

## Examples of Prayers and Poems Formatted for Holy Cards

### IN THE GARDEN

I come to the garden alone  
while the dew is still on the roses  
and the voice I hear,  
falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses  
Chorus: And He walks with me  
And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share  
as we tarry there  
None other has ever known  
He speaks and the sound  
of His voice is so sweet  
the birds hush their singing  
And the melody He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing  
I'd stay in the garden with Him  
'tho the night be falling

### 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.  
Amen

### A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

"A beautiful life that  
came to an end, they  
died as they lived,  
everyone's friend.

In our hearts a  
memory will always  
be kept, of one we loved,  
and will never forget."

### REMEMBER ME

Remember me when flowers bloom  
Early in the Spring  
Remember me on sunny days  
In the fun that Summer brings  
Remember me in the Fall  
As you walk through the leaves of gold  
And in the Wintertime-remember me  
In the stories that are told  
But most of all remember  
Each day - right from the start  
I will be forever near  
For I live within your heart

### I HAVE A PLACE IN HEAVEN

Please don't sing sad songs for me  
Forget your grief and tears.  
For I am in a perfect place.  
Away from pain and tears...  
I'm far away from hunger and hurt  
And want and pride.  
I have a place in heaven  
With the Master at my side.  
My life on earth was very good,  
As earthly lives can go.  
But Paradise is so much more  
Than anyone can know...  
My heart is filled with happiness,  
And sweet rejoicing too.  
To walk with God is perfect peace.  
A joy forever new.

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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 we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we

are born to eternal life.

### **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 name's 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

### **GOD HATH NOT PROMISED**

God never promised blue skies,  
Or paths where the flower lies.  
He didn't promise sun without rain,  
Or joy without a touch of pain.  
But He promised strength for today,  
And rest when we finish the fray.  
He promised light for the way,  
Grace for the trials we face.  
Help from a heavenly place,  
Unfailing sympathy for the soul,  
Undying love to make us whole.  
God gives us strength for the day,  
And light to guide our way.

### **THE CROWN**

We hold you close within our  
hearts and there you shall remain.  
To walk with us throughout our  
lives until we meet again.  
So rest in peace Dear loved one  
and thanks for all you've done.  
We pray that God has given you  
the crown you've truly won.

### **DON'T REMEMBER ME WITH SADNESS**

Don't remember me with sadness,  
Don't remember me with tears,  
Remember all the laughter,  
We've shared throughout the years.  
Now I am contented  
That my life it was worthwhile,  
Knowing that I passed along the way  
I made somebody smile.  
When you are walking down the street  
And you've got me on your mind,  
I'm walking in your footsteps  
Only half a step behind.  
So please don't be unhappy  
just because I'm out of sight,  
Remember that I'm with you  
Each morning, noon and night.

### **STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN**

And as we wind on down the road  
Our shadows taller than our souls.  
There walks a lady we all know  
Who shines white light and wants to show  
How everything still turns to gold.  
And if you listen very hard  
The tune will come to you at last.  
When all are one and one is all  
To be a rock and not to roll.

### **O GENTLEST HEART OF JESUS**

Ever present in the Blessed Sacrament,  
ever consumed with burning love  
for the poor captive souls  
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  
Saviour, send Thy Angels to conduct  
Thy departed servant to a place of  
refreshment, light and peace.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.

### **WHEN I MUST LEAVE YOU**

When I must leave for a while,  
Please do not weep, but smile.  
Don't hug your sorrow through years,  
Or feed your lonely days with tears.  
But for my sake and in my name,  
Live on and do all things the same.  
Fill your hours in useful ways,  
And bring cheer to all your days.  
Reach out your hand to comfort too,  
And I will stay and comfort you.  
Do not fear the coming night,  
For God and I wait in the light.

### **LET THERE BE MEMORIES-**

Fond recalls of special days  
And simple, everyday things.  
Let your heart start healing  
Through the comfort memory brings.  
**LET THERE BE MEMORIES-**  
Stories both funny and sad,  
Reliving the many joys  
And the good times you had.  
**LET THERE BE MEMORIES-**  
Signs that loved ones stay near,  
Proof of the lasting promise  
That love will always be here.

### **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 land.  
And until we meet again,  
May God keep you  
in the hollow of His hand.

### **MY WAY**

"And now, the end is here,  
And so I face the final curtain.  
My friends, I'll say it clear;  
I'll state my case of which I'm certain.  
I've lived a life that's full  
I've traveled each and every highway.  
And more, much more than this,  
"I did it my way."

### **THE BROKEN CHAIN**

We little knew that morning that God  
was going to call your name  
In life we loved you dearly.  
In death we do the same,  
It broke our hearts to lose you.  
You did not go alone that day,  
For part of us went with you.  
You left us peaceful memories,  
Your love is still our guide.  
Though we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken,  
Nothing seems the same.  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.

### **ON EAGLE'S WINGS**

And He will raise you up  
on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm  
of His hand.  
You need not fear the terror  
of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day.  
Under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.  
For to His angels,  
He's given a command,  
To guard you in all of your ways.

### **ROMANS 8:38,39**

"I am sure that neither death,  
nor life, nor angels, nor powers,  
nor principalities, nor things  
present, nor things to come,  
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.  
-Romans 8:38,39

### **GOD SAW YOU GETTING TIRED**

God saw you were getting tired  
when a cure was not to be.  
So He closed His arms around you  
and whispered, "Come to Me!"  
You didn't deserve  
what you went through  
and so He gave you rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He only takes the best.  
And when we saw you sleeping  
so peaceful and free of pain,  
We couldn't wish you back  
to suffer that again.

### **MY JOURNEYS JUST BEGUN**

Their Journey's Just Begun  
Don't think of them as gone away-  
their journey's just begun,  
life holds so many facets -  
this earth is only one.  
Just think of them as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.  
Think how they must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.  
And think of them as living  
in the hearts of those they touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost -  
and they were loved so much.

### **YOU NEVER WALK ALONE**

You never walk alone, my friend,  
Though you may think you do,  
For in your sorrow and despair  
God always walks with you.  
There is no hour, no passing day  
He is not by your side,  
And though unseen He still is there  
To be your friend and guide.  
Whene'er you think you walk alone,  
Reach out and you will find  
The hand of God to show the way  
And bring you peace of mind.

### **PRAYER FOR SERENITY**

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.  
Living one day at a time,  
enjoying one moment at a time;  
accepting hardship as  
a pathway to peace;  
taking, as Jesus did,  
this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it;  
trusting that You will  
make all things right  
if I surrender to Your will;  
so that I may be happy.  
Amen.

### **A SILENT TEAR**

Just close your eyes and you will see  
All the memories that you have of me  
Just sit and relax and you will find  
I'm really still there inside your mind  
Don't cry for me now that I'm gone  
For I was ready to travel on  
There is no pain there is no fear  
So dry away that silent tear  
Don't think of me in the dark and cold  
For here I am, no longer old  
I'm in a place to wait forever  
For all the rest of you to gather

### **WHAT WILL I LEAVE...**

What will I leave to show I was  
here? A few memories, a tear?  
Photos in albums, a living thread,  
and all the kind things I said.  
Simple traditions, so dear,  
laughter and tears through the  
years. Will something be left to  
say that once I gave my heart?  
At the end, what truly stays?  
Family and friends always.  
I hope to be known for a deed,  
helping a loved one in need.  
Dear God, as I finally depart,  
to one and all, I leave my heart.

### **THE MAGIC OF A MOTHER'S TOUCH**

There's magic in a mother's touch,  
And sunshine in her smile.  
There's love in every thing she does  
To make our lives worthwhile.  
We can find both hope and courage  
Just be looking in her eyes  
Her laughter is a source of joy,  
Her words are warm and wise.  
There is a kindness and compassion  
To be found in her embrace  
And we see the light of Heaven  
Shining from a mother's face.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED**

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 earthly life.  
O Father, in your great mercy,  
accept our prayer that the Gates  
of Paradise may be opened.  
May we too be comforted by faith  
until we greet Christ in glory.  
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### **HIGH FLIGHT**

Oh, I have slipped the  
surly bonds of Earth  
and danced the skies on  
laughter-silvered wings:  
Sunward I've climbed,  
joined the tumbling mirth  
of sun-split clouds -  
and done a hundred things  
you have not dreamed of -  
wheeled and soared and  
swung high in the sunlit  
silence: hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting  
wind along, and flung my  
eager craft through  
footless halls of air.  
Up, the long, delirious,  
burning blue I've topped.

### **GOD'S GARDEN**

God looked around His garden  
And He found an empty place  
He then looked down upon  
the earth and saw your face.  
He put His arms around you,  
and lifted you to rest;  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain  
He knew that you would  
never get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was rough  
and the hills hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
and whispered "Peace be thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
but you didn't go alone.

### **SAFELY HOME**

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so Bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.  
All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.  
Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's Will.  
When that work is completed,  
He will gently call you home:  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting.  
Oh, the joy to see you come!

### **AFTERGLOW**

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 I leave  
when life is done.  
Fill Not Your Hearts

### **CROSSING THE BAR**

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning  
of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,  
But such a tide as moving  
seems asleep,  
Too full for sound or foam,  
When that which drew from out  
the boundless deep  
Turns again home.  
Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness  
of farewell;  
When I embark;

### **WHAT IS SUCCESS**

To appreciate beauty;  
To find the best in others  
To give one's self;  
To leave the world a little better,  
Whether by a healthy child,  
A garden patch,  
Or a redeemed social condition;  
To have danced and laughed  
with enthusiasm,  
And sung with exultation;  
To know even one life has  
breathed easier  
Because you have lived...  
This is to have succeeded.  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

### **O GENTLEST 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  
Saviour send Thy angels to conduct  
Thy departed servant to a place of  
refreshment, light and peace. Amen.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove  
to us, "He only takes the Best"

### **A SOLDIERS PRAYER**

I asked for strength to achieve;  
I was made weak to humbly obey.  
I asked for help for great deeds;  
infirmity gave me better ones.  
I asked for riches to be happy;  
I was given poverty to be wise.  
I sought power for men's praise;  
weakness showed my need of God.  
I asked for all to enjoy life;  
I got life to enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I asked for,  
but everything I had hoped for.  
My unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am, among all, most richly  
blessed!

### **THE FINAL REUNION**

Gone to the final reunion,  
At rest, are the marched-wearied feet;  
Gone are the call of the drummer  
Beating the silent retreat.  
Gone to the final reunion,  
Camped with silence of years;  
Gone where the battles are ended.  
Gone with our love and our tears.  
Under the myrtle and dewdrop,  
Under the stars and the sun.  
Gone where the brave boys of Dixie  
And the loved of the Northland are one.  
Then pause for a moment to bless him  
Sleeping there under the sod,  
Under the myrtle and dewdrop,  
At peace with the World and his GOD.

### **TREASURED SEASONS**

For everything there is an  
appointed season,  
and a time for everything  
under heaven-  
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.

### **DON'T GRIEVE FOR ME**

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free;  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow;  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now—He set me free.

### **WE REMEMBER YOU**

In the rising of the Sun,  
we remember you.  
In the chill of Winter,  
in the rebirth of Spring,  
in the warmth of Summer,  
in the beauty of Autumn,  
at the start of the year,  
and when it ends,  
when we are weary,  
and our hearts are sick,  
when we have great joys,  
we remember you.  
As long as we live,  
you live through us.  
We remember you.

### **MEMORIES**

They say memories are golden  
Well, maybe that is true.  
I never wanted memories,  
I only wanted you.  
In life I loved you dearly,  
In death I love you still.  
In my heart you hold a place,  
No one will ever fill.  
If tears could build a stairway,  
And heartache build a lane,  
I'd walk the path to heaven,  
And bring you back again.  
Our family chain is broken,  
Until God calls us home again.

### **WELCOME HOME**

When I am gone, release me.  
I have so many things to see and do;  
Don't tie yourself to me with tears,  
Be glad that we had many years.  
I thank you for the love shown,  
But now I travel on alone.  
Grieve for me, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief find trust.  
We only for a while must part,  
Bless the memories in your heart.  
Though unseen, I will be near,  
Listen with your heart to hear.  
When you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and say  
"Welcome Home"

### **MISS ME BUT LET ME GO**

When I reach the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
Why weep within a gloom-filled room  
For a soul now set so free?  
Miss me a little, but not for long,  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember all the love we shared,  
Miss me, but let me go.  
This is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
When you are lonely, seek our friends  
And speak of times we've known.  
Laugh at the things we used to do,  
Miss me, but let me go.

### **"THE DANCE"**

Memories of our starlit dance,  
When the world felt right.  
Who knew you'd say goodbye?  
I'm glad I didn't know the end,  
Or how the road would bend.  
Our lives are better left to chance.  
I could have missed the pain,  
But I'd have missed the dance.  
Holding you, I had it all,  
Before the king had his fall.  
I might have changed the story,  
But I'm glad I stayed for the glory.  
I could have missed the pain,  
But I'd have had to miss the dance.

### **BEYOND THE SUNSET**

Should you go first and I remain  
To walk the road alone,  
I'll live in memory's garden,  
With happy days we've known.  
In spring I'll wait for roses,  
In fall, the leaves of gold.  
Each thing you touched along the way  
Is hallowed to behold.  
Should you go first and I remain,  
One thing I'll have you do:  
Walk slowly down that long path,  
For soon I'll follow you.  
I'll take each step that you took,  
And then I'll call your name.

### **TO THOSE I LOVE AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME**

When I am gone, release me now.  
I have so many things to do.  
Do not tie yourself with tears;  
be glad for all our happy years.  
I gave my love; you gave me joy.  
I thank you for the love shown,  
but now I must travel on alone.  
Grieve a while, then trust in me.  
We part for only a short while;  
keep my memory with a smile.  
Though unseen, I will stay near.  
Listen with your heart to hear.  
When you must come this way too,  
I'll be there to welcome you.

### **FOOTPRINTS**

One night a man dreamed he walked  
the beach with the Lord. Scenes  
of his life flashed by. In each,  
he saw two sets of footprints.  
At his life's end, he saw only  
one set during his hardest times.  
"Lord," he said, "You promised  
to walk with me. Why did You  
leave when I needed You most?"  
The Lord replied, "My child, I  
love you and would never leave.  
When you saw only one set of  
footprints, I was carrying you."

### **AS WE LOOK BACK**

Looking back, we wonder now:  
Did we thank you enough for all  
you did? You stayed by our side  
to help, support, and guide us.  
You taught us through example  
the value of work and courage.  
We wonder if we thanked you for  
the sacrifices made for us, and  
for the laughter we shared.  
If we forgot to show our thanks  
for everything you did, we are  
thanking you now. We hope you  
knew how much you meant to us.