

*For in Him
all things were created,
things in Heaven
and on Earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers,
rulers or authorities;
all things have been created
through Him and for Him.
He is before all things,
and in Him all things
hold together.*

1 Colossians 1:16-17

*We always thank God, the
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
when we pray for you, because we
have heard of your faith and of the
love that spring from hope stored up
for you in Heaven, and about
which you have already heard in
the true message of the gospel
that has come to you.*

1 Colossians 1:3

*Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast.
It is not proud, it does not dishonor others.
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 the truth.
It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.*

*Love never fails, but where there are
prophecies, they will cease; where there are
tongues, they will be stilled; where there is
knowledge, it will pass away.*

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

*We are confident,
I say, and would
prefer to be away
from the body and
at home with
the Lord.*

2 Corinthians 1:16

*Praise be to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In His great mercy, He has
given us new birth into a living
hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead,
and into an inheritance that can
never perish, spoil or fade.
This inheritance is kept in
Heaven for you.*

1 Peter 1:3 Version 1

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Heaven for you, who through
faith are shielded by God's
power until the coming of the
salvation that is ready to be
revealed in the last time.*

1 Peter 1:3 Version 2

*Afterglow
I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo,
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times, and laughing times,
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
to dry before the sun...
of happy memories that I leave
when my life is done.*

Afterglow

*Remember
Fill not your heart with pain and sorrow,
but remember me in every tomorrow.
Remember the joy, the laughter, the smile.
I've only gone to rest for 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 for a little while.*

A Little While

*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 hidden from view -
I'll gently drop into His heart
a little prayer for you.
Jesus, Mary, Joseph my Jesus...
Mercy's sacred heart of Jesus,
I place my trust in thee.*

Alone with Jesus

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain.
For purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain.
America!
America!
God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good
with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

America the Beautiful

Another Leaf Has Fallen

Another leaf has fallen,
another soul has gone.
But still we have God's promises,
in every robin's song.
For He's in His Heaven,
and though He takes away,
He always leaves to mortals
the bright sun's kindly ray.
He leaves the fragrant blossoms
and lovely forest green,
and gives us new found comfort,
when on Him we lean.

Another Leaf

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. She 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.*

A Tribute to Mom

*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.*

Beautiful Spirit

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 heaven's - a life
rises up like a leaf carried by the wind.*

Carried by the Wind

*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
the 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.*

Chain

Comfort

*In everybody's garden
a little rain must fall.
On life's sweetest, fairest flowers
wouldn't grow and bloom at all.
And though the clouds hang heavy,
so heavy on my friend.
I'm sure that God who sends the shower
will send the rainbow's end.*

Comfort

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.*

Courage & Hope

Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star and one clear call
for me. And may there be no moaning
of the bar, when I put out to sea.

But such a tide is 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 bourne 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.

Crossing Bar

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"
my father and my friend.
Sweet memories remain of him,
ones that will not end.

Dad

Do Not Stand at my Grave

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you wake in the morning hush;
I am the swift uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft starlight at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.

Do Not Stand at My Grave

There is a time for everything and a season
for every activity under the heavens.
A time to be born, and a time to die.
A time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down, and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones,
and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time
to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

To be put into effect when the times reach
their fulfillment - to bring unity to all things in
Heaven and on Earth under Christ.
In Him we were also chosen, having been
predestined according to the plan of Him
who works out everything in conformity
with the purpose of His will, in order that we,
who were the first to put our hope in Christ,
might be for the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1:10

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.

Fairways of Glory

For every burden that we bear,
for every sorrow, every care -
there's a reason.
For every grief that bows the head,
for every teardrop that is shed -
there's a reason.
For every hurt, for every plight,
for every lonely painracked night -
there's a reason.
But if we trust God as we should,
all must work out for our good,
He knows the reason.

For Every Burden

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
belonged to him, and the other 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.

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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 precious child, I love you
and I would never leave you. During your times of trial
and suffering, when you saw only one set of foot-
prints, it was then that I carried you."

Author Unknown

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Footprints

*But the fruit of the spirit
is love, joy, peace, forbearance,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control.
Against such things,
there is no law.*

Galatians 5:22

Standard Verses

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

God Grant Me Serenity

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 the strangers.
He may make me feel desolate,
make my spirits sink, hide my future from me -
STILL HE KNOWS WHAT HE IS ABOUT.

God Has Created Me

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.

God Hath Not Promised

God's Garden
God looked around the garden,
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".

God's Garden

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

Goodbye is Not Forever

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.*

Harvest of Memories

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.

Heavenly Garden

You suffered along with those in prison and
joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property
because you knew that you yourselves had better
and lasting possessions. So do not throw away
your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.
You need to persevere so that when you have
done the will of God, you will receive what He
has promised. For, "in just a little while, He who is
coming will come and will not delay", and "but my
righteous one will live by faith and I take no pleasure
in the one who shrinks back". But we do not belong
to those who shrink back and are destroyed,
but to those who have faith and are saved.

Hebrews 10:34

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.

Her Love

His Promise

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flower strewn pathways all our lives through;
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...*

His Promise

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".

If Death Should Beckon

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

If Tears Could Build a Stairway

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 love, to work or play.
Tastes undone must stay that way -
I found that 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 I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
good friends, good times, a loved-one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
God wanted me now - He set me free.

I'm Free

I'm Not There

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am in a thousand winds that blow,
I am the softly falling snow.
I am the gentle showers of rain,
I am the fields of ripening grain.
I am in the morning hush,
I am in the graceful rush
of birds in circling flight,
I am the star shine of the night.
I am in the flowers that bloom,
I am in a quiet room.
I am the birds that sing,
I am in each lovely thing.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there - I did not die.

I'm Not There

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.

Independence Forever

In Memory of Mother

*I remember thee in this solemn
hour my dear mother.
I remember the days when
thou didst dwell on earth,
and thy tender love watched
over me like a guardian angel.
Thou hast gone from me,
but the bond which unites our
souls can never be severed;
thine image lives within my heart.
May the merciful Father reward
thee for thy faithfulness and
kindness thou hast ever shown me;
may he lift up the light of his countenance
upon thee and grant thee eternal peace.
Amen.*

In Memory of Mother

Inspiring goals...

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

Inspiring Goals

I said a prayer for you today

I said a prayer for you today,
and know that God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart,
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.

I Prayed for You Today

Standard Verses

An Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your
back. May the sunshine warm
upon your face, the rain fall soft
upon your fields. And until we
meet again, may God hold you in
the palm of His hand.*

Amen

Irish Blessing

*...but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.*

Isaiah 40:31

*It's difficult when someone who
is loved cannot be there,
but memories that are made and
shared will keep a loved one near.
And God, with loving wisdom,
will be there to guide us through;
He'll help us meet tomorrow and
He'll give us strength anew.*

It's Difficult

*Jesus said...
"let the little children
come to me and
do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of
Heaven belongs to
such as these."*

Jesus Said Alternate

*For God so loved the
world that He gave
His one and only
Son...
that whoever
believes in Him
shall not perish
but have eternal life.*

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."*

St. John 3:16

John 3:16

*Very truly I tell you,
whoever hears my word
and believes Him
who sent me has
eternal life
and will not be judged,
but has crossed over
from death to life.*

John 5:24

*Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You believe in God; believe also in me.
My Father's house has many rooms -
if it were not true, would I have said so?
I am going there to prepare a place for you;
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back and take you to be with
me that you also may be where I am.
Peace I leave with you...
my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid."*

John 14:1

*Keepsakes of the Heart
A collection of your memories;
precious times enjoyed together;
keepsakes of the heart
that remain with us forever.*

Keepsakes of the Heart

LITTLE ANGELS
When God calls little children
to dwell with Him above,
We mortals sometimes question
the wisdom of his love.
For no heartache compares with
the death of one small child
Who does so much to make our world
Seem wonderful and mild.
Perhaps God tires of calling
the aged to His fold,
So He picks a rosebud
before it can grow old.
God knows how much we need them,
and so he takes but few
To make the land of Heaven
more beautiful to view.
Believing this is difficult
still somehow we must try.
The saddest word mankind knows
will always be "Goodbye."
So when a little child departs,
we who are left behind
Must realize God loves children—
Angels are hard to find.

Little Angels

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 for
ever.

Lord is My Shepherd

The Lord's Prayer
OUR father who art in heav-
en, 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 for-
give those who trespass against us:
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

*Rejoice in that day
and leap for joy
because great is your
reward in Heaven.
For that is how their
ancestors treated
the prophets.*

Luke 6:23

I tell you that in the same way
there will be more rejoicing in
Heaven over one sinner who repents
than over ninety-nine righteous
persons who do not need
to repent.

Luke 15:7

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.

Mama

Jesus looking at him,
loved him and said,
"one thing you lack," he said,
"go sell everything you have
and give to the poor,
then you will have treasures in
Heaven.
Then, come follow me."

Mark 10:21

*You are the light of the world.
A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.
Neither do people light a lamp and
put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it
on its stand, and it gives light to everyone
in the house. In the same way, let your
light shine before others, that they may see
your good deeds and glorify your
Father in Heaven.*

Matthew 5:14

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Matthew 5:16

Standard Verses

This then, is how you should pray:
Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
and forgive us our debts, as we
also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:9 - Version 1

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and forgive us our debts, as we
also have forgiven our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:9 - Version 2

But store up for yourselves
treasures in Heaven,
where moths and vermin
do not destroy,
and where thieves do not
break in and steal.
For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:20

Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door
will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks receives;
the one who seeks finds;
and to the one who knocks,
the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7

Not everyone who says to me,
"Lord, Lord"... will enter the
Kingdom of Heaven,
but only the one who does the will
of my Father who is in Heaven.
Many will say to me on that day,
"Lord, Lord...did we not prophesy
in your name, and in your name
drive out demons, and in your
name perform many miracles?"
Then I will tell them plainly,
"I never knew you -
away from me you evildoers!"

Matthew 7:21

*Whoever acknowledges me
before others, I will also
acknowledge them before
my Father in Heaven.*

Matthew 10:32

*For whoever
does the will
of my Father in
Heaven is my
brother and sister
and mother.*

Matthew 12:50

I will give you the keys of
the kingdom of Heaven;
whatever you bind on Earth
will be bound in Heaven, and
whatever you loose on Earth,
will be loosed in Heaven.

Matthew 16:19

*See that you do not despise
one of these little ones.
For I tell you that their angels
in Heaven always see the face
of my Father in Heaven.*

Matthew 18:10

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

Matthew 18:14

Jesus said,
"Let the little children
come to me, and do not
hinder them - for the kingdom
of Heaven belongs
to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

*And do not call
anyone on Earth 'father'
for you have one Father
and He is in Heaven.*

Matthew 23:9 - Version 1

And do not call anyone
on Earth 'Father',
for you have one
Father
and He is in Heaven.

Matthew 23:9 - Version 2

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
Incarnate! despise not my
petitions, but, in Thy mercy,
hear and answer me. Amen.

Memorare

In Memory of Mother
I remember thee in this solemn hour my
dear mother. I remember the days when
thou didst dwell on Earth, and thy tender
love watched over me like a guardian angel.
Thou hast gone from me, but the bond
which unites our souls can never be severed;
thine image lives within my heart.
May the merciful Father reward
thee for the faithfulness and kindness thou
hast ever shown me; may He lift up the
light of His countenance upon thee and
grant thee eternal peace.
Amen.

In Memory of a Mother

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.

Mother How I Will Miss You

A mother's love is something that no one can
explain, it is made of deep devotion and sacrifice
and pain, it is endless and unselfish and enduring
come what may for nothing can destroy it or
take that love away...

It is patient and forgiving when all others
are forsaking, and it never fails or falters even
though the heart is breaking...it believes beyond
believing when the world around condemns,
and it glows with all the beauty of the rarest,
brightest gems...

It is far beyond defining, it defies all expla-
nation, and it still remains a secret like the
mysteries of creation...a many splendored mira-
cle man cannot understand and another won-
drous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

Mother's Love

My Farm
My farm to me is not just land,
where bare unpainted buildings stand -
To me, my farm is nothing less
than all created loveliness.
My farm is not where I must toil,
my hands in endless dreary toil,
but where, through seed and swelling
I've learned to walk and talk with God.
My farm, to me, is not a place
outmoded by the modern race
for here I think I just see
less of evil, greed, and selfishness.
My farm's a haven - here dwells
rest, security, and happiness.
Whate'er befalls the world outside,
here faith and hope and love abide.
And so my farm is not just land
where bare unpainted buildings stand -
to me, my farm is nothing less
than all God's hoarded loveliness.

My Farm

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.

My Heart

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.

Nature's Beauty

O Divine Master,

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

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

O Divine Master

*O gentlest heart of Jesus, ever present in
the blessed sacrament, ever consumed with
burning love for the poor captive souls in
Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of thy
departed servant. Be not severe in Thy
judgment, but let some drops of Thy
precious blood fall upon the devouring flames,
and do Thou O merciful Saviour send
Thy angels to conduct thy departed servant
to a place of refreshment, light, and peace.*

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

O'Gentlest Heart

PRAYER

OGENTLEST Heart of Jesus, ever
present in the Blessed Sacrament,
ever consumed with burning love for the
poor captive souls in Purgatory, have
mercy on the soul of Thy departed
servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment
but let some drops of Thy Precious
Blood fall upon the devouring flames,
and do Thou O merciful Saviour send
Thy angels to conduct Thy departed
servant to a place of refreshment, light
and peace. Amen.

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

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let some drops of Thy Precious
Blood fall upon the devouring
flames, and do Thou O merciful
Saviour send Thy angels to
conduct Thy departed servant to a
place of refreshment, light and
peace. Amen.

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

O'Gentlest Heart 2

An Old 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,
and the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
may God hold you in the
palm of His hand.*

Old Irish Blessing

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.*

Our Departed Mother

*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.*

Peaceful Shores

When Peace, Like a River

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
when sorrows, like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"it is well, it is well with my soul."*

*And Lord, haste the day when
our faith shall be sight, the
clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound,
and the Lord shall descend;
even so - it is well with my soul.*

Peace Like a River

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.*

Petals of Her Life

*But our citizenship is in
Heaven, and we eagerly await
a Savior from there, the Lord
Jesus Christ, who, by the
power that enables Him to
bring everything under His
control, will transform our
lowly bodies so that they will
be like His glorious body.*

Philippians 3:20-21

Prayer for all 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.*

Prayer for Departed

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on,
Let me stand, I am tired, I am weak,
I am worn; thru the storm, thru the night,
Lead me on to the light, Take my hand,
precious Lord, Lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near, When my life is
almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall, Take my hand
precious Lord, Lead me home.*

*When the darkness appears and
the night draws near, And the day is past
and gone, at the river I stand, Guide my
feet, hold my hand, Take my hand,
precious Lord, Lead me home.*

Precious Lord

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 path 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 for ever.

Psalm 23

The Twenty Third Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the path 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.*

Psalm 23 - Version 1

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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.*

Psalm 23 - Version 2

*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside quiet waters.
He refreshes my soul. He guides me
along the right paths, for His name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence
of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. Surely Your goodness
and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Psalm 23 - Version 3

The Twenty Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life: and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23 - Version 4

*Whom have I in
Heaven but You?
And Earth has nothing
I desire besides You.*

Psalm 73

*Your word
Lord
is eternal;
it stands firm in the
Heavens.*

Psalm 119

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.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to you, to you
who sit enthroned in Heaven.
As the eyes of slaves look to
the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid look to
the hand of her mistress, so our
eyes look to the Lord our God,
till he shows us his mercy.
Have mercy on us, Lord,
have mercy on us, for we
have endured no end of contempt,
we have endured no end of
ridicule from the arrogant,
of contempt from the proud.

Psalm 123

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.

Resurrection

*I am the Resurrection and the
Life: He who believes in me even if he
die, shall live: and whoever lives and
believes in me, shall never die.*

Resurrection 2

After this I heard what sounded
like the roar of a great multitude
in Heaven shouting:
Hallelujah!
Salvation and glory
and power belong to our God,

Revelation 19

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people
and He will dwell with them. They will be his people,
and God himself will be with them and be their God.
He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death, or mourning, or crying or pain,
for the old order of things has passed away." He who was
seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"
Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are
trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done.
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.
To the thirsty, I will give water without cost from
the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious
will inherit all this, and I will be their God
and they will be my children.

Revelation 21 - Version 1

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people and He will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, or mourning, or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."
He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true".
He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty, I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

Revelation 21 - Version 2

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.

(Roman Ritual)

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

Roman Ritual

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.

Roots of Love

The Sheaf of Wheat...

The seeds of faith are sown in the human personality and grow into the mature faith of the Christian man or woman.
The sown seed must lose its life in order that it may develop, and grow, and multiply. So symbolically, a sheaf of wheat is used by Christians to mark the passing of a fellow Christian. Death is not the end, but the beginning of life eternal.
The mature grain in the sheaf is the direct symbol of the resurrection - the life beyond the grave, the fulfillment of the promises of Jesus Christ.

Sheaf of Wheat

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 to 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.

She Knew Me

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master; grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St. Francis of Assisi

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.

Taps

Taps

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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.

Taps

Tested by Fire

When your character is refined
in the crucible of adversity,
and your mettle has been
test by its flames...
when you dedicated your life
to keeping others safe from harm,
then eternity waits for you
with a hero's welcome.

Tested by Fire

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,
the power, and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

Timothy 1:10

*To a waterfowl there is a power whose care
teaches the way along that pathless coast -
the desert and limitless air -
long wondering, but never lost.
And soon that toil shall end;
soon shall thou find a summer home.
And rest, and scream among thy fellows;
reeds shall bend, soon o'er thy sheltered rest.
He who, from zone to zone, guides through
the boundless sky thy certain flight,
in the long way that I must tread alone,
will lead my steps aright.*

To a Waterfowl

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. Our brief moment and all will be as
it was before - only better. Infinitely happier and
forever we will all be one together - with Christ.

Togetherness

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.

Treasured Seasons - Version 1

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And a time for
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A time for sharing,
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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.*

Treasured Seasons - Version 2

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.

True Fisherman

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.*

We Will Share Eternity

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.*

You Are Not Forgotten

*An early morning
walk is a blessing
for the whole day.*

- Henry David Thoreau

Blessing - Henry David Thoreau

*I put up my thumb
and I blotted out the
planes Earth.*

-Neil Armstrong

Blotted Out - Neil Armstrong

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

Cardinal Newman

*Are you really, sure
that a floor can't also
be a ceiling?*

-M.C. Escher

Ceiling - M.C. Escher

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

-John Muir

Children - John Muir

*It is not the
mountains we conquer,
but ourselves.*

-Sir Edmund Hillary

Conquer - Sir Edmund Hillary

*There are some people
that if they don't know,
you can't tell them.*

-Louis Armstrong

Don't Know - Louis Armstrong

*What is a soul?
It's like electricity...
we don't know what it is,
but it's a force that
can light-up a room.*

-Ray Charles

Electricity - Ray Charles

*In the end...
the Love you take,
is equal to the
Love you make.*

-Paul McCartney

Equal - Paul McCartney

Quotes

Experience:
The most brutal of teachers.
But you learn, my God
do you learn.

-C.S. Lewis

Experience - C.S. Lewis

*People do not decide
to become extraordinary.
They decide to accomplish
extraordinary things.*

-Sir Edmund Hillary

Extraordinary - Sir Edmund Hillary

*Behind me
and before me
is God and
I have no fears.*

-Helen Keller

Fears - Helen Keller

*Neither a lofty degree of
intelligence, nor imagination,
nor both together go to the
making of genius.
Love, love, love...
that is the soul of genius.*

-Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Genius - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*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 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.*

-C.S. Lewis

God - C.S. Lewis

God writes the Gospel
not in the Bible alone,
but also on trees,
and in the flowers,
and clouds,
and stars.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Gospel - Martin Luther King, Jr.

*As we advance in life, it
becomes more and more difficult -
but in fighting the difficulties,
the inmost strength of
the heart is developed.*

-Vincent van Gogh

Heart - Vincent van Gogh

*Heaven is under
our feet as well
as over our heads.*

- Henry David Thoreau

Heaven - Henry David Thoreau

*You don't have to be
a fantastic hero to do
certain things to compete -
you can be just an ordinary
chap, sufficiently motivated.*

-Sir Edmund Hillary

Hero - Sir Edmund Hillary

*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.*

-Johann Sebastian Bach

Instrument - Johann Sebastian Bach

Jesus said...
"I am the *resurrection*
and the *life*;
he who believes in me,
though he may die,
yet shall he live.
And whoever lives,
and believes in me,
shall never die."

-John 11:25,26

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John 11:26

*While I thought I was
learning how to live,
I have been learning
how to die.*

-Leonardo da Vinci

Learning - Leonardo da Vinci

LET US PRAY
We give them back to You O Lord,
who first gave them to us; yet as You
did not lose them in 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,
strong Son of God, that we may see
further. Cleanse our eyes that we
may see clearly...and while You
prepare a place for us, prepare us
also for that happy place, that we may
be with You, and with those we love,
forevermore. Amen.

Dom Bede Jarrette, O.P.

Let Us Pray

*I found out that there
weren't too many limitations
if I did it my way.*

-Johnny Cash

Limitations - Johnny Cash

We all do
'do...re...mi'
but you've got to
find the other notes
yourself.

-Louis Armstrong

Meanwhile - Louis Armstrong

*Music is mediator between
spiritual & sensual life.*

-Ludwig van Beethoven

Mediator - Ludwig van Beethoven

*Do not fear mistakes.
There are none.*

-Miles Davis

Mistakes - Miles Davis

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

-Johann Sebastian Bach

Music - Johann Sebastian Bach

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.

Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship as the
pathway to peace.

Taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things
right if I surrender to His will,
That I may be reasonably happy
in this life,
And supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.

— Reinhold Niebuhr

Serenity

He who loves practice
without theory is like
the sailor who boards
ship without a rudder
and compass, and never
knows where he may cast.

-Leonardo da Vinci

Ship - Leonardo da Vinci

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

- Henry David Thoreau

Stand Up - Henry David Thoreau

O' Divine Master, grant that
I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console...
to be understood as to understand...
to be loved, as to love...
for it is in giving that
we receive, it is in pardoning
that we are pardoned.
It is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.

-ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St. Francis - Version 1

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St. Francis - Version 2

*Every natural fact
is a symbol of
some spiritual fact.*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Symbol - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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

-Albert Einstein

The Artist - Albert Einstein

The Love of a Mother

*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.*

-Pastor Lawrence C. Raftery

The Love of a Mother

There's nothing written in
the Bible, Old or New
Testament, that says,
"if you believe in me,
you ain't gonna
have no troubles".

-Ray Charles

Troubles - Ray Charles

*Twenty years from now
you will be more disappointed
by the things you didn't do,
than the things you did.
So throw off the bowlines,
sail away from the safe harbor.
Catch the trade winds in
your sails...explore...dream.*

-Mark Twain

Twenty Years - Mark Twain

Two roads diverged
in a wood and I, took
the one less traveled by,
and that has made all
the difference.

- Robert Frost

Two Roads - Robert Frost

*I love those who can smile in
trouble, who can gather strength
from distress, and grow brave
by reflection. Tis the business
of little minds to shrink,
but they whose heart
is firm, and whose conscience
approves their conduct, will
pursue their principles unto death.*

-Leonardo da Vinci

Unto Death - Leonardo da Vinci

*In rivers... the water
that you touch
is the last of what
has passed ~ and the
first of that which comes;
so too with present time.*

-Leonardo da Vinci

Waters - Leonardo da Vinci

*I have been impressed
with the urgency of doing.
Knowing is not enough;
we must apply. Being willing
is not enough; we must do.*

-Leonardo da Vinci

Willing - Leonardo da Vinci

*Prayer is as natural an expression
of faith as breathing is of life.
Resolution One: I will live for God.
Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will.
The happiness of the creature consists in
rejoicing in God, by which also God is
magnified and exalted. The way to
Heaven is ascending; we must be content to
travel uphill, though it be hard and tiresome,
and contrary to the natural bias of our flesh.
To go to Heaven, fully to enjoy God, is infinitely
better than the most pleasant accommodations here.
True liberty consists only in the power of doing
what we ought to will, and in not being
constrained to do what we ought
not to will.*

-Jonathan Edwards

Will - Johnathan Edwards

*He who wonders,
discovers that this
in itself is wonder.*

-M.C. Escher

Wonders - M.C. Escher

Blessed
be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which according to his abundant *Mercy*
hath begotten us again unto a lively hope
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead,
To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled
and that fadeth not away, reserved in
Heaven
for you.

1 Peter 1:3-4

1 Peter

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an
afterglow of smiles
when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways. . .
Of happy times, and laughing times,
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
to dry before the sun,
Of happy *memories* that I leave behind
when day is done.

Afterglow

Behind me
and before me is
God and I have
no fears.
- Helen Keller

Behind Me - Helen Keller

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a *thousand winds*
that blow.
I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you wake in morning *hush*.
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the *soft starlight* at night.
Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.

Author Unknown

Do Not Stand

Fireman's Prayer
WHEN I AM *Called to duty*, GOD
WHENEVER FLAMES MAY RAGE,
GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO
Save some life
WHATEVER BE ITS AGE.
HELP ME TO EMBRACE A LITTLE CHILD
Before it's too late,
OR SOME OLDER PERSON
FROM THE HORROR OF THAT FATE.
ENABLE ME TO BE ALERT
AND HEAR THE WEAKEST SHOUT.
AND QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY
TO *Put the fire out.*
I WANT TO FILL MY CALLING
AND GIVE THE *Best in me,*
TO GUARD MY NEIGHBOR
AND PROTECT HIS PROPERTY.
AND IF *According to my fate*
I AM TO LOSE MY LIFE,
PLEASE BLESS WITH
Your protecting hand
MY CHILDREN AND MY WIFE.
AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

Fireman's Prayer

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

- Anne Kujawa

Fisherman's Prayer

Footprints

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

Author Unknown

I carried you

Footprints

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.

God Hath Not Promised

When you lived your life for others
and you loved *without condition*
When you made so many laugh and your
smile won't be forgotten
When you left behind an empty place
that no one else can fill
When the friendships that you shared
long to be renewed
When you built your life on hope
and fulfilled it every day
The *footprints* that you left behind
will bring us face to face
So, goodbye
is not forever,
You're only steps away.

Goodbye is Not Forever



is not a sign of weakness.

Nor is it a loss of faith.

It is the price of

LOVE.

Grief - Price of Love

HE GIVES *strength* TO THE WEARY,
AND TO HIM WHO LACKS MIGHT
HE INCREASES *power*.
Isaiah 40:29

Isaiah 40:29

Life is not measured by
the number of breaths
we take, but by the *moments*
that take our breath away

Life is Not Measured

An Irish Blessing

May the road
Rise to meet you.
May the wind be
Always at your back.
May the sun shine warm
upon your face.
May the rains *fall soft*
upon your fields.
And until we meet again
May *God* hold you
in the palm of *His hand.*

Irish Blessing

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

John 3:16

John 3:16

"*I am* the resurrection
and the *life.*
He who believes in Me,
though he may die,
he shall live.
And whoever
believes in Me
shall never die."

John 11:25-26

John 11:25-26

A collection of your memories,
Precious times enjoyed together;

Keepsakes 
of the *Heart*
That remain
with us *forever.*

Keepsakes of the Heart

Leaf after leaf,
flower after *flower*
some in the dawn of day
some in the after hour.
Flourish Alive they
and alive they fall
and the earth that
sustained them
receives them all.

Leaf After Leaf

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

Life is Not a Question

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.

Live on in the Heart

The Lord's Prayer
OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN,
hallowed be Thy name.
THY KINGDOM COME
THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH,
as it is in heaven.
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD;
And forgive us our trespasses,
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO
TRESPASS AGAINST US;
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,
but deliver us from evil.
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,
AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY,
Forever and ever.
Amen

Lord's Prayer

Blessed are they
that Mourn
for they shall be
comforted
Matthew 5:4

Matthew 5:4

Come to Me,
all who are weary and heavy-laden,
and I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you,
and LEARN FROM ME,
for I am *gentle and humble* in heart;
& you shall FIND REST for your souls.
For My yoke is easy, and My load is light.
Matthew 11:28-30

Matthew 11:28-30

When your loved one
becomes a
Memory,
Every memory
becomes a *Treasure.*

Memory Treasure

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

Now the Laborer's Task

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

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

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

O'Gentlest Heart

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

Psalm 23:4

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

Psalm 55:6

Psalm 55:6

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

Psalm 121

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

St. Francis

Taps
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Day is done, GONE THE SUN
from the lake, from the hill,
FROM THE SKY.
All is well, safely rest,
GOD IS NIGH. *safely rest*
THANKS AND PRAISE *for our days*
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,
'NEATH THE SKY.
As we go, this we know.
GOD IS NIGH,
God is nigh

Taps

For death is
no more than a turning
of us over from
Time to Eternity
-William Penn

Time to Eternity

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

Treasured Seasons

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

- MARY LEE HALL

Turn Again

23rd Psalm
THE LORD IS MY *Shepherd*; I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES:
He leadeth me BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE
PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
for His names sake.
YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE
SHADOW OF DEATH, *I will fear no evil:*
FOR THOU ART WITH ME: THY ROD AND
THY STAFF *they comfort me.*
THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE
PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL:
my cup runneth over.
SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW
ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL
DWELL IN THE *house of the Lord forever.*

Twenty Third Psalm

We have beauty by
God's Touch...
His flowers,
His trees,
His mountains.
We are comforted
by knowing
Our loved one has found
Eternal Rest
In the midst of all
His wonders.



We Have Beauty

Dogs are not
our whole life
but they make
our lives whole.

Dogs Make Our Lives

Cats leave
PAW PRINTS
on your heart

Cats Leave Pawprints

Thank You Cards



Your kind expression
of sympathy
Is deeply appreciated
And gratefully acknowledged
By the family of

Deeply Appreciated

The family of

Acknowledges with grateful
appreciation your kind
expression of sympathy

Expressions of Sympathy

The family of

Acknowledges
With grateful appreciation
Your kind expression
Of sympathy

Grateful Appreciation

The family of

Acknowledges with grateful
Appreciation the kind expression
Of your sympathy

Grateful Remembrance

During a time
like this
we realize how much
our friends really mean
to us...

Your expression
Of sympathy will always
Be remembered.

Our Friends

Thank you sincerely
for sharing our sorrow.
Your kindness is
deeply appreciated and
will always be remembered.

Sincere Thanks

To thank you
For your kindness and sympathy
at a time when it was
deeply appreciated
By the family of

Thankful Kindness

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
as any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all,
just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
we thank you so much whatever the part.
By The Family of

Whatever the Part

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for sharing our sorrow.
Your kindness is
deeply appreciated and
will always be remembered
By the family of

Your Kindness

Dios te salve, María

*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.
Amén*

Dios te Salve, Maria

Salmo 23

*El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta;
en verdes pastos me hace descansar.
Junto a tranquilas aguas me conduce;
me infunde nuevas fuerzas.
Me guía por sendas de justicia
por amor a su nombre.
Aun si voy por valles tenebrosos,
no temo peligro alguno
porque tú estás a mi lado;
tu vara de pastor me reconforta.
Dispones ante mí un banquete
en presencia de mis enemigos.
Has ungido con perfume mi cabeza;
has llenado mi copa a rebosar.
La bondad y el amor me seguirán
todos los días de mi vida;
y en la casa del Señor
habitaré para siempre*

Salmo 23

Oh Piadoso Corazon de
Jesus, siempre presente en
el Sagrado Sacramento,
siempre lleno de amor
ardiente hacia las pobres almas
cautivas en el Purgatorio, ten
piedad del alma de tu siervo,
que ha fallecido. No seas muy
severo al juzgarle, mas deja
que algunas gotas de tu
Preciosa Sangre caigan sobre
las llamas devoradoras y envia
tus Angeles, Oh Salvador
Misericordioso, para que lo
conduzcan a un lugar de
descanso y paz eterna. Amen.

Spanish O'Gentlest

SALMO 23

Jehova es mi pastor: nada me faltara.
En lugares de delicados pastos me hara
descansar;
Junto a aguas de reposo me pastoreara.
Confortara mi alma;
Me guiara por sendas de justicia por
amor de su nombre.
Aunque ande en valle de sombra de muerte,
No temere mal alguno, porque tu estaras
conmigo;
Tu vara y tu cayado me infundiran aliento.
Aderezas mesa delante de mí en presencia
de mis angustiadores;
Unges mi cabeza con aceite; mi copa esta
rebotando.
Ciertamente el bien y la misericordia me
seguiran
todos los dias de mi vida,
Y en la casa de Jehova morare por largos
dias.

Spanish Psalm 23