

Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace.

Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned
and it is in dying
that we are born to eternal life.

Prayer Card Verses

St. Joseph

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. Oh, St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine foster-son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary
contemplating you,
and Jesus asleep in your arms.

I dare not approach while He
reposes near your heart. Press Him in
my name and kiss His fine head for me
and ask Him to return the kiss when I
draw my dying breath. St. Joseph,
patron of departing souls, pray for us.

Amen

St. Theresa

O little flower of Jesus,
ever consoling troubled souls
with heavenly graces,
in your unfailing intercession
I place my confident trust.
From the heart of our blessed
savior petition these blessings
of which I stand in greatest need.
Shower upon me your promised roses
of virtue and grace, dear St. Theresa,
so that swiftly advancing in
sanctity and in perfect love of
neighbor, I may someday receive
the crown of life eternal.

Amen

St. Patrick

O great Apostle of Ireland,
glorious St. Patrick to whom under God,
so many are indebted for
the most precious of all treasures,
the great gift of faith.

Receive our fervent thanks for the
zeal and charity which have been to
thousands the source of blessings
so invaluable.

Ask for all who dwell in this land
and the land of thy labors, the
precious light of faith, and beg for
us on whom its glorious rays have long
since beamed, the grace to regulate
our lives by its sacred maxims.

St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel.

Defend us in battle,
be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O prince of the
heavenly house, by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits
who wander through the world
for the ruin of souls.

Amen