

**Togetherness**

Death is nothing at all  
I have only slipped away  
Into the next room.  
Whatever we were to each other,  
That we are still.  
Call me by my old familiar name,  
Speak to me in the way  
which you always used to.  
Laugh as we always laughed together.  
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.  
Let my name be the household word  
That it always was.  
Let it be spoken without effort.  
Life means all that it ever was:  
There is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why  
should I be out of your mind because I am  
out of your sight?  
I am waiting for you, for an interval,  
Somewhere very near  
just around the corner.  
All is well.  
Nothing is past; nothing is lost.  
One brief moment and all will be  
As it was before - only better,  
Infinitely happier and forever  
We will all be one together  
With Christ.

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**Beautiful Spirit**

A beautiful spirit endures  
Through many transformations  
And carries with it a patient endurance  
A perseverance of the soul  
That stands the test of time  
The colors of our lives do not fade  
But grow brighter with  
every changing season

**Tomorrow**

When tomorrow starts without me,  
please try to understand,  
That Jesus came and called my name  
and took me by the hand.  
And when I walked through heaven's gates,  
I felt so much at home.  
When God looked down and smiled at me,  
from His golden throne.  
He said, "This is eternity,  
and all I've promised you.  
Today your life on earth is past  
and here it starts anew.  
I promise no tomorrows,  
but today will always last,  
And since each day's the same,  
there's no longing for the past.  
You have been faithful,  
so trusting and true,  
Though there were times you did  
some things you knew  
you shouldn't do.  
But you have been forgiven,  
and now at last you're free,  
So won't you take my hand  
and share My life with me?"  
So when tomorrow starts without me,  
don't think we're far apart,  
For every time think of me,  
I'm right here in your heart.

**Should You Go First**

Should you go first and I remain  
To walk the road alone,  
I'll live in memory's garden, dear, With happy  
days we've known.

In Spring I'll wait for roses red,  
When fades the lilac blue,  
In early Fall, when brown leaves call  
I'll catch a glimpse of you.

Should you go first and I remain  
For battles to be fought,  
Each thing you've touched along the way  
Will be a hallowed spot.

I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile,  
Though blindly I may grope,  
The memory of your helping hand  
Will buoy me on with hope.

Should you go first and I remain  
To finish with the scroll,  
No length'ning shadows shall creep in  
To make this life seem droll.  
We've known so much of happiness,  
We've had our cup of joy,  
And memory is one gift of God  
That death cannot destroy.

Should you go first and I remain,  
One thing I'd have you do:  
Walk slowly down that long, lone path,  
For soon I'll follow you.  
I'll want to know each step you take  
That I may walk the same,  
For some day down that lonely road  
You'll hear me call your name.

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**Eskimo Legend**

Perhaps they are not stars in the sky,  
but rather openings,  
where our loved ones shine down  
to let us know they are happy.

**We'll Always Remember You Dad**

We'll always Remember  
That special smile, that caring heart,  
That warm embrace You always gave us.  
You being there, for mom and us.  
Through good and bad times.  
No matter what.  
We'll always remember you Dad  
because there'll never be anyone  
to replace you in our hearts.  
And the love we will always have for you.

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**Her Love**

Bring comfort to my heart I pray,  
I've lost a dear, dear friend.  
She understood and loved me,  
With a love that will not end.  
I'll carry it within me,  
And give it all away.  
To each of my own children,  
As I live with them each day.  
And when my years have been fulfilled,  
My time on earth is gone,  
The love she richly gave to me,  
Will still be living on.

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**If Death Should Beckon**

If Death should beckon me,  
with outstretched hand,  
and whisper softly,  
of "An Unknown Land";  
I shall not be afraid to go.  
For though the path I do not know,  
I will take Death's Hand without fear,  
for He who safely brought me here  
will also take me safely back  
And though in many things I lack,  
He will not let me go alone,  
into the "Valley That's Unknown"...  
So I reach out and take Death's Hand  
and journey to the "Promised Land".

**A Little While**

Fill not your heart with pain and sorrow,  
But remember me in every tomorrow...  
Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles,  
I've only gone to rest a little while.  
Although my leaving causes pain and grief  
My going has eased my hurt,  
And given me relief.  
So dry your eyes and remember me,  
Not as I am now, but as I used to be. Because  
I will remember you all  
And look on with a smile.  
Understand in your hearts  
I've only gone to rest a little while.

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**At the Rising of the Sun**

At the rising of the sun and its going down,  
WE REMEMBER THEM.  
At the blowing of the wind  
and in the chill of winter,  
WE REMEMBER THEM.  
In the opening of the buds  
and in the rebirth of the spring,  
WE REMEMBER THEM.  
At the blueness of the skies  
and in the warmth of summer,  
WE REMEMBER THEM.  
At the rustling of the leaves  
and the beauty of autumn,  
WE REMEMBER THEM.  
As long as we live, they too will live;  
for they are now a part of us,  
As we remember them.

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**Harvest of Memories**

When you plant seeds in the lives of others;  
And water them with love and care;  
You will reap a harvest of sweet memories;  
That will follow you everywhere.

**Goodbye Is Not Forever**

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  
long to be renewed When you built your life  
on hope and fulfilled it every day  
shared  
The footprints that you left behind will bring  
us face to face So, goodbye is not forever,  
You're only steps away.

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**At Sunset**

Do you know the hour  
When the sun goes down  
Is a beautiful time of day –  
When your task is done  
And the shadows fall  
And your worries are laid away?  
  
Well, it's just as true  
That the close of life  
Can a beautiful sunset be  
Every task well done  
Let the shadows fall  
There's no fear of eternity  
  
- G. Gilbert

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**Laborer's Task**

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

**Do Not Stand**

Do not stand by my grave and weep,  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow...  
I am the diamond glints on snow...  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning hush,  
I am the sweet uplifting rush...  
of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night...  
Do not stand at my grave and cry...  
I am not there, I did not die.

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**Miss Me But Let Me Go**

When I come to the end of the road,  
and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little, but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared, miss  
me, but let me go.  
For this journey we all must take,  
and each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Maker's Plan,  
A step in the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick of heart,  
go to the friends we know.  
And bury your sorrow  
in doing good deeds,  
miss me, but let me go.

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**Nature's Beauty**

Consider the trees and how easily  
They let go of the season's bounty...  
How with simple grace and elegance  
They share their natural warmth and beauty.

**Remember Me**

Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow  
But remember me in every tomorrow.  
Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles  
I've only gone to rest a little while.  
Although my leaving causes pain and grief,  
Going has eased my hurt and given me relief.  
So dry your eyes and remember me,  
Not as I am now, but as I used to be.  
Because, I will remember you all  
And look on with a smile.  
Understand, in your hearts,  
I've only gone to rest a little while.  
As long as I have the love of each of you,  
I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.

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**For Those I Love**  
**For Those Who Love Me...**

When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do,  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for love you each have shown.  
But now it's time I traveled on alone!  
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part,  
So bless the memories that lie  
within your heart.  
I won't be far away, for life goes on,  
So if you need me, call and I will come...  
Though you can't see me or touch me,  
I'll be near.  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you soft and clear.  
And then... when you must  
Come this way alone...  
I'll meet you with a smile and  
"Welcome Home."

- Author Unknown

**When I Must Leave You**

When I must leave you for a little while,  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you  
through the years,  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;  
  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same,  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,

Reach out your hand in  
comfort and in cheer  
I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

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**"A Parable of Immortality"**

by Henry Van Dyke

I am standing upon the seashore.  
A ship at my side  
spreads her white sails to the morning breeze  
and starts for the blue ocean.  
She is an object of beauty and strength,  
and I stand and watch until at last  
she hangs like a speck of white cloud  
just where the sea and sky come  
down to mingle with each other.  
Then someone at my side says,  
"There she goes!"  
  
"Gone where?"  
Gone from my sight that is all.  
She is just as large in mast and hull and spar  
as she was when she left my side  
and just as able to bear her load  
of living freight to the place of destination.  
Her diminished size is in me, not in her.  
And just at the moment  
when someone at my side 'There she goes!'  
there are other eyes watching her coming  
and other voices ready to take up the glad  
shout, "Here she comes!"

**Leaf After Leaf**

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 in fall.

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**Love Lives On**

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.

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**My Heart**

If my heart wants to dance,  
Then I want to dance  
With my heart.  
If my heart wants to sing  
Then I want to sing with my heart.  
It is the one component of me  
That I cannot afford to be alienated from.  
My wisdom lies in what I can feel  
In my heart every single day  
Of my life.

**Peaceful Shores**

I have lived in sight of the ocean  
Where the water runs into land  
I have walked on the beach in the morning  
And left my tracks in the sand  
But musical waves have been calling  
And the ocean is so wide and vast  
That I've struck for the silver horizon  
And put out to sea at last.

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**Petals of Her Life**

As beautiful as a rose to see,  
Was her life she lived so gracefully.  
She made things precious by her touch,  
Her selfless love lives on in each of us.  
The petals of her life fell one by one,  
Each a gift of her heart  
till there were none.  
Yet her radiance blooms once again  
In fields of glory with no end.

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**Roots of Love**

To plant a seed in one's heart...  
To root it in love...  
To nourish it with time spent together...  
Yields a blossom  
that will flourish forever.

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**The Highest Heights**

To ascend the highest heights  
It takes more than strength,  
More than courage;  
It takes drive and dedication  
To the ones who mean the most...  
If we have accomplished great things,  
It is by our willingness  
to unconditionally love.

**To Laugh Often And Much**

To laugh often and much;  
to win the respect of intelligent people  
and the affection of children;  
to earn the appreciation of honest critics  
and endure the betrayal of false friends;  
to appreciate beauty;  
to find the best in others;  
to leave the world a bit better  
whether by healthy child, a garden patch,  
or a redeemed social condition;  
to know even one life has breathed easier  
because you have lived.  
This is to have succeeded

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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**You Are Not Forgotten**

You are not forgotten, loved one  
Nor will you ever be,  
As long as life and memory last  
We will remember thee.  
We miss you now, our hearts are sore  
As time goes by we'll miss you more.  
Your loving smile, your gentle face,  
No one can fill your vacant place.

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**After Glow**

I'd like the memory of me  
to be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave the 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  
When life is done.

**When I Must Leave**

When I must leave you for a little  
while -- please do not grieve and  
shed wild tears and hug your sorrow  
to you through the years, But start  
out bravely with a gallant smile:  
And for my sake and in my name live  
on and do all things the same, Feed  
not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful  
ways, Reach out your hand in comfort  
and in cheer and I in turn will comfort  
you and hold you near;

And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky.

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**A Good Life** - Jacob P. Rudin

When we are gone, and people weep  
for us and grieve, let it be because we  
touched their lives with beauty and  
simplicity. Let it not be said that life  
was good to us, but, rather,  
we were good to life.

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**A True Fisherman**

A true fisherman knows when and where  
the fish are biting  
He rises up early in the morning,  
plying the water for that elusive catch,  
waiting in the stillness for a nibble  
A slight twitch in the line,  
expertly he reels it in—  
A good fisherman knows a keeper  
when he sees one, he knows when to toss  
one back, and when to  
head for home.

**A Tribute To Mom...**

We couldn't begin  
To count the times  
She tolerated our moods,  
Consoled our heartbreaks  
And disappointments,  
Endured our ups and downs,  
Listened to words confused by tears  
And just simply understood  
For no other reason  
Than because she loved us.

The years hold precious memories,  
But most of all they hold growth.  
In a way, we grew up together...

Mom is our definition  
Of a special person...  
Fantastic...  
Exceptional...  
Unique...  
Enduring!

She filled our lives with happiness  
And sweet feelings that we will  
Carry in our hearts forever.

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**Carried by the Wind**

A uniqueness that could only come  
from a Creator's touch,  
A life lived with simplicity of purpose  
and unyielding strength,  
From moment to moment,  
All of life's needs were met with a peace  
that surpasses all understanding,  
And now to the heavens,  
A life rises up like a leaf carried by the wind.

**Courage and Hope**

Nothing gives us more  
courage and hope  
to face life's uncertainties  
Than to remember our moments of glory...  
And we've all had a few.

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**Dad**

He never said, "I love you,"  
in words I can recall.  
He felt it not the manly thing to do.  
Yet, deep within my heart  
I know that love was really there.  
His eyes, his touch, the things he did  
all told me that it's true.  
And now it's time to say, "Goodbye,"  
to Father and to friend.  
Sweet memories remain of him,  
ones that will not end.

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**Fairways of Glory**

A dedication to the endless pursuit  
of the perfect game  
Fond memories of the challenges  
Of the greens and trials of its traps  
And now, the last putt has dropped  
into the cup of life  
And the light of the day has faded  
Lord, it is now on your fairways of glory  
That the game will continue to be played

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**Harvest of Memories**

When you plant seeds  
in the lives of others  
And water them with love and care  
You will reap a harvest  
of sweet memories  
That will follow you everywhere

**I Wish I Were A Superhero** - James McDonald

I wish I were a Superhero,  
That flew among the clouds.  
I'd save the earth from aliens,  
To the sound of cheering crowds.  
I wouldn't have to sit in school,  
I'd do just what I please.  
But into space is where I'd shoot,  
With but a gentle sneeze.

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**If Tears Could Build a Stairway**

If tears could build a stairway,  
and memories a lane,  
I'd walk right up to heaven and  
bring you home again.

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**Keepsakes of the Heart**

A collection of your memories,  
Precious times enjoyed together;  
Keepsakes of the heart  
That remain with us forever

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**Mama**

Her heartbeat was my very first sound,  
Her kiss my first affection,  
Her loving arms brought security,  
Her instruction, clear direction.  
I owe the person I've become  
to her unselfish love.  
There's comfort knowing she's not gone.  
She lives with God above.

**Mother: How I Will Miss You**

From the moment I was conceived,  
    she prayed for me.  
When I was born, she welcomed me.  
    Through my childhood years  
        she trained me.  
With each success, she applauded me,  
    In the midst of my failures,  
        she believed in me.  
    I have known her love,  
Benefited from her sacrifices,  
    Received her forgiveness,  
    How I will miss her!

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**O You Whom I Have Loved So Much**

- St. Bonaventure

O you whom I have loved so much,  
    on earth, pray for me and live in  
    such a manner that we may be  
re-united for ever in a Blessed Eternity.

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**Music** - Florence Emeline Wright

Music has moments of rapturous sound  
    And intervals of rest.

It thrills the heart with its majesty  
    And soothes it when suppressed.

Life too has ringing,  
throbbing tones And muted, silent keys,

Yet both are merged at the master's touch  
    Into living symphonies.

**Tested by Fire**

When your character is refined  
    In the crucible of adversity  
And your mettle has been tested  
    by its flames,  
When you dedicated your life  
To keeping others safe from harm,  
    Then eternity waits for you  
    with a hero's welcome.

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**Our Departed Mother**

She always leaned to watch for us  
    Anxious if we were late  
    In winter, by the window,  
    In summer by the gate,  
And though we mocked her tenderly,  
    Who had such foolish care,  
    The long way home  
    would seem more safe,  
    Because she waited there.  
Her thoughts were all so full of us,  
    She never could forget,  
And so I think that where she is,  
    She must be waiting yet.  
    Waiting, till we come to her,  
    Anxious if we are late,  
Watching from heaven's window  
    Leaning from heaven's gate.

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**Roots of Love**

To plant a seed in one's heart...  
    To root it in love...  
To nourish it with time spent together...  
    Yields a blossom  
    that will flourish forever.

**Poem for Thy Living**

When I am dead,  
cry for me a little.  
Think of me sometimes,  
but not too much.  
It is not good for you, or your wife  
or your husband, or your children  
to allow your thoughts to dwell  
too long on the dead.  
Think of me now and again as I was  
in life at some moment which it  
is pleasant to recall.  
But not too long.  
Leave me in peace as I shall  
leave you, too, in peace.  
While you live, let your thoughts  
be with the living.

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**She Knew Me**

My mother always knew  
the me that others didn't know.  
The deeper part of me  
that thought and felt.  
She knew where my belongings were,  
the ones I couldn't find;  
My socks, my keys, my wallet,  
my favorite missing belt.  
She knew just what I loved to eat  
and when to make each dish.  
The way she knew remains a mystery.  
How did she sense my troubled times  
and help with every hurt?  
I truly had a mom who loved  
and gave herself for me.  
I'm grateful for the precious years  
I've had and known her love.  
Her memory will live  
within my heart.  
But God has called her to  
His side to live forevermore.  
I cannot hold her back.  
I know my mother must depart.

**Sports Sunday**

For all the lazy afternoons  
You cheered on the home team  
From your favorite chair,  
And all the times you cheered us on,  
We always strove to make you proud  
Though your heroes were on the field  
And on the screen,  
You were our hero all along.

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**Sunny Skies**

All sunny skies would be  
too bright,  
All morning hours mean  
too much light,  
All laughing days  
too gay a strain;  
There must be clouds,  
and night, and rain,  
And shut-in days,  
to make us see  
the beauty of life's tapestry.

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**The One Thing I Ask Of You** -St. Monica

This one thing I ask of you,  
that wherever you may be,  
you will always remember  
me at the Altar of God.

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**The Highest Heights**

To ascend the highest heights  
It takes more than strength,  
More than courage;  
It takes drive and dedication  
To the ones who mean the most...  
If we have accomplished great things,  
It is by our willingness  
to unconditionally love.

**The Love of a Mother** - Pastor Lawrence C. Raftery

The giving of life  
To another is not the end,  
But the beginning of being a Mother.

The living of life  
For another is not a chore,  
But the delight of being a Mother.

The receiving of life  
From another is not the reason,  
But the reward of being a Mother.

The giving, the living,  
the receiving of life  
is but the love of a Mother.

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**To Our Absent Brothers—Elks**

My brothers and friends, you have heard  
the tolling of eleven strokes. This is to  
remind us that with the Elks the hour  
eleven has a tender significance.  
Wherever an Elk may roam, whatever his  
lot in life may be, when this hour falls  
upon the dial of night the great heart of  
Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden  
hour of recollection, the homecoming of  
those who wander, the mystic roll call of  
those who will come no more. Living or  
dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never  
forsaken. Morning and noon may pass  
him by, the light of day sink heedlessly  
in the West, but ere the shadows of  
midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory  
will be pealing forth the friendly message,  
“To our absent brothers.”

**The Loom Of Time**

Man’s life is laid in the loom of time  
To a pattern he does not see,  
While the weavers work and  
the shuttles fly  
Till the dawn of eternity.

Some shuttles are filled  
with silver threads  
And some with threads of gold,  
While often but the darker hues  
Are all that they may hold.

But the weaver watches with skillful eye  
Each shuttle fly to and fro,  
And sees the pattern so deftly wrought  
As the loom moves sure and slow.

God surely planned the pattern:  
Each thread, the dark and fair,  
Is chosen by His master skill  
And placed in the web with care.

He only knows its beauty,  
And guides the shuttles which hold  
The threads so unattractive,  
As well as the threads of gold.

Not till each loom is silent,  
And the shuttles cease to fly,  
Shall God reveal the pattern  
And explain the reason why

The dark threads were as needful  
In the weaver’s skillful hand  
As the threads of gold and silver  
For the pattern which He planned.

**We Will Share Eternity**

My mother is a treasure  
that I carry in my heart,  
Her memory is safely kept within.  
All the love she spent on me  
is held in sweet reserve;  
Every kiss and every touch  
and every precious grin.  
I'll miss the many things she was,  
the special things she did.  
Each one will be remembered gratefully.  
Though I will miss her through the years,  
I'm comforted to know.  
She's with her Lord.  
We'll meet again and share eternity.

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Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
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But start out bravely with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake and in my name  
live on and do all things the same;  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you  
And hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die.  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

**Thank You #1**

*Your kind expression  
of sympathy and friendship  
will always remain  
in our memories.*

*Thank you for your  
thoughtfulness.*

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**Verso de reconocimiento #1**

*Su amable expresión  
de simpatía y amistad  
permanecerá siempre  
en nuestra memoria.*

*Gracias por tu consideración.*

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**Thank You #3**

*The family of \_\_\_\_\_  
acknowledges with deep appreciation  
your kind expression of sympathy.*

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**Verso de reconocimiento #3**

*La familia de \_\_\_\_\_  
agradece con profundo agradecimiento  
su amable expresión de simpatía.*

**Thank You #2**

*The family of \_\_\_\_\_  
deeply appreciates  
and gratefully acknowledges  
your kind expression of sympathy.*

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**Verso de reconocimiento #2**

*La familia \_\_\_\_\_  
aprecia profundamente  
y agradece su amable  
expresión de simpatía.*

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**Thank You #4**

*To thank you for  
your kindness and sympathy  
at a time when it was  
deeply appreciated.*

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**Verso de reconocimiento #4**

*Para agradecerle  
su amabilidad y simpatía  
en un momento en el que fueron  
profundamente apreciadas.*

**Taps**

Day is done, gone the sun  
From the lake, from the hill, From the sky.  
All is well, 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. Amen.

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**Independence Forever**

From lives well spent  
earthly duties we learn,  
From childhood dreams  
to active virtue turn;  
Let freedom, friendship,  
faith our soul engage,  
And serve, like them,  
our country and our age.

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**Inspiring Goals**

Victory  
A life of accomplishments  
Unique challenges  
Inspiring goals  
for all who follow in your steps.

~\*\*~

**Military Graveside Prayer**

We come to honor the memory  
Of one who offered his/her life  
In the service of his/her country.  
  
One who has enrolled in that great spirit army;  
Whose footfalls now cause no sound.  
  
But in the memory of man,  
Their souls go marching on;  
Sustained by the pride of their service,  
In times of national danger.

### **The Marine's Hymn**

From the halls of Montezuma  
To the shores of Tripoli;  
We fight our country's battles  
In the air, on land, and sea;  
First to fight for right and freedom  
And to keep our honor clean;  
We are proud to claim the title of  
THE UNITED STATES MARINES.

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze  
From dawn to setting sun;  
We have fought in every clime and place  
Where we could take a gun;  
In the snow of far off northern lands  
And in sunny tropic scenes;  
You will find us always on the job  
UNITED STATES MARINES

Here's health to you and to our Corps  
Which we are proud to serve;  
In many a strife we've fought for life  
And never lost our nerve;  
If the Army and Navy  
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;  
They will find the streets are guarded by  
UNITED STATES MARINES

### **Marines Prayer**

Almighty Father, whose command is over all  
and whose love never fails, make me aware of  
thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep  
me true to my best self, guard me against  
dishonesty in purpose and deed and help me  
to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my  
loved ones, and Thee without shame or fear.

Protect my family. Give me the will to do the  
work of a Marine and to accept my share of  
responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm.  
Grant me the courage to be proficient in my  
daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful  
to my superiors and to the duties my country  
and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me.  
Make me considerate of those committed to my  
leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with  
dignity, and let it remind me daily of the  
traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith;  
if I am tempted, make me strong to resist;  
if I should miss the mark, give me courage  
to try again. Guide me with the light of truth  
and grant me wisdom by which I may  
understand the answer to my prayer.

*AMEN*

**The Navy Hymn**

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard  
And hushed their raging at Thy Word,  
Who walked on the foaming deep  
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep,  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!  
Our family shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect us wheresoever we go;  
Thus evermore will rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

**US Navy Song - "Anchors Aweigh"**

Stand Navy out to sea,  
Fight our battle cry;  
We'll never change our course,  
So vicious foe steer shy-y-y-y.  
Roll out the TNT,  
Anchors Aweigh.  
Sail on to victory  
And sink their bones to Davy Jones, hooray!

Anchors Aweigh, my boys,  
Anchors Aweigh.  
Farewell to foreign shores,  
We sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay.  
Through our last night ashore,  
Drink to the foam,  
Until we meet once more.  
Here's wishing you a happy voyage home.

Blue of the mighty deep:  
Gold of God's great sun.  
Let these our colors be  
Till all of time be done, done, done, done.  
On seven seas we learn  
Navy's stern call:  
Faith, courage, service true,  
With honor, over honor, over all.

### **Air Force Song**

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,  
Climbing high into the sun;  
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,  
At 'em boys, Give 'er the gun!

*(Give 'er the gun now!)*

Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,  
Off with one helluva roar!

We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!  
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!

Minds of men fashioned a crate of thunder,  
Sent it high into the blue;  
Hands of men blasted the world asunder;  
How they lived God only knew!

*(God only knew then!)*

Souls of men dreaming of skies to conquer  
Gave us wings, ever to soar!  
With scouts before And bombers galore. Hey!  
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!

Here's a toast to the host  
Of those who love the vastness of the sky,  
To a friend we send a message of his brother  
men who fly.

We drink to those who gave their all of old,  
Then down we roar to score the rainbow's pot  
of gold.

A toast to the host of men we boast, the U.S.  
Air Force!  
Zoom!

Off we go into the wild sky yonder,  
Keep the wings level and true;  
If you'd live to be a grey-haired wonder  
Keep the nose out of the blue!

*(Out of the blue, boy!)*

Flying men, guarding the nation's border,  
We'll be there, followed by more!  
In echelon we carry on. Hey!  
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!

### **Air Force Hymn**

Lord, guard and guide those who fly  
Through the great spaces in the sky;  
Be with them traversing the air  
In darkening storms or sunshine fair;

You who support with tender might  
The balanced birds in all their flight  
Lord of the tempered winds, be near,  
That, having you, they have no fear.

Control their minds with instinct fit,  
Whene'er adventuring, they quit  
The firm security of land;  
Grant steadfast eye and skillful hand.

Aloft in solitudes of space  
Uphold them with your saving grace  
O God, protect those who fly  
Through lonely ways beneath the sky.

### **The Army Song**

*"THE ARMY GOES ROLLING ALONG"*

March along, sing our song,  
with the Army of the free  
Count the brave, count the true,  
who have fought to victory  
We're the Army and proud of our name  
We're the Army and proudly proclaim

First to fight for the right,  
And to build the Nation's might,  
And The Army Goes Rolling Along  
Proud of all we have done,  
Fighting till the battle's won,  
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!  
The Army's on its way.  
Count off the cadence loud and strong  
For where e'er we go,  
You will always know  
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.

Valley Forge, Custer's ranks,  
San Juan Hill and Patton's tanks,  
And the Army went rolling along  
Minute men, from the start,  
Always fighting from the heart,  
And the Army keeps rolling along.

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!  
The Army's on its way.  
Count off the cadence loud and strong  
For where e'er we go,  
You will always know  
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.

Men in rags, men who froze,  
Still that Army met its foes,  
And the Army went rolling along.  
Faith in God, then we're right,  
And we'll fight with all our might,  
As the Army keeps rolling along.

### **The Army Hymn**

Oh Lord of Hosts! Almighty King!  
Behold the sacrifice we bring!  
To every arm Thy strength impart,  
Thy spirit shed through every heart.

Wake in our breasts the living fires  
The holy faith that warmed our sires;  
Thy hand hath made our Nation free!

To Die for her is serving thee.  
Be thou a pillar for to snow  
The midnight snare, the silent foe;  
And when the Battle thunders loud,  
Still Guide us in its moving cloud.

God of all Nations! Sovereign Lord!  
In Thy dread name we draw the sword,  
We lift the Starry Flag on high  
That fills with light our stormy sky.

From treason's rent, from murders stain,  
Guard Thou its folds till Peace shall reign  
Till fort and field, till shore and sea,  
Join our loud anthem, Praise to thee!

**1 Peter 1:3-4** - KJV

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.

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**1 Peter 1:3-5** - RSV

Blessed be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great  
mercy we have been born anew to a  
living hope through the resurrection of  
Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an  
inheritance which is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven  
for you, who by God's power are  
guarded through faith for a salvation  
ready to be revealed in the last time.

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**2 Corinthians 5:8**

We are confident, I say, and willing  
rather to be absent from the body,  
and to be present with the Lord.

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**2 Timothy 1:10**

But is now made manifest by  
the appearing of our Saviour Jesus  
Christ, who hath abolished death, and  
hath brought life and immortality to light  
through the gospel.

**A Psalm of Praise**

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.  
Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His  
presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord  
He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not  
we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep  
of His pasture. Enter into His gates with  
thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise:  
be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

For the Lord is good;  
His mercy is everlasting;  
and His truth endureth to all generations.

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**Colossians 1:16-17**

For by Him were all things created,  
That are in heaven, and that are in earth,  
visible and invisible, whether they be thrones,  
or dominions, or principalities,  
or powers: all things were created by  
Him, and for Him: and He is before all  
things, and by Him all things consist.

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**Colossians 1:5**

For the hope which is laid up for you in  
heaven, whereof ye heard before in the  
word of the truth of the gospel.

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**Galatians 5:22-23**

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
longsuffering, gentleness, goodness,  
faith, meekness, temperance:  
against such there is no law.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

For everything there is a season,  
and a time for 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 seek, 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 for war, and a time for peace.

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**Ephesians 1:10-12** - KJV

That in the dispensation of the fullness  
of times he might gather together in one  
all things in Christ, both which are in  
heaven, and which are on earth; even in  
Him: in whom also we have obtained an  
inheritance, being predestinated  
according to the purpose of Him who  
worketh all things after the counsel of  
his own will: that we should be to the  
praise of His glory, who first trusted  
in Christ.

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**Isaiah 40:31**

But they that wait upon the Lord  
Shall renew their strength.  
They shall mount up with wings  
as eagles,  
They shall run, and not be weary;  
And they shall walk, and not faint.

**Hebrews 10:34-39**

For you had compassion on me in my  
chains, and joyfully accepted the  
plundering of your goods, knowing that  
you have a better and an enduring  
possession for yourselves in heaven.  
Therefore do not cast away your  
confidence, which has great reward.  
For you have need of endurance, so that  
after you have done the will of God,  
you may receive the promise: For yet a  
little while, and He who is coming will  
come and will not tarry. Now the just  
shall live by faith; but if anyone draws  
back, my soul has no pleasure in him.  
But we are not of those who draw back to  
perdition, but of those who believe to  
the saving of the soul.

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**I Corinthians 13:4-8**

Love is patient, love is kind...  
It does not envy,  
it does not boast,  
it is not proud.  
It is not rude,  
it is not self seeking,  
it is not easily angered,  
it keeps no record of wrongs.  
Love does not delight in evil  
but rejoices with truth.  
It always protects, always trusts,  
always hopes, always preserves.  
Love never fails.

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**John 11:25-26**

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection,  
and the life: he that believeth in me,  
though he were dead, yet shall he live:  
and whosoever liveth and believeth in  
me shall never die.

**John 14:1-3, 27**

Let not your heart be troubled;  
ye believe in God, believe also in me.  
In my Father's house are many mansions;  
if it were not so, I would have told you. I  
go to prepare a place for you. And if I go  
and prepare a place for you, I will come  
again, and receive you unto myself; that  
where I am, there ye may be also.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give  
unto you; not as the world giveth, give I  
unto you. Let not your heart be troubled,  
neither let it be afraid.

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**John 5:24**

Verily, verily, I say unto you,  
He that heareth my word, and believeth  
on Him that sent me, hath everlasting  
life, and shall not come into  
condemnation; but is passed from death  
unto life.

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**Luke 15:7**

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be  
in heaven over one sinner that repenteth,  
more than over ninety and nine just  
persons, which need no repentance.

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**Luke 6:23**

Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy:  
for, behold, your reward is great in  
heaven: for in the like manner did their  
fathers unto the prophets.

**Mark 10:21**

Then Jesus beholding him loved him,  
and said unto him, One thing thou  
lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou  
hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt  
have treasure in heaven: and come, take  
up the cross, and follow me.

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**Matthew 12:50**

For whosoever shall do the will  
of my Father which is in heaven,  
the same is my brother, and sister,  
and mother.

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**Matthew 16:19**

And I will give unto thee  
the keys of the kingdom of heaven:  
and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth  
shall be bound in heaven:  
and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth  
shall be loosed in heaven.

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**Matthew 18:10** Old English

Take heed that ye despise not one of  
these little ones; for I say unto you, That  
in heaven their angels do always behold  
the face of my Father which is in heaven.

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**Matthew 18:10** Modern Vernacular

Beware that you don't look down upon  
a single one of these little children.  
For I tell you that in heaven their angels  
have constant access to my Father.

**Matthew 18:14**

Even so it is not the will of your Father  
which is in heaven, that one of these  
little ones should perish.

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**Matthew 23:9**

And call no man your father upon the  
earth: for one is your Father, which is in  
heaven.

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**Matthew 5:14-16** - KJV

Ye are the light of the world,  
A city on a hill that cannot be hid.  
Neither do men light a candle,  
And put it under a bushel, but on a  
candlestick;  
And it giveth light unto all that are in the  
house.  
Let your light so shine before men,  
That they may see your good works,  
And glorify your Father  
which is in heaven.

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**Matthew 5:16** - KJV

Let your light so shine before men,  
that they may see your good works,  
and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

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**Matthew 6:20-21**

But lay up for yourselves  
treasures in heaven,  
where neither moth  
nor rust doth corrupt,  
and where thieves do not  
break through nor steal:  
For where your treasure is,  
there will your heart be also.

**Matthew 6:9-13**

Pray, then, in this way:  
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 debts,  
As we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And do not lead us into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory,  
Forever. *Amen.*

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**Matthew 7:21-23**

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord,  
Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of  
heaven; but he that doeth the will of my  
Father which is in heaven. Many will say  
to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we  
not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy  
name have cast out devils? and in Thy  
name done many wonderful works? And  
then will I profess unto them, I never  
knew you: depart from me, ye that work  
iniquity.

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**Matthew 7:7-8**

Ask, and it shall be given you;  
Seek, and ye shall find;  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you:  
For every one that asketh receiveth;  
And he that seeketh findeth;  
And to him that knocketh  
it shall be opened.

**Philippians 2:10-11**

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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**Philippians 3:20-21** - NKJV

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

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**Psalms 119:89** - KJV

For ever, O LORD,  
Thy Word is settled in heaven.

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**Psalms 139:9-10**

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
If I settle on the far side of the sea,  
Even there your hand will guide me,  
Your right hand will hold me fast.

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**Psalms 73:25** - KJV

Whom have I in heaven but Thee?  
and there is none upon earth that  
I desire beside Thee.

**Psalms 121**

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.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:  
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall  
neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD  
is thy shade upon thy right hand.  
The sun shall not smite thee by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil:  
He shall preserve thy soul.  
The LORD shall preserve thy going  
out and thy coming in from this time forth,  
and even for evermore.

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**Psalms 23**

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.

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**Psalms 73:26** - NKJV

My flesh and my heart fail;  
But God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever.

**Revelation 14:13** - NKJV

“Blessed are the dead who die  
in the Lord from now on.”  
“Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest  
from their labors, and their works  
follow them.”

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**Revelation 19:1** - KJV

And after these things I heard a great  
voice of much people in heaven, saying,  
Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and  
honour, and power, unto the Lord our  
God.

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**Revelation 21:3-7**

And God will wipe away every tear  
from their eyes; there shall be no more death,  
nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no  
more pain, for the former things  
have passed away.

Then He who sat on the throne said,  
“Behold, I make all things new.”  
And He said to me, “Write, for these words  
are true and faithful.” And He said to me,  
“It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the Beginning and the End. I will give of the  
fountain of the water of life freely to him  
who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit  
all things, and I will be his God and  
he shall be My son.”

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**Revelation 5:13** - KJV

And every creature which is in heaven,  
and on the earth, and under the earth,  
and such as are in the sea, and all that  
are in them, heard Isaying, Blessing, and  
honour, and glory, and power, be unto  
Him that sitteth upon the throne, and  
unto the Lamb forever and ever.

**Romans 14:7-8**

None of us lives to himself,  
and none of us dies to himself.  
If we live to the Lord  
and if we die to the Lord:  
so then whether we live  
or whether we die,  
we are the Lord’s.

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**St. John 3:16**

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.

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**Blessed are the Poor in Spirit**

Blessed are the poor in spirit;  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they that mourn;  
for they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek;  
for they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst  
after righteousness;  
for they shall be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful;  
for they shall obtain mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart;  
for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers;  
for they shall be called children of God.  
Blessed are they which are persecuted  
for righteousness’ sake;  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are ye, when men affront you, and  
persecute you, and shall say all manners of  
evil against you falsely, for my sake.  
Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is  
your reward in heaven: for so persecuted  
they the prophets which were before you.

“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...  
may He give us a safe lodging  
and a holy rest and peace at the last.”

- **Cardinal Newman**

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**Christ Have Mercy**

With the spirits of the righteous made perfect,  
give rest to the soul of Thy servant,  
O Savior; and preserve it in that life of  
blessedness  
which is with thee, O thou who lovest  
mankind.

In the place of Thy rest, O Lord,  
where all thy Saints repose, give rest also to  
the soul  
of Thy servant for Thou only lovest mankind.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
Thou art our God, who descended into Hell,  
and loosed the bonds of those who were there,  
Thyself give rest also to the soul of Thy servant  
Now and ever unto ages of ages.  
*Amen.*

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**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.*

**Days Without End**

GOD, Your days are without end,  
Your mercies beyond counting. Help  
us always to remember that life is  
short and the day of our death is  
known to you alone.

May Your Holy Spirit lead us to  
live in holiness and justice all our days.  
then, after serving you in the  
fellowship of Your Church, with  
strong faith, consoling hope, and  
perfect love for all, may we joyfully  
come to Your Kingdom.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

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**De Profundis**

Thee O Lord: Lord hear my voice.  
Let thine ears be attentive to the  
voice of my supplication.  
If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities,  
Lord who shall stand it?  
For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness:  
and by reason of Thy law,  
have I waited for Thee O Lord.  
my soul hath relied on His word:  
My soul hath hoped in the Lord.  
From the morning watch even until night:  
Let Israel hope in the Lord.  
Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and with Him plenteous redemption.  
And He shall redeem Israel from all iniquities.  
Eternal rest grant him,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon  
him.

**Father We Entrust Our Brother**

Father we entrust our brother to your mercy. You loved him greatly in this life: now that he is freed from all its cares, give him happiness and peace forever. Welcome him now into paradise where there will be no more sorrow, no more weeping or pain, but only peace and joy with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

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**Father We Entrust Our Sister**

Father we entrust our sister to your mercy. You loved her greatly in this life: now that she is freed from all its cares, give her happiness and peace forever. Welcome her now into paradise where there will be no more sorrow, no more weeping or pain, but only peace and joy with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

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**For Crucifix**

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Your face I humbly kneel and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity, Your five most precious wounds. Pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said of You, my Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and my feet, they have numbered all my bones"  
*Amen.*

**Fireman's Prayer**

When I am called to duty, God  
Wherever flames may rage  
Give me the strength to save some life  
Whatever be its age  
Help me embrace a little child  
Before it is too late  
Or save an 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  
To give the best in me  
To guard my every neighbor  
And protect their property  
And if according to your will  
I have to lose my life  
Please bless with your protecting hand  
My children and my spouse.

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**God the Creator**

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant unto the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; that, by pious supplications, they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired. Grant this, O God, Who livest and reignest for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

Sweet Heart of Mary be my salvation!  
Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

**God the Giver**

"Blessed are they that mourn  
for they shall be comforted" - *St. Matthew*  
O God, the giver of pardon and lover  
of human salvation, have mercy on  
your servant who has departed from  
this world. May the intercession of  
the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, and  
all your Saints assist this soul in  
attaining eternal happiness.

May the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God  
rest in peace. *Amen.*

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**Holy God**

In the name of the Father and  
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal  
have mercy on us. May He who rose from  
the dead, Christ our true God; through  
the intercessions of His all-immaculate  
Mother; of the holy and glorious and  
all-laudable Apostles; of our venerable and  
God-bearing Fathers and of all the  
Saints, establish in the mansions of the  
righteous the soul of His servant, who  
hath just been taken away from us, and  
number this soul among the just;  
and have mercy upon us, for as much as  
He is good and loveth mankind.  
*Amen.*

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**Prayer**

May the angels lead you into paradise,  
may the martyrs receive you at your  
coming, and take you to Jerusalem,  
the holy city. May the choirs of the  
angels receive you, and may you with  
the once poor Lazarus, have rest everlasting.  
*Amen.*

**Incline Thine Ear**

"We have loved them during life,  
let us not abandon them, until we  
have conducted them by our prayers  
into the house of the Lord."  
- *St. Ambrose*

Incline Thine ear, O Lord, unto our  
prayers, wherein we humbly pray Thee  
to show Thy mercy upon the soul of  
thy servant, whom Thou hast commanded  
to pass out of this world,  
that Thou wouldst place him in the  
region of peace and light, and bid  
him be a partaker with Thy Saints.  
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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**Let Us Pray**

Almighty God, through the death of  
Your Son on the cross, you have  
overcome death for us. Through his  
burial and resurrection from the  
dead you have made the grave a holy  
place and restored to us eternal life.  
We pray for those who died  
believing in Jesus and are buried  
with him in the hope of rising again.  
God of the living and the dead,  
may those who faithfully  
believed in you on earth praise you  
forever in the joy of heaven. We  
ask this through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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**Roman Ritual**

May the Souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
*Amen.*

**Let Us Pray Children**

Almighty and most merciful God who,  
when little children born again  
of water depart this mortal life,  
dost forthwith, without any desert of other,  
bestow upon them life everlasting,  
as we believe Thou hast done to this little  
child,  
grant we beseech Thee, that though  
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and of all Thy Saints,  
we may serve Thee here with pure minds  
and be forever united to the  
blessed little ones in Paradise.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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**Lord Make Me An Instrument**

Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
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,  
and it is in pardoning, that we are pardoned  
and it is in dying, that we are born to  
Eternal Life.  
- St. Francis of Assisi

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**Serenity Prayer**

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

**Lord Support Us**

Lord, support us all day long,  
until the shadows lengthen and  
the evening comes, and the busy  
little world is hushed, and the fever  
of life is over, and our work  
is done. Then in thy mercy grant  
us a safe lodging, and holy  
rest, and peace at the last.  
*Amen.*

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**Loved Her**

Father we entrust our sister  
to your mercy.

You loved her greatly in this  
life: now that she is freed from  
all its cares, give her happiness  
and peace for ever.

Welcome her now into paradise  
where there will be no more  
sorrow, no more weeping or pain,  
but only peace and joy with Jesus  
your Son, and the Holy Spirit  
for ever and ever.

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**Loved Her**

Father we entrust our brother  
to your mercy.

You loved him greatly in this  
life: now that he is freed from  
all its cares, give him happiness  
and peace for ever.

Welcome him now into paradise  
where there will be no more sorrow,  
no more weeping or pain, but only  
peace and joy with Jesus your Son,  
and the Holy Spirit  
for ever and ever.

**Memorare**

Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known that anyone who fled to Thy protection, 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 incarnated despise not my petitions, but, in Thy mercy, hear and answer me. *Amen.*

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**May He Who Rose**

May he who rose again from the dead, Christ our true God; through the intercessions of His all-immaculate Mother; of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostles; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers and of all the saints establish in the mansions of the righteous the soul of His servant, who hath just been taken from us, and number this soul among the just; and have mercy upon us, for as much as He is good and loveth mankind. *Amen.*

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**St. Augustine**

Watch thou, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ, rest your weary ones, pity your dying ones, pity your afflicted ones, and all for your love's sake!

**Mass for the Dead**

It is truly right and just, proper and helpful toward salvation, that we always and everywhere give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. In the same Christ the hope of a blessed resurrection has dawned for us, bringing all who are under the certain, sad sentence of death the consoling promise of future immortality. For those who have been faithful, O Lord, life is not ended, but merely changed; and when this earthly abode dissolves, an eternal dwelling place awaits them in heaven.

Eternal rest grant them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

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**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 servant and bring Thy servant far from the shadows of exile to the bright home of heaven, where we trust Thou and Thy Blessed Mother have woven a crown of unending bliss. *Amen.*

**O Great Apostle of Ireland**

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 servant 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 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 maxima.

**Policeman's Prayer**

When I started my tour of duty, God  
Wherever crime may be,  
As I walk the darkened streets alone,  
Let me be close to thee.  
Please give me understanding  
With both young and old.  
Let me listen with attention  
Until their story's told.  
Let me never make a judgment  
In a rash or callous way,  
But let me hold my patience  
Let each man have his say.  
Lord, if some dark and dreary night,  
I must give my life,  
Lord, with your everlasting love  
Protect my children and my spouse.

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**Prayer for the Faithful Departed**

O God,  
The Creator and Redeemer of all the Faithful,  
Grant to the Souls of thy Servants departed  
The remission of all their sins; that through  
pious supplications they may obtain the  
pardon which they have always desired  
Who livest and reignest, world without end.  
*Amen.*

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**A Priest's Prayer**

O God, who amongst thy Apostolic  
priests has raised up Thy servant,  
to the dignity of a priest, grant, we beseech  
Thee, that He may also be admitted in heaven  
to their ever-lating fellowship,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace. *Amen.*

**Resurrection Prayer**

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 for your servant.  
In our turn, may we too be comforted by the  
words of faith until we greet Christ in glory  
and are united with you and our departed.

Through Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

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**St. Anthony**

O glorious St. Anthony, safe refuge of the  
afflicted and distressed, who by miraculous  
revelation has directed all those who seek aid  
to come to Thy altar with the promise that  
whosoever visits it for nine consecutive  
Tuesdays, and there piously invokes thee, will  
feel the power of the intercession. I, a poor  
sinner encouraged by this promise, come to  
thee.

O powerful Saint, and with a firm hope I  
implore thy aid, thy protection, thy counsel  
and thy blessing. Obtain for me, I beseech thee  
my request in this necessity.

But if it should be opposed to the Will of God  
and the welfare of my soul, obtain for me such  
other graces as shall be conducive to my  
salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Saint John Neumann**

Your ardent desire to bring all souls to Christ impelled you to leave home and country.

Teach us to live worthily in the Spirit of our baptism, which makes us children of the one heavenly Father. And brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, the first-born of the family of God.

Obtain for us that complete dedication to the needy, the weak, the afflicted and the abandoned, which so characterized your life.

Help us to persevere in the difficult and, at times, painful paths of duty. May death find us on the sure road to our Father's house with the light of living faith in our hearts. *Amen.*

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**St. Jude**

St. Jude, glorious Apostle, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the true Church invokes you universally as the Patron of things despaired of; pray for me, who am so miserable pray for me, that finally I may receive the consolations and the succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (*make your request here*) and I may bless God with the Elect throughout Eternity. *Amen.*

St. Jude, Apostle, martyr and relative of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Mary and of Joseph, intercede for us.

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**Thy Faithful People**

For Thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, and when the house of this life on earth is gone, an eternal home is prepared. With them, O Lord let us be united, knowing that neither death nor life can separate us from Thy love.

**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.*

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**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.

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**With the Saints Give Rest**

With the Saints give rest, O Christ, to the soul of Thy servant, where sickness and sorrow are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. Whither we mortals all shall go making our funeral dirge the *hymn: Alleluia. Memory Eternal.*

**St. Pucci**

We seem to give *Her/Him* back to you,  
O Lord, who gave *Her/Him* to us.  
Yet as You did not lose *Her/Him* in giving, so  
we do not lose *Her/Him* by *Her/His* return.  
Not as the world gives, do you give  
O Lover of souls.  
What you give you do not take away, for what  
is yours is ours also if we are Yours.  
And life is eternal and love is immortal and  
death is only a horizon and a horizon is  
nothing but the limit of our sight. Lift us up,  
strong son of God that we may see further;  
cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly;  
draw us closer to yourself that we may know  
ourselves to be nearer to our loved ones who  
are with you. And while you prepare a place  
for us, prepare us also for that happy place  
that where you are we may be also.

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**Prayer to Saint Rita**

O God, in your infinite mercy you looked with  
love on your faithful servant Rita and granted  
through her intercession that which is beyond  
the power of mankind and the wisdom of this  
world.  
Through that love which bound St. Rita to you  
turn to us in mercy and aid us in our  
difficulties.

Grant that all may come to know that you  
alone are the reward of the humble, the  
protection of the abandoned, and the strength  
of all those who trust in you.

**Thy Faithful People**

For Thy faithful people, O  
Lord, life is changed, and when  
the house of this life on earth  
is gone, an eternal home is  
prepared. With them, O Lord  
let us be united, knowing that  
neither death nor life can  
separate us from Thy love.

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**St. Therese**

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. Therese, so that  
Swiftly advancing in sanctity  
and in perfect love of neighbor,  
I may someday receive the  
Crown of Life Eternal.  
*Amen.*

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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. Amen*

**The Hand of God** - Jessie H. Fairweather

Though today, you walk in sorrow You will  
not be alone There is One whose  
loving wisdom is far greater than our own  
Put your trusting hand in His  
As a little child would do  
And He like a loving father  
Will guide and comfort you!

Day by day, there will come to you  
New faith, new hope, new light  
You'll find that stars unseen by day  
Shine through the darkest night  
And though your heart is longing  
For the dear one who's at rest  
You'll know before the journey's end  
That God's dear ways are best!

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**There is a World Above**

There is a world above,  
where parting is unknown.  
A whole eternity of love,  
form'd for the good alone:  
And faith beholds the dying here  
translated to that happier sphere.  
The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

**The Precious Gift** - Jessie H. Fairweather

One gift, above all others  
God gives to us to treasure  
One that knows no time, no place  
And one gold cannot measure.

The precious, poignant, tender gift  
Of Memory that will keep  
Our dear ones ever in our hearts  
Although God gives them sleep.

It brings back only remembered things  
A song, a word, a smile  
And our world's a better place because  
We have them for awhile!

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**The Suscipe of Mother Catherine McAuley**

My God, I am Thine for time and  
eternity. Teach me to cast myself entirely  
into the arms of Thy loving Providence  
with the most lively unlimited confidence  
in Thy compassionate tender pity.

Grant me, most merciful Redeemer, that  
whatever Thou dost ordain or permit may  
be acceptable to me. Take from my heart  
all painful anxiety; suffer nothing to  
sadden me but sin; nothing to delight me  
but the hope of coming to the possession  
of Thee, my God and my All, in Thine  
everlasting Kingdom. Amen.

## **The Rosary**

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.

*Amen.*

### Our Father

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.

*Amen*

### Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;  
blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death.

*Amen.*

### Glory Be (Doxology)

Glory be to the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be,  
world without end.

*Amen.*

### Hail Holy Queen (The Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,  
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.  
To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve;  
to you we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,  
your eyes of mercy toward us;  
and after this, our exile,  
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb,  
Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**We Give Them Back To You**

We give them back to you,  
O Lord, who first gave them to us,  
yet as you did not lose them in the  
giving, so we do not lose them  
by their return. For what is yours  
is ours also, if we belong to you.  
Love is undying, and life is unending,  
and the boundary of this mortal life is  
but a horizon, and a horizon is nothing  
save the limit of our sight.

Lift us up, O God, that our sight  
may see further. Cleanse our eyes,  
that we may see more clearly  
And while you prepare the place  
for this departed soul, prepare us  
also for that happy place, that we may be  
with you, and with those we love, forever.

*Amen*

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**We Would Not**

We would not have you lack  
understanding concerning those in  
the sleep of death, lest you yield  
to grief like others, who have  
no hope. For if we believe  
that Jesus died and yet rose,  
so also will God bring forth with  
him those who have fallen asleep  
believing in Jesus.

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**With the Saints Give Rest**

With the Saints give rest, O Christ, to  
the soul of Thy servant, where sickness  
and sorrow are no more, neither sighing,  
but life everlasting. Whither we mortals  
all shall go making our funeral dirge the  
*hymn: Alleluia. Memory Eternal*

**Abraham Lincoln**

“All my life I have tried to pluck a thistle and plant a flower wherever the flower would grow in thought and mind.”

**Albert Einstein**

“I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination.”

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“Morality is of the highest importance - but for us, not for God.”

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“A man should look for what is, and not for what he thinks should be.”

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“A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.”

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“A table, a chair, a bowl of fruit and a violin; what else does a man need to be happy?”

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“All religions, arts and sciences are branches of the same tree.”

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“All such action would cease if those powerful elemental forces were to cease stirring within us.”

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“All that is valuable in human society depends upon the opportunity for development accorded the individual.”

**Albert Einstein cont.**

“God does not play dice.”

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“Any fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius-and a lot of courage-to move in the opposite direction.”

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“God always takes the simplest way.”

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“God does not care about our mathematical difficulties. He integrates empirically.”

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“God may be subtle, but he isn’t plain mean.”

**Arnold Palmer**

“It is a rare and difficult attainment to grow old gracefully and happily.”

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“What other people may find in poetry or art museums, I find in the flight of a good drive.”

**Arthur Schopenhauer**

“They tell us that suicide is the greatest piece of cowardice... that suicide is wrong; when it is quite obvious that there is nothing in the world to which every man has a more unassailable title than to his own life and person.”

**Benjamin Disraeli**

“The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches, but to reveal to him his own.”

**Babe Ruth**

“Never let the fear of striking out get in your way.”

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“The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don’t play together, the club won’t be worth a dime.”

**Ben Hogan**

“As you walk down the fairway of life you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round.”

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“The only thing a golfer needs is more daylight.”

**Benjamin Franklin**

“Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.”

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“A life of leisure and a life of laziness are two things. There will be sleeping enough in the grave.”

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“All mankind is divided into three classes: those that are immovable, those that are movable, and those that move.”

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“A house is not a home unless it contains food and fire for the mind as well as the body.”

**Benjamin Franklin cont.**

“Be slow in choosing a friend, slower in changing.”

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“Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.”

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“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”

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“Do not fear mistakes. You will know failure. Continue to reach out.”

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“Do not squander time for that is the stuff life is made of.”

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“Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing.”

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“Employ thy time well, if thou meanest to gain leisure.”

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“Genius without education is like silver in the mine.”

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“He that can have patience can have what he will.”

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“He that composes himself is wiser than he that composes a book.”

**Benjamin Franklin cont.**

“He that lives upon hope will die fasting.”

**Buddha**

“To be idle is a short road to death and to be diligent is a way of life; foolish people are idle, wise people are diligent.”

**C.S. Lewis**

“Experience: that most brutal of teachers. But you learn, my God do you learn.”

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“Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you get neither. A man can no more diminish God’s glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, ‘darkness’ on the walls of his cell. A man who is eating or lying with his wife or preparing to go to sleep in humility, thankfulness and temperance, is, by Christian standards, in an infinitely higher state than one who is listening to Bach or reading Plato in a state of pride. A young man who wishes to remain a sound atheist cannot be too careful of his reading. An explanation of cause is not a justification by reason. Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point. Experience: that most brutal of teachers. But you learn, my God do you learn. I gave in, and admitted that God was God.”

**Count Basie**

“I’m saying: to be continued, until we meet again. Meanwhile, keep on listening and tapping your feet.”

**Davy Crockett**

“Let your tongue speak what your heart thinks.”

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“Be always sure you are right - then go ahead.”

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“Throughout the day no time for memorandums now. Go ahead! Liberty and independence forever.”

**Dwight D. Eisenhower**

“The spirit of man is more important than mere physical strength, and the spiritual fiber of a nation than its wealth.”

**Edward Phelps**

“The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything.”

**Eleanor Roosevelt**

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

**George Schultz**

“The minute you start talking about what you are going to do if you lose, you have lost.”

**Greek Proverb**

“The heart that loves is always young.”

**George Washington**

“Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation. It is better be alone than in bad company.”

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“Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence.”

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“Discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable; procures success to the weak, and esteem to all.”

**Helen Keller**

“Behind me and before me is God and I have no fears.”

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“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.”

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“Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. The fearful are caught as often as the bold.”

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“Death is no more than passing from one room into another. But there’s a difference for me, you know. Because in that other room I shall be able to see.”

**Henry Adams**

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.”

**Henry David Thoreau**

“Aim above morality. Be not simply good, be good for something.”

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“Dreams are the touchstones of our character.”

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“How vain it is to sit down to write when you have not stood up to live.”

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“A man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can afford to let alone.”

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“An early-morning walk is a blessing for the whole day.”

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“If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.”

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“As a single footstep will not make a path on the earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway in the mind. To make a deep physical path, we walk again and again. To make a deep mental path, we must think over and over the kind of thoughts we wish to dominate our lives.”

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“Be true to your work, your word, and your friend.”

**Henry David Thoreau cont.**

“Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads.”

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“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.”

**Jack Dempsey**

“A champion is someone who gets up when he can’t.”

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“Tell him he can have my title, but I want it back in the morning.”

**Johannes Sebastian Bach**

“The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul.”

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“There’s nothing remarkable about it. All one has to do is hit the right keys at the right time and the instrument plays itself.”

**John F. Kennedy**

“A man may die, nations may rise and fall, but an idea lives on.”

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“And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.”

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“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

**John Muir**

“Let children walk with Nature, let them see the beautiful blendings and communions of death and life, their joyous inseparable unity, as taught in woods and meadows, plains and mountains and streams of our blessed star, and they will learn that death is stingless indeed, and as beautiful as life.”

### **Ángel of God**

Ángel del Señor  
Mi querido guardián  
A cual el Señor con su  
amor me encargo,  
Estad a mi lado  
Siempre en este día,  
Para cuidar y iluminar,  
Para quiar y gobernar.  
Amén.

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### **Lord Hear Our Prayer**

(Spanish Female)

Señor escuche  
nuestra suplica,  
reciba nuestra  
querida hermana en  
el paraíso, y ayúdenos  
a dar consuelo unos  
a otros con la  
seguridad de nuestra  
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### **Lord's Prayer**

El Padre Nuestro  
Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu nombre;  
venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día;  
perdona nuestras ofensas  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden;  
no nos dejes caer en tentación,  
y libranos del mal.  
Amén.

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### **God Saw You**

El Señor miro tu cansancio  
pero una curación no la tuvo  
Y así el puso sus manos sobre ti,  
y en voz bagá dijo "Ven a mi"  
Con lágrimas en nuestros ojos  
te miramos sufrir,  
y te miramos como te ivas llendo,  
Aunque nosotros te queremos mucho  
no podemos detenerte  
ni hacer que te quedes.  
Un gran corazón de oro paro de latir,  
tus cariñosas manos ya descansaron  
El Señor lastimo nuestros corazones  
para probarnos  
que él solo se lleva lo mejor.

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### **Serenity Prayer**

Dios,  
dame la Serenidad  
para aceptar las cosas  
que Yo no puedo cambiar,  
La Valentia para cambiar  
las cosas que Yo puedo  
y la Sabiduria para saber  
la diferencia

### **Cuando Tengo Que Dejarte**

Cuando llegue el momento que  
tenga que dejarte  
no derrames lagrimas  
que te ahoguen  
ni te abracés a la tristeza  
por el resto de tus años,  
Sigue valientemente  
con una sonrisa grande;  
Y por favor te pido en mi nombre  
que no dejes de hacer  
Todo aquello que haces,  
Nunca alimentes tu soledad  
durante días vacios,  
Pero llena con cosas útiles  
cada una de tus horas,  
Extiende tu mano para consolar  
a todo aquel que necesite,  
Yo te dare el mismo consuelo  
y siempre estaré cerca de ti.  
Mas nunca, jamas temas a morir  
¡Porque te estoy esperando en el cielo!

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### **Tiny Shadow** -Penny Gilliam

Una Pequeña Sombra  
Ya nunca estoy solo.  
Nunca.  
En cada momento  
y mientras que duerma  
Una pequeña sombra  
Siempre sigue  
Siempre está  
No lo puedo tocar.  
No lo puedo ver.  
La sola presencia  
puedo sentir.  
Esta memoria ausente  
de me Hijo.

### **Despues del resplandor** (*Afterglow*)

Me gustaria que el recuerdo de mi sea una  
feliz,  
Me gustaria dejar el resplandor en las  
sonrisas cuando el dia termine.  
Me gustaria dejar un eco docil hacia el aya,  
de los momentos felices y momentos de  
risa. Y los dias soleados y brillantes.  
Me gustaria que las lagrimas de los que  
lloran se sequen antes del sol  
Recuerdos felices les dejo atras cuando se  
termine el dia.

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### **La Cadena** (*The Chain*)

Sabíamos poco esa mañana  
Que nuestro Dios iba a llamar tu nombre.  
En vida te amamos mucho.  
En tu muerte hacemos lo mismo.  
Nos rompió el corazón en perderte, no te  
fuiste solo,  
Porque parte de nosotros se fue contigo  
En este día Dios te llamó a casa.  
Nos dejaste recuerdos pacíficos,  
Tu amor sigue siendo nuestra guía:  
Y aunque no podamos verte,  
Estás siempre a nuestro lado.  
Nuestra cadena familiar está rota,  
Y nada parece igual,  
Pero como Dios nos llama uno por uno  
La cadena se volverá a enlazar.

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### **Ave María** (*Hail Mary*)

Dios te salve, María, llena eres de gracia,  
el Señor es contigo.  
Bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres,  
y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús.  
Santa María, Madre de Dios,  
ruega por nosotros pecadores,  
ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte.  
Amen.

## **Salmo 23-Salmo de David**

*(23rd Psalm)*

El SEÑOR es mi pastor,  
nada me faltará.  
En lugares de verdes pastos me hace  
descansar;  
junto a aguas de reposo me conduce.  
Él restaura mi alma;  
me guía por senderos de justicia  
por amor de su nombre.  
Aunque pase por el valle de sombra de  
muerte,  
no temeré mal alguno, porque tú estás  
conmigo;  
tu vara y tu cayado me infunden aliento.  
Tú preparas mesa delante de mí en  
presencia de mis enemigos;  
has ungido mi cabeza con aceite;  
mi copa está rebosando.  
Ciertamente el bien y la misericordia me  
seguirán todos los días de mi vida,  
y en la casa del SEÑOR moraré por largos  
días.

## **Jardín de Dios**

Dios miró alrededor de su jardín  
y encontró un lugar vacío.  
Y luego miró hacia abajo  
sobre la tierra  
y vio tu rostro cansado.  
Puso sus brazos alrededor de ti,  
y te levanto a descansar.  
El jardín de Dios  
debe ser hermoso,  
él siempre toma lo mejor.  
Sabía que estabas sufriendo.  
El sabía que estabas en dolor.  
Sabía que nunca te pondrías bien  
en la tierra de nuevo.  
Vio que el camino  
se estaba poniendo duro  
y las colinas eran difíciles de subir,  
así que cerró tus párpados cansados,  
y susurró "La paz sea tuya."  
Nuestros corazones  
se rompieron al perderte.  
Pero no ibas solo,  
parte de nosotros se fue contigo,  
el día que Dios te llamo a su casa.

**I Said a Prayer For You Today**

I said a prayer for you today,  
and know God must have heard.  
I felt the answer in my heart, a  
Although He spoke no word!  
I didn't ask for wealth or fame  
(I knew you wouldn't mind),  
I asked Him to send treasures  
Of a far more lasting kind!  
I asked that He'd be near you,  
at the start of each new day.  
To grant you health and blessings,  
for friends to share your way!

I asked for happiness for you,  
in all things great and small,  
But it was for His loving care,  
I prayed the most of all!

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**The Chain**

We knew little 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,  
For part of us went with you,  
That day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories,  
Your love is still our guide:  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one  
The chain will link again.

**Traditional Irish Blessing**

May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind 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 palm of His hand.

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**I'm Free**

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 live, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I've found my peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes these things too I will miss.  
Be not burdened with time 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.

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**A SLEEP**

God saw the way was getting rough  
The hills were hard to climb  
He gently closed thy tired eyes  
And whispered...  
PEACE BE THINE

**God's Gift**

God gives us each a gift of life  
To cherish from our birth.  
He gives us friends, and those we love  
To share our days on Earth.  
He watches us with loving care  
And takes us by the hand,  
He blesses us with countless joys  
And guides the lives we've planned.  
Then, when our work on Earth is done,  
He calls us to His side, to live with Him  
in happiness where peace and love abide.

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**God Hath Promised**

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...

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**Footsteps**

God sees when the footsteps all falter  
When the pathway has grown too steep,  
Then He touches the weary eyelids  
And gives His dear ones sleep.

**The Day God Called You Home**

God looked around His garden,  
and found an empty space.  
Then He looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you,  
lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
for He only takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering.  
He knew you were in pain.  
He saw the road was getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyes,  
and whispered, "Peace be thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.

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**God saw you**

God saw you getting tired  
and a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around  
you and he whispered  
"Come to me."

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer,  
And saw you fading away,  
Although we loved you dearly  
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,  
Your loving hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.

**A Bud the Gardener Gave Us**

A bud the Gardener gave us a pure and,  
lovely child. He gave it to our keeping,  
to cherish undefiled.

But just as it was opening, to the glory of  
the day, down came the Heavenly  
Gardener, and took our bud away.

O sweetest little angel pray for us and  
through thy prayers intercede to the  
Sacred Heart of Jesus that through His  
burning heart of love He may lead us  
through this life and help us overcome  
the temptations which befall us.

“Sweet Heart of Jesus, I implore that I  
may Love Thee more and more.”

“My Jesus, for Thee I live; My Jesus for  
Thee I die; My Jesus I am Thine in life  
and death.”

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**Crossing the Bar**

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call from 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 and 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; for tho' from out our borne  
of Time and place the flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.

**To One in Sorrow** - Grace Noll Crowell

Let me come in where you are weeping,  
friend, And let me take your hand.  
I, who have known a sorrow such as yours,  
Can understand.

Let me come in -- I would be very still  
Beside you in your grief;  
I would not bid you cease your weeping,  
friend, Tears bring relief.

Let me come in -- I would only  
breathe a prayer,  
And hold your hand,  
For I have known a sorrow such  
as yours, and understand.

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**Too Little Time** - John Burroughs

I still find each day too short for  
all the thoughts I want to think,  
all the walks I want to take,  
all the books I want to read, and  
all the friends I want to see.  
The longer I live the more my mind  
dwells upon the beauty and the  
wonder of the world

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**When Curtain Falls**

When through our tears of sorrow  
we see a curtain fall,  
And know a dearly-loved one  
has gone beyond our call,  
We must have faith and confidence  
in God and in His way,  
For he will raise the curtain  
on a fairer scene some day.

**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.

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**Turn Again to Life** - Mary lee Hall

If I should die and leave you here awhile,  
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,  
Ever 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.

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**Faithful Departed**

O, God, The Creator and Redeemer  
Of All the Faithful,  
Grant to the Souls  
Of Thy Servants departed  
The remission of all their sins;  
That through pious supplications  
They may obtain the pardon  
Which they have always desired  
Who livest and reignest  
World without end. Amen.

**Heavenly Garden**

Your gentle touch,  
Your tender care.  
A smile as bright as sunshine  
A heart of no compare.  
A spirit that will glow forever,  
In the memories that we share.

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**Wings Against Sun** - Grace E. Easley

Forever earthbound are my feet,  
Upon the rocky road ahead,  
But high among the clouds, my thoughts,  
And so my heart is comforted.  
And if one shoulder aches, I shift  
The burden to the other side,  
Remembering the times I've laughed,  
And not the ones in which I've cried.  
Too short indeed these precious years,  
To let a dream die needlessly,  
Beyond tomorrow there awaits  
A time and place designed for me,  
And old hopes rising one by one,  
Are golden wings against the sun!

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**Alone With Jesus**

When you're alone with Jesus  
and He sweetly smiles on thee,  
will you gently whisper to Him  
a little prayer for me?  
And when I'm alone with Jesus  
and all else is hid from view,  
I'll gently drop into His heart  
a little prayer for you.  
Jesus, Mary, Joseph, my Jesus,  
Mercy O sacred heart of Jesus,  
I place my trust in thee.

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

With the Saints give rest, O Christ,  
to the souls of Thy servants, where  
there is neither sickness, nor sorrow,  
nor sighing, but life everlasting.

Thou only art immortal, who hast created  
and fashioned man. For out of the earth were  
we mortals made, and unto the earth shall  
we return again, as Thou didst command when  
Thou madest man, saying unto me:  
For earth thou art, and unto the  
earth shall thou return. Whether,  
also, all we mortals wend our way,  
making of our funeral dirge the song:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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**Safely Home**

I am home in Heaven dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.  
All pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever.  
Safely home in Heaven at last.  
There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idly stand,  
Do it now, while life remaineth—  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.  
When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you Home;  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,  
Oh the joy to see you come!

**Footprints**

One night a man had a dream.  
He dreamed he was walking along the  
beach with the Lord. Across the sky  
flashed scenes from his life. For each  
scene he noticed two sets of footprints in  
the sand: one belonging to him, and the  
other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed  
before him, he looked back at the  
footprints in the sand. He noticed that  
many times along the path of his life  
there was only one set of footprints. He  
also noticed that it happened at the very  
lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he  
questioned the Lord about it: “Lord, you  
said that once I decided to follow you,  
you’d walk with me all the way. But I  
have noticed that during the most  
troublesome times in my life, there is  
only one set of footprints. I don’t  
understand why when I needed you most  
you would leave me.”

The Lord replied: “My son, my 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.”

**God Has Created Me** - Henry Cardinal Newman

God has created me to do him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission — I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection, between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do his work, I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own pace while not intending it — If I do but keep His Commandments. Therefore I will trust him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain.

HE KNOWS WHAT HE IS ABOUT.

He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me —  
STILL HE KNOWS WHAT HE IS ABOUT.

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**God Hath Not Promised**

God hath not promised skies always blue.  
Flowers 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.

**God's Garden**

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And found an empty space.  
He looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
For He only takes the best.  
He knew that you were weary,  
and He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
be well on earth again.  
He saw the roads were getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
and whispered peace be thine.

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**The Rose**

It is only a tiny rosebud-  
A flower of God's design,  
But I cannot unfold the petals  
With these clumsy hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding flowers  
Is not known to such as I  
The flower God opens so sweetly  
In my hands would fade and die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,  
This flower of God's design,  
Then how can I think I have wisdom  
To unfold this life of mine?

So I'll trust him for his leading  
Each moment of every day,  
And I'll look to him for guidance  
Each step of the pilgrim way.

For the pathway that lies before me  
My Heavenly Father knows-  
I'll trust him to reveal the moments

Just as he unfolds the rose.

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**There's a Legend of a Teardrop**

There's a legend of a teardrop that rolled  
down a cheek one day, and it fell upon a  
tombstone where a family had gone to  
pray. And it sparkled like a diamond as it  
ventured toward the sod, and its  
brilliance was so startling that it caught  
the eye of God.

That teardrop, born of sorrow for a mother  
who had died, was shed in grief and  
sadness by her children who had cried.

But it had a special meaning to the  
Father up above, for that teardrop was  
just loaded with all her children's love.

In its loving sparkling brilliance God  
recalled the teardrop home, and he  
showed the mother, who no more on  
earth would roam.

Then God took that brilliant teardrop  
shed in love on earth afar, and he placed  
it in the heavens with His brightest  
morning star.

So when you look into the heavens  
where ten million stars are spread, you  
may see a lovely teardrop that in sorrow  
you have shed.