

De Grief Care

Verses, Poems, and Prayers

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Verses

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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

1 Peter 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to his great mercy,
he has caused us to be born again
to a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead, to an inheritance
that is imperishable, undefiled,
and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

- 1 Peter 1:3-4

2 Timothy 1:10

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

- 2 Timothy 1:10

23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside 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.

Catholic Version – 23rd Psalm

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

Verses

23rd Psalm - Spanish

El Señor es mi pastor; nada me faltara.
En lugares de delicados pastos me hara yacer;
junto a aguas de reposo me pastoreara.
Confortara mi alma; guiarame 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.
Aderezaras mesa delante de mi en presencia
de mis angustiadores ungiste
mi cabeza con aceite: mi copa esta rebosando.
Ciertamente el bien y la misericordia me
seguiran todos los dias de mi vida:
y en la casa de Jehova morare por largos dias.

A Psalm of David

The Lord is my shepherd:
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures;
He leadeth me
beside 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 hast anointed my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell
in the house of the Lord
forever.

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.

- Colossians 1:16-17

Colossians 1:5

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

- Colossians 1:5

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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 a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Verses

Ephesians 1:10-12

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 1:10-12

Ephesians 3:17-19

I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:20-2

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Exodus 14:14

"The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." Exodus 14:14

Galatians 5:22-23

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 5:22-23

Habakkuk 2:14

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Hebrews 10:34-39

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 10:34-39

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Verses

I Corinthians 13:4-7, 13

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 the truth.
It always protects,
always trusts, always hopes,
always perseveres.
And now these three remain,
faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is Love ...

In the Lonelinss... - Spanish

En la soledad,
Todas las cosas vuelven a mi.
En el silencio,
Te siento conmigo
Y soy consolado.
"El hombre es como un suspiro,
Su vida pasa como una sombra"
Salmo 144

I Will 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 121:1-2

Isaiah 12:2

Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my
strength and my song;
he also has become my salvation.
- Isaiah 12:2

Isaiah 40:29

He gives strength to the weary,
and to him who lacks might
He increases power.
- Isaiah 40:29

Isaiah 40:31

...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

Isaiah 41:10, 13

Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you,
yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand.
For I, the Lord your God, will hold
your right hand,
Saying to you,
"Fear not, I will help you."
- Isaiah 41:10, 13

Isaiah 61:1, 3

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor.

Verses

Jewish Blue Leather Psalm 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 guideth me in straight paths 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 hast anointed my head with oil; my cup
runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

John 10:14-15

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep
and my sheep know me— just as the Father
knows me and I know the Father—and I lay
down my life for the sheep.

John 11:25-26

Jesus said,
"I am the resurrection
and the life;
he who believes in me,
though he die,
yet shall he live,
and whoever lives and
believes in me
shall never die."
- John 11:25-26

John 14:1-3

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.
- John 14:1-3

John 14:1-3, 27

"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 heart be troubled
and do not be afraid."
- John 14:1-3, 27

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you
remain in me and I in you, you will bear much
fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
-John 15:5

John 15:9

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved
you. Now remain in my love.

Verses

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. - John 3:16

John 3:16-17

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.

For God sent not his Son into the world to
condemn the world; but that the world
through him might be saved.

-John 3:16-17

John 5:24

Verily 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

Love

Love is patient
love is kind;
love is not jealous,
it does not put on airs,
it is not snobbish.
Love is never rude.
It is not self seeking,
it is not prone to anger;
neither does it brood over injuries.
Love does not rejoice in what is wrong
but rejoices with the truth.
There is no limit to love's forbearance,
its trust, its hope, its power to endure.
Love never fails.

I Corinthians 13:4-7

Love Poem – I Corinthians 13:4-7

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 the truth.

It always protects,
always trusts,
always hopes,
always perseveres.

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.

- Luke 15:7

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.

- Luke 6:23

Mark 10:21

Jesus looked at him and loved him.
“One thing you lack,” he said,
“Go sell everything you have
and give to the poor,
then you will have treasure in
Heaven. Then, come follow me.”

- Mark 10:21

Verses

Mark 14:23

And he took the cup,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them:
and they all drank of it.

- Mark 14:23

Matthew 10:32

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

- Matthew 10:32

Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus said,
"Come unto me, all ye that labor
and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.
Take up my yoke upon you, and learn
of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart;
and you will find rest unto your souls.
For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30

Matthew 12:50 (KJV)

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

- Matthew 12:50

Matthew 12:50 (NIV)

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

- Matthew 12:50

Matthew 16:19

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

Matthew 18:10

Beware that you don't look down on
any of these little ones. For I tell you
that in heaven their angels are always
in the presence of my heavenly Father.

- Matthew 18:10

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.

- Matthew 18:14

Matthew 19:14

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

Matthew 23:9

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

- Matthew 23:9

Matthew 5:14-16

Ye are the light of the world.
A city that is set on an hill 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.

- Matthew 5:14-16

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine
before others, that they may see
your good deeds and glorify your
Father in heaven.

- Matthew 5:16

Verses

Matthew 6:20-21

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 6:20-21

Matthew 6:9-13

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 6:9-13

Matthew 7:21-23

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 7:21-23

Matthew 7:7

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.
- Matthew 7:7

Paul's Second Letter to Timothy

The time has come for me
to leave this life.
I have fought the good fight.
I have finished the race.
I have kept the faith.
Now there is in store for me
a crown of righteousness
which the Lord, the righteous judge,
will award me on that day.
- II Timothy 4:6-7

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.
- Philippians 2:10-11

Philippians 3:20-21

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

Verses

Psalm 100

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.

- Psalm 100

Psalm 107:29-30

He stilled the storm to a whisper;
the waves of the sea were hushed.
They were glad when it grew calm,
and he guided them to their haven of rest.

Psalm 107:29-30

Psalm 119:89 (KJV)

Forever, O LORD,
thy word is settled in heaven.

- Psalm 119:89

Psalm 119:89 (NIV)

Your Word, Lord, is eternal,
it stands firm in the Heavens.

- Psalm 119:89

Psalm 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.

- Psalm 121

Psalm 123

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes,
O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
Behold, as the eyes of servants
look unto the hand of their masters,
and as the eyes of a maiden unto
the hand of her mistress; so our eyes
wait upon the LORD our God,
until that he have mercy upon us.
Have mercy upon us, O LORD,
have mercy upon us: for we are
exceedingly filled with contempt.
Our soul is exceedingly filled with
the scorning of those that are at ease,
and with the contempt of the proud.

- Psalm 123

Psalm 139:9-10

If I take the wings of the morning,
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
Even there shall Thy hand lead me,
and Thy right hand shall hold me.

- Psalm 139:9-10

Verses

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside 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

Psalm 23 - Spanish

En Memoria De

Jehová es mi pastor; nada me faltará. En lugares de delicados pastos me haráacer: Junto á agues de reposo me pastoreará. Confortará mi alma; Guiárame por sendas de justicia por amor de su nombre. Aunque ande en valle de sombra de muerte, No temeré mal alguno; porque tú estarás conmigo: Tu vara y tu cayado me infundirán aliento. Aderezarás mesa delante de mí en presencia de mis angustiadores: Ungiste me cabeza con aceite; mi copa está rebosando. Ciertamente el bien y la misericordia me seguirán todos los dias de mi vida: Y en la casa de Jehová moraré por largos días.

Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- Psalm 23:4

Psalm 46:10

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Psalm 55:6

Oh, that I had wings like a dove! For then would I fly away and be at rest.
- Psalm 55:6

Psalm 73:25

Whom have I in Heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
- Psalm 73:25

Psalm 73:26

My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever.
- Psalm 73:26

Psalm CXXI

A SONG OF AXCENTS

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains; From whence shall my help come? My help cometh from the Lord, Who 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 Doth 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 keep thee from all evil; He shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall guard thy going out and thy coming in From this time forth and forever. "The Lord is my light and my salvation Whom shall I fear?"

Verses

Psalm XVI

I set the Lord before me at all times,
Since He is at my right hand,
I shall not be moved.
Therefore, my heart is glad.
And my spirit rejoiceth;
Yea, my flesh dwelleth in security.
For Thou wilt not give me up to destruction;
Nor will Thou suffer Thy beloved to see
corruption.
Thou wilt show me the path of life;
In Thy peace is fullness of joy;
At Thy right hand are pleasures for ever
more.

Psalm XXIV

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness
thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
For he hath founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the floods.
Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?
Or who shall stand in his holy place?
He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
Nor sworn deceitfully.
He shall receive the blessing from the Lord.
And righteousness from the God of his
salvation.

Resurrection - Spanish

"Yo soy la Ressurrección y la Vida
el que cree en Mí
Aunque esté muerto vivirá
Y todo aquel que vive y cree en Mí
No morirá eternamente."
San Jun 11:25, 26

Revelation 14:13

Blessed are the dead which die
in the Lord from henceforth:
Yea, saith the Spirit,
that they may rest from their labors;
and their works do follow them.
- Revelation 14:13

Revelation 19:1

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 19:1

Revelation 21:3-7

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 21:3-7

Revelation 5:13

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,
I heard saying:
"Blessing and honor and glory and power
be unto him that sitteth upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb forever and ever."
- Revelation 5:13

Verses

Sacred Heart of Jesus – Spanish

Corazón sagrado de Jesús
Oh Piadoso Corazon e Jesus, siempre
presente en el Sagrado Sacramento,
siempre illeno 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
eternal. Amén.

Bienaventurados los que sufren porque
ellos serán consoladors.

San Mateo 5:4

Sikh Verse

As the sparks flying out of a flame
Fall back on the fire from which they came,
As the dust rising from the earth
Falls back upon the same earth,
As waves beating upon the shingle
Recede and in the ocean mingle,
So from GOD comes all things, under the sun,
And to GOD return when the race is run.

-- Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, 10th Guru

Suffer the Little Children

But when Jesus saw it, he was much
displeased,
And said unto them, "Suffer the little children
to come unto me and forbid them not;
for of such is the kingdom of God."

- Mark 10:14

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 Lord's Prayer – Catholic Version

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.

The Lord's Prayer – Spanish

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
sanctificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino. Sea hecha tu voluntad,
como en el cielo, así también en
la tierra.
Danos hoy nuestro pan cotidiano.
Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como
también nosotros perdonamos á
nuestros deudores.
Y no nos metas en tentación, mas
líbranos del mal:
Porque tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la
gloria, por todos los siglos.
Amén.

Matthew 6:9-13

Poems

A Child

God needed an angel in heaven
to stand at the Savior's feet;
His choice must be the rarest,
a lily pure and sweet.
He gazed upon the mighty throng
then stopped and picked the best,
our child was His chosen one
with Jesus he's now at rest.

A Note To You

Life is like a vapor
On the side where you remain
Forever is where time goes on
Filled with joyful, timeless days

Please don't let the tears that glisten
Stay upon your face too long
Instead remember the time we had
And make tears give way to song

Goodbye is not the message
I would want to leave for you
Rather, what I want to say is,
I will see you soon.

I am quite alive, you see
And waiting here for you
So, please live your life with joy and love
Until you are timeless too

We will laugh again together
When life will have no end
No, this is not goodbye at all
It is, I will see you then
-- Sherrie Bradley Grubb

A Place Upon The Green

When life on earth is over
Life anew is seen
Affording simple pleasures
In a place upon the green

When life on earth is in the past
A journey lived by faith
Step by step life's fairway
Brought me here by grace

Now I've gained new access
The course unfolding view
To master hill and valley
With each stroke straight and true

To enter into pleasures
Of the beauty I have seen
Since I was given entrance
To a place upon the green
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

A Prayer For You

I said a prayer for you today
and know 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
and 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.

Poems

A Little While - Spanish

No llenes tu corazón de dolor y tristeza,
pero recuérdame en cada día siguiente .
Recuerda la alegría, la risa, la sonrisa.
Solo he ido a descansar un rato.
Aunque mi partida causa dolor y pena,
mi ida ha aliviado mi dolor y me ha dado
alivio. Así que seca tus ojos y recuérdame,
no como soy ahora, sino como yo fui.
Porque los recordaré a todos ustedes,
y mira con una sonrisa. Comprende en sus
corazones, Solo he ido a descansar por un
ratito.

A Treasure for the King

The wise may bring their learning,
The rich may bring their wealth,
And some may bring their greatness,
And some bring strength and health.
We too will bring our treasures
To offer to the King;
We have no wealth of learning,
So, what shall we children bring?

We'll bring Him hearts that love Him;
We'll bring Him thankful praise,
And young souls meekly striving
To be with Him for all days:
And these shall be the treasures
We offer to the King,
For these are gifts that even
The smallest of us can bring.

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.

Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers' fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh abide with me.
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy
victory?
I will triumph still, if Thou abide with me.
Hold then Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me
to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's
vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me
-- Henry Francis Lyte

Afterglow

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

I'd like to leave an after glow
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 life is done.

Poems

After the Rain

After the rain
The gray clouds divide
And the sun dries the tears
The storm left behind.

Your memory comes
Like a soft summer breeze
That drifts through the grass
Between petals and leaves

The earth blooms again;
Flowers lift their bowed heads.
Though our grief is not gone,
We remember instead

That the love in our hearts
Will outlast this pain,
And that sunshine brings healing
After the rain.
--D. Eberbach

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*

Always in my Heart

I always think of you.
I still call out your name.
For you are always here with me
Though things are not the same.

I think of all the love we've shared
Even though you're out of sight.
I could never say goodbye to you.
I've only said goodnight.

Although it hurts without you,
We're never far apart.
You will forever be with me
You are always in my heart!
--Deborah J. Birdoes

Always Fragrant Garden - Spanish

Siempre fragante jardín
Con belleza todo alrededor
Flores de la especie más rara
Puede encontrarse fácilmente

Brisa bailando

A través de hojas que nunca se descoloran
Limpieza para el árbol de la vida
Proporcionar sombra de heaven

Frialdad de no winter ahora viene a mí
No necesitas estar desanimados
I podrás descansar aquí ahora, para siempre
En jardín eterno de God

Poems

Anchored in the Harbor
Anchored in the harbor
Upon the sea of peace
Serenity surrounds me
With each wave that is released

Calm and peaceful waters
Warm embracing winds
Billows blowing in life's storm
Have ceased from coming in

The Light of Life has guided me
Making the way sure
Anchored in this harbor
To rest forevermore.
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

Angel Dance

There is a noise in Heaven
A happy, joyful sound
Heard as the feet of children
Are set to dancing all around

They are being taught by angels
No time for sadness there
Keeping step with music
As it rises in the air

A new song they hear playing
It banishes all pain
And sets their feet to dancing
None are sick or lame

With new unhindered cadence
Their eyes are shining bright
They are dancing with the angels
In the glory of Heaven's light
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

Away

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead! He is just away!

With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair
It must be, since he lingers there.

And you - O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return -

Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;

Think of him still as the same, I say;
He is not dead - he is just away!
-- James Whitcomb Riley.

Be Free

My time has come, but don't grieve for me.
I'm safely home where I have strived to be.

My life has been full and I have loved so
much,
especially warm smiles and a gentle baby's
touch.
But nothing as valuable as loving so many
in days of want and days when there was
plenty.

Some days will be tough, but those will pass
soon enough.
Remember each person's good and where
they once stood.

Our past creates the future, brighter than
today.
Keep up the fight, for we will meet again
someday.
In a place that is brighter, one fit for a fighter.
Be faithful and strong, as life comes along.
So you too can be free, one day just like me!
-Heather Garman

Poems

Be at Peace

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather look to them with full hope that as they arise. God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow, the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering, or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

-- St. Francis DeSales

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 color of our lives do not fade, but grow brighter with every changing season.

Believe & Trust

Believe and trust. Through stars and suns, Through life and death, through soul and sense, His wise, paternal purpose runs; The darkness of His providence Is star-lit with benign intents. I know He is, and what He is, Whose one great purpose is the good Of all. I rest my soul on His Immortal Love and Fatherhood; And trust Him, as His children should.

-- John Greenleaf Whittier

Beside Your Bedside

We sat beside your bedside, our hearts were crushed and sore, we did our best to the end, `til we could do no more. In tears we watched you sinking we watched you fade away, and though our hearts were breaking, we knew you could not stay. You left some aching hearts, that loved you most sincere; we never shall and never will ever forget you, father dear.

Beyond the Meadow

Just beyond the Meadow I found my forever home A simple place of beauty Where only love grows It blooms because of you And all the memories we share You made a world of difference Just because you cared Look out the window often and continue to plant those seeds because Love Lives Forever in the Beauty that Abounds

--H. Garman

Butterfly

The butterfly emerges from its silken shell- Reborn, it arises, no longer bound to earth. Free at last, the butterfly glides to heights unknown before.

So do our loved ones find a beautiful release as, earthbound no more they leave our sight and joyfully rise to a garden of matchless beauty, a place of light and peace.

-- Evelyn Phillips

Poems

Carried by Angels

Escorted in such splendor
If I could only see,
The beauty and the majesty
As angels carried me.

Far beyond the life I knew
Secure in their embrace,
My journey was a prelude
To the glory of this place.

Welcomed by rejoicing
No tears are ever found,
God Himself wipes them away
And angel's songs abound.

Eternal gates were opened
Peace met me there inside,
I rejoice now with the angels
In Heaven I abide.
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

Come, Ye Disconsolate

Come, ye disconsolate, wherever ye languish;
Come to the Mercy seat, fervently kneel,
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell
your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.
Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying,
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure;
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot cure.
Here see the Bread of Life; see the waters
flowing,
Forth from the throne of God, pure from
above,
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow but Heaven can remove.
-- Thomas Moore

Comfort

When shadows fall about us
And sad hearts are alone,
There is a strength that comes to us
Far greater than our own ~

There is a love that comforts,
There is a light that leads,
There is a Heavenly Father
Who understands our needs!

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.

Creation's Flight

With every changing season
The sky has seemed to say,
Lift your thoughts toward heaven
Come and fly away.

Through life there is a beckon
Toward a final flight,
The seasons are preparing
A change from faith to sight.

And then one day it can be heard
Seems nature hears it too,
The time has come to journey
To a place prepared for you.

Rising toward the cloudless day
On gentle winds to glide,
Toward that final season
Where eternity abides.
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

Poems

Creation's Song

Creation wakes each morning
As darkness fades away,
Anticipating promise
Held in a bright new day.

All nature sings in harmony
Creating nature's song,
Arising toward the heavens,
Ascending to God's throne.

The Creator loves the melody
That His creation sings,
Arising as a symphony
As all the heavens ring.

A song that is not limited
But carried to the skies,
It will be heard forever
At eternity's sunrise.
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

Creation's Watch

All creation seems to watch
Awaiting a day to come,
Even nature will be changed
At the final setting sun.

Deep in rustic beauty
On mountain tops around,
A distant call is heard by all
Filled with eternal sound.

A promise held to all who hear
Whispers in the wind,
And dances on the waters
A call to enter in.

A final place of peaceful life
That never fades away,
All creation is made new
At the sunset of that day.
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,
and one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning
on 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 though 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.
-- Alfred Tennyson

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.

Poems

Dawn

Dawn;
Silent church before service begins;
The love of a little child;
The moment just before one is sure
of being loved;
The moment of rescue from danger;
The understanding between friends.
The mountains, the desert, the sea;
Two aged lovers going down the hill of life
together;
First Love;
The joy of existence.
"God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame."
-- Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Down a Narrow Hidden Path

(Peaceful Retreat)

Down a narrow hidden path
Sought out by Wisdom's eye
A peaceful place of refuge calls
To come rest awhile beside

Listen to the waters
Falling over mountains steep
To gently flow for endless days
Through eternity's retreat

And on the far horizon
Of the never setting sun
The harvest of the whitened wheat
Is very nearly done

As work on earth comes to a close
Peace will be complete
Surrounded by the beauty
Of eternity's retreat
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

Eternal Home

God said that he needed you
So this earth you had left.
I have your memories,
My heart is what you kept.

Into the arms of Jesus
Is now where you stay.
Walking in the streets of gold
Where you dwell everyday.

Someday my life will be complete.
Earth I will no longer roam.
It is there I will see you again
When He gently takes me home.
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Eternal Morning

While the deepening shadows fall,
Heart of love, enfolding all
Through the glory and the grace
Of the stars that veil thy face,
Our hearts ascend.

When forever from our sight,
Pass the stars, the day, the night,
Lord of angels, on our eyes
Let eternal morning rise,
And shadows end!

Poems

Eternal Springtime

A simple weathered bench
Sits beside a well-worn trail
Leading to a garden
Where wisdom seems to dwell

In this refuge filled with fragrance
A refreshing can be found
And those who go to listen
Can hear contentment's sound

The resting place holds answers
For those who seek direction
They come to rest for just awhile
In the serenity of reflection

The fragrance of the Lily
Brings the weary soul to ease
Eternal Springtime, daily comes
Forever in Heaven's breeze
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

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.

Faith

Wait in majestic peace
The hour of heaven. Generously trust
Thy fortune's net to the beneficent hand
That until now has put
His world in fee To Thee.
He watches o'er thee still. His love
Broods o'er thee, and as God lives in heaven,
However long thou walkest solitary,
The hour of heaven shall come.
--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Fisherman's Prayer

Surely Jesus loves fisherman
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 Kujawo

Footprints

One night I had a dream. I was walking
along the beach with the Lord, and
across the skies flashed scenes of my
life. In each scene I noticed two sets of
footprints in the sand. One was mine,
and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life
appeared before me, I looked back at the
footprints in the sand, and to my
surprise, I noticed that many times along
the path of my life there was only one
set of footprints. And I noticed that it
was at the lowest and saddest times in
my life.

I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you
said that once I decided to follow you,
you would walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the most
troublesome times in my life there is
only one set of footprints. I don't
understand why you left my side when I
needed you most."

The Lord replied, "My precious child,
I love you and would never leave you.
During your times of trial and suffering,
where you see only one set of footprints,
I was carrying you."

Poems

Footprints (third person)

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 of 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 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."

Footprints – Spanish (Huellas)

Huellas de Pisadas sobre la arena
Una noche soñe que iba caminando por la playa junto con Dios.
Muchas escenas de mi vida resplandecieron ante mi, sobre el horizonte.
En cada escena noté que había huellas de pisadas sobre la arena.
A veces habían dos conjuntos de huellas de pisadas,
otras veces solo había un conjunto de pisadas.

Esto me molestó porque noté
que durante las etapas más bajas de mi vida,
cuando yo estaba sufriendo de angustia, pena o derrota,
solo podía ver un conjunto de pisadas.

Así es que le dije a Dios,
"Tu me prometiste, Señor,
que si yo te seguía, siempre caminarías conmigo. Pero he notado que durante los períodos más penosos de mi vida solo ha habido un
conjunto de pisadas en la arena.
Por qué, cuando más te he necesitado,
no has estado allí para apoyarme?"

El Señor me contestó,
"Las veces que solo has visto un solo conjunto
huellas de pisadas sobre la arena,
son cuando yo te llevaba cargando."

Forever Fragrant Garden

Forever-fragrant garden
With beauty all around
Blossoms of the rarest kind
Can easily be found

Gentle breezes dancing
Through leaves that never fade
Clinging to the tree of life
Providing heaven's shade

No winter's chill now comes to me
No need to be disheartened
I'll rest here now, forevermore
In God's eternal garden.

-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

Poems

Forever Fragrant Garden (short version)

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Blossoms of the rarest kind
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Forever Green

Golf is a game of honor
We who have played
know this to be true
To live one's life
with honor and dignity
Like the fairways we walk
Our path to eternal
happiness will be
Forever Green

Forever Touch

Each life leaves unique legacy
Embossed upon our hearts
A touch that lingers on and on
When time has come to part

Memories like fingerprints
Leave a special place
Knitted to the people
That time cannot erase

They live forever in our hearts
As time continues on
In memories of days gone by
We still shared a special bond

That bond cannot be broken
Even death can't separate
A touch that lives forever
Time cannot erase.
-- Sherrie Bradley-Grubb

God Hath Not Promised - Spanish

Dios no nos a prometido que el cielo
siempre estará azul,
o que nuestro sendero estará
lleno de flores todas nuestras vidas;
Dios no nos a prometido solamente el sol
sin darnos los beneficios de la lluvia
o darnos alegrías sin tener tristezas
o paz sin tener dolor.
Pero Dios si nos a prometido
fortaleza para todo el día,
descanso después de laborar el día,
luz para ver nuestro camino,
bendiciones en nuestros padecimientos
y ayuda celestial llena de compasión
y con un amor eterno.

Getting Tired

God saw he was getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
so He put His arms around him
and whispered, "Come with me."
With tearful eyes we watched
him suffer and saw him fade away.
Although we loved him dearly,
we could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands to rest.
We love you,
you were the very best.

God Hath Not 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 . . .

Poems

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.

Heartfelt Tear

So close are the angels to those that grieve.
So close is heaven to those who believe.
Though it is difficult to see past your sorrow,
Memories will help to comfort your
tomorrow.

For love leaves a path that no one can steal,
And time is the element that it takes to heal.
The heartfelt tears you feel today,
Is the delight you felt from yesterday.

So look inside the chambers of your heart
To see that you are not really apart.
When sorrow comes, just look above
Tears belong to those who had love.

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Heaven's Backyard

Fragrant Rose of Sharon
Borders every side,
Lily of the Valley
Forever here abides.

Nature is perfected
and peace no better known,
Than here in Heaven's backyard
My new forever home.

Friends and family gather
never more to part,
from joyful celebration
There are no broken hearts.

Please don't be bowed down with grief
the way has been made clear,
Heaven's bounty all around
Is waiting for you here.

-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

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.

Homeward Flight

Peace was my companion
As I made my homeward flight
There was no fear or sorrow
All darkness turned to light

The canopy of stars above
Turned into brightest day
As I approached the heavens
I heard the angels say

The mysteries unshrouded
You are about to see
There is prepared a place for you
Here in eternity

Surrounded by serenity
Forever you will sing
A song unknown to angels
The song of the redeemed
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

How Sleep the Brave

How Sleep the brave, who sink to rest
By all their country's wished blessed
When Spring, with dewy fingers cold,
Returns to deck their hollowed mold,
She there shall dress a sweeter sod
Than Fancy's feet have ever trod.
By fairy hands their knell is rung;
By forms unseen their dirge is sung;
There Honor comes, a pilgrim gray
To bless the turf that wraps their clay;
And Freedom shall awhile repair;
To dwell, a weeping hermit, there.

Poems

I Am Always With You

As you hold me close in memory,
even though we are apart,
my spirit will live on
in the haven of your heart.
I am with you always.

When you lean on trusted friends
and their caring hugs enfold you,
within their loving arms
I will also hold you.
I am with you always.

In nature's consolations—
a sunrise veiled in mist,
with butterflies alighting
on each flower to be kissed.
I am with you always.

And beyond that far horizon
when we'll finally be together,
where love will be eternal
and life will last forever.
I am with you always.

I Wonder, O I Wonder

"I wonder, O I wonder, where the little faces
go,
That come and smile and stay awhile, and
pass
 like flakes of snow -
The dear, wee baby faces that the world has
 never known,
But mothers hide, so tender-eyed deep in
their
 hearts alone.
I love to think that somewhere, in the country
 we call heaven,

The land most fair of anywhere will unto
them
 be given.
A land of little faces - very little, very fair -
And every one shall know her own and cleave
 unto it there."
In Memory of: All Babies Lost

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.

It's Difficult

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.

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.

Inspiring Goals

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

Poems

Invictus

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeoning of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find me, unafraid.
It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.
-William Ernest Henley

Just a Dream Away

Since you left this earth
You're always a dream away.
You live in my heart
And still a part of my day.

I close my eyes at times
And imagine seeing you.
I see your face again
It helps me to get through.

At night when I try and sleep
As hard as it often seems
It brings me back to you
For I find you in my dreams.
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Just when friends are needed...
Just when friends are needed
You find them always near;
Just when shadows darken,
Their comforting words you hear.
Thank you.

Keepsakes of the Heart

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

Lasting Impression

A legacy enduring
beyond life's final breath
impressed forever upon our hearts
undisturbed by death

Unchanged at final passing
The giver, only one
fingerprints left on our lives
when the journey here is done

This touch will linger always
etched in memories
The impression carried with us
As we reach eternity
-- Sherrie Bradley Grubb

Leaf After Leaf

Leaf after leaf drops off,
flower after flower,
some in the chill,
some in the warmer hour.
Alive they flourish,
and alive they fall,
and the earth who nourished them
receives them all.
Should we, her wiser sons,
be less content
to sink into her lap
when life is spent?
-- Walter Savage Landor

Life is Not Measured

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

Poems

Life Without Sadness

There is never life without sadness,
there is never a heart free from pain;
if one seeks in this world for true solace,
he seeks it forever in vain.

So when to your heart comes the sorrow
of losing some dear one you've known
'tis the touch of God's sickle at harvest
since he reaps in the fields he has sown.

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 a 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.

Make Me An Instrument

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred . . . let me sow love
Where there is injury . . . pardon.
Where there is doubt . . . faith.
Where there is despair . . . hope.
Where there is darkness . . . light.
Where there is sadness . . . joy.
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.

Meet Me in the Stars

You aren't that far away.
Just meet me in the stars.
I saw you twinkling at me.
I know just where you are.

Distance can never steal
A lifetime of our love.
It is when it is the darkest
The stars appear above.

So shine ever so brightly.
Let me know you still care.
Meet me in the stars
And I will find you there.

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Poems

Memories Eternal

Precious are the memories
Displaying smiles and tears
Placed lovingly in albums
Passed down throughout the years

Quickly all the days go by
And time cannot erase
Love shining from the faces
On every treasured page

Traits through generations
Reflected still today
A unique smile, a sound of voice
The way that you prayed

When the final page is turned
Still destiny goes on
To make eternal memories
When the life is done
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

Mother Dear

Dear Mother, I'm grateful
for your tender cares,
the worries and heartaches
and your constant prayers.
May Mary, God's Mother
spread her mantle blue,
enfold you forever
with her son there, too.

Each day while I'm thinking
heaven is eminent for you,
my heart keeps on singing,
Mother, Mother, I love you.

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 soil,
my hands in endless, dreary toil.
But where, through seed and swelling pod,
I've learned to walk and talk with God.
My farm, to me, is not a place
Outmoded by a 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.

October Garden

The garden seems forsaken, now
Transformed by chill October's vow
Of season's passing. Dark clouds fly
Where tangled vestiges belie
Late blooms. The Gardener's head is bowed.

The harvest made life's purpose known
In wondrous clarity unshown
To earthbound hearts. October's rest
Rejoins companions prior blessed
With welcome in the Gardener's home.

So sleep, October garden, where
Youth blossomed into fullness barely
Yesterday. But from dreaming, rise
Up in flowered fields to thrive
Forever in the Gardener's care.

Poems

One More Day

I close my eyes and wish
For just one more day,
To see you one more time,
And ask you to stay.

I'd hold you in my arms
Long enough to let you know,
Just what you meant to me
And how much I love you so.

You are always in my dreams
But I want to hug you for real.
I wish heaven could give you back.
That is exactly how I feel.

Just one more day with you,
I'd share a part of my soul.
I'd tell you how I love you
And then I'd let you go.

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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 watching yet,
waiting 'til we come to her,
anxious if we are late,
watching from Heaven's window
leaning from Heaven's gate.

Peaceful Retreat

Down a narrow hidden path
Sought out by Wisdom's eye,
A peaceful place of refuge calls
To come rest awhile beside.

Listen to the waters
Falling over mountains steep,
To gently flow for endless days
Through eternity's retreat.

And on the far horizon
Of the never setting sun,
The harvest of the whitened wheat
Is very nearly done.

As work on earth comes to a close
Peace will be complete,
Surrounded by the beauty
Of eternity's retreat.

-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

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.

Peace Like a River (It is Well With My Soul)

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.

Poems

Petals of Hope

Petals of hope adorning life's garden
awaiting the sun's warm embrace
The storms of life blow breaking open the
treasure releasing the fragrance of faith

Costly perfume hidden deep in each blossom
made richer by sorrow and tears
Only released when the flower is broken
and the promise of faith is made clear

Sweet smelling savor, arising to Heaven
surrounding eternity's throne
Soft breezes will carry the fragrance forever
Released by the petals of hope.

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Rainbow's End

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

Reaching the Shore

In the dark night of sorrow,
came a bright and loving light,
the Beautiful Vision,
surpassing human sight.

I heard the Master calling
lovingly, upon the shore,
"Come, let down the net of life
that I may give you more."

There was no death, my darling,
for my immortal soul
just reached my destination,
for heaven was my goal.

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.

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder why I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.

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!

Poems

Spring Garden

So when I looked at those flowers,
I was looking at God
For they bloomed in His sun
And grew in His sod
And each lovely flower
Was a "voice from above"
That whispered a message
Of kindness and love
For I feel in my heart,
And I know you do too
That God speaks to us all
Through the kind things we do
And when I looked at those flowers
I couldn't help but feel
That they brought heaven nearer
And made God so real.

-- Helen Steiner Rice

Stairway to Paradise

Inspired by the beauty
That each day tends to give
We set out on a journey
To find how best to live

We walk by faith and not by sight
As step-by-step we climb
Upon this stairway, upward,
Toward Heaven's paradise

The steps are sometimes difficult
But each day made complete
By treasured moments that we share
And a promised place of peace

Finally our steps ascend
Beyond the veil of life
Destiny unfolds in glory
In Heaven's paradise
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

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.

Thanks to the Human Heart...

Thanks to the human heart by which we live,
Thanks to its tenderness, its joys, and fears,
To me the smallest flower that blows can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears.

-- William Wordsworth

Poems

The Baseball Prayer

As we approach the field
to prepare for the game,
Help us to remember that
we do all in your name.
Please be with us
as we take to the field
And guide all our actions
and be our shield.
We are a team
so all we will share
The glory or defeat
and always play fair.
Guide our feet
to move smooth and swift,
And when a teammate is down
give them a lift.
As we look for the ball
and a pitch to hit
Remember as your team
we should never quit
We will play strong and hard
and if a strike out is given,
let us accept our mistakes
and know we are forgiven.
Help our eyes see the ball
and the slider from the mound
To slug for the fences
or hit on the ground
When we are tired
and leave the field of grass,
We are thankful
for our coach's guidance and class.
Help us to be good sports
and show pride in our team,
And be grateful for helping us
follow our dream.

The Bridge of Faith

A still small voice is calling
Beyond the bridge of faith,
Inviting all to enter
A holy, secret place.

Sickness falls behind the stride
Of those who hear the call,
To walk in light forever
Where no darkness comes at all.

The bridge of faith gives entrance
To serenity's abode,
And rest to all who journey
By faith along life's road.
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

The Eternal Goodness

I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.

And if my heart and flesh are weak
To bear an untried pain,
The bruised reed He will not break,
But strengthen and sustain.

No offering of my own I have,
Nor works my faith to prove;
I can but give the gifts He gave,
And plead His love for love.

And so beside the Silent Sea
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.
-- John G. Whittier

Poems

The Garden of Prayer

Quiet place of refuge
From trouble I am safe
Nothing there can harm me
My cry brings His embrace

He lifts me to His vantage point
Such beauty I can see
My prayers arising to His hearing
His grace will carry me

Though I walk through valleys deep
And places filled with sorrow
Each visit to that secret place
Gives hope for each tomorrow

So I will go there often
And linger there to hear
His footsteps in the garden
As my prayer brings Him near
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

The Garden of Promise

There is a place, I have been told,
Beyond an open gate
All have been invited
Where friends and loved ones wait

It holds eternal promise
Of everlasting peace
No pain or sorrow ever comes
And teardrops there have ceased

Abundant life is evident
Constant, fresh and new
A garden of provisions
With eternity in view

The promise is awaiting
A place we can abide
Fulfilled for all who answer
The call to come inside.
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

The Harvest

Sown in the earth by skillful hands
Brought forth by sun and storm,
Destined for a harvest day
Fulfilled when ripe grain forms.

Golden wheat in sheaves prepared
For winter that will reign,
The story of the life of man
Told by the golden grain.

Made from the earth by loving hands
Through heat and rain prepared,
To face the joys and storms of life
And treasured moments shared.

When at last the harvest comes
As the fields receive the dew,
A life well lived leaves legacy
The Master's plan in view.
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

The Light of Dawn

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The light of dawn
comes breaking,
As darkness moves aside

Through each
of life's seasons
Sunrise still abides

Winter, summer, autumn,
Bring pallettes
of golden beams

Sunny rays warm the earth
And light the way,
it seems

Poems

The Light of Peace

Many waters I have sailed
Throughout the voyage of life
Over waters tranquil
Free of pain and strife

Sometimes tossed in raging storms
Though never left alone
There was a light that beckoned me
Toward the shores of home

Always in the distance
This beacon I could see
Giving me direction
As I sailed upon life's sea

My journey is completed now
The tide is drifting in
My vessel moves on gentle waves...
Eternity begins
--Sherrie Bradley Neal

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 Open Gate

Thoughts surround your mind today
That cause you heart to grieve
The moment is approaching
When you will turn to leave

Envision with me if you will
A place beyond death's gate
Life goes on forever there
And beauty never fades

Sickness can't gain entrance
And death has lost its hold
Tears are wiped by God's own hand
And no one can grow old

The moment that I left you here
I stepped into that place
Prepared for me and ready
When I stepped through the gate.
-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

The Other Side

This isn't grief - it's having
My last tear wiped away;
It's sunrise - it's the morning
Of my eternal day

This isn't even praying
It's speaking face to face;
Listening and glimpsing
The wonders of His grace
This is the end of pleading

For strength to bear my pain;
Not even pain's dark memory
Will even live again

How did I bear the earth-life
Before I knew this rapture
Of meeting face to face
The one who sought me, saved me,
And kept me by His grace!

Poems

There's A Reason

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, pain-racked night -
There's a reason
But if we trust God as we should,
All this must work out for our good.
He knows the reason.

Timeless

Etched in timeless photographs
Taken by the heart
Memories held and cherished
Though time has come to part

Laughter, tears and love we share
Paint portraits to be treasured
Valued heirlooms captured
Priceless beyond measure

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

Timeless (Shortened)

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

Togetherness

Death is nothing at all
I have only slipped away to the next room
I am I and you are you
Whatever we were to each other
That we are still are
Call me by my old familiar name
Speak to me in the easy way you always used
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow
Laugh as we always laughed
At the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me
Let my name be ever the household word that
it always was.
Let it be spoken without effort
Without the ghost of a shadow on it
Life means all that it ever meant
It is the same that it ever was
There is absolute unbroken continuity
What is death but a negligible accident?
Why should I be out of mind
Because I am out of 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
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting
when we meet again!
-- Henry Scott-Holland,
Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral

Poems

Treasured Rose

Always in the springtime
When life comes forth anew,
The roses bloom and flourish
Embracing morning's dew.

Emerging from the winter's chill
Held in death's grip no more,
Strengthened now by resting
Through all storms gone before,

Clothed in perfect rosy hue
Poised in seasoned grace,
That only living life can give,
Each moment leaving trace

Of treasures hidden deep inside,
Wrapped in velvet folds,
Shown always in the springtime
Proof death has lost its hold.

-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

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.

Trusted Friend (Angel Dance)

There is a noise in Heaven
A happy, joyful sound
Heard as the feet of children
Are set to dancing all around

They are being taught by angels
No time for sadness there
Keeping step with music
As it rises in the air

A new song they hear playing
It banishes all pain
And sets their feet to dancing
None are sick or lame

With new unhindered cadence
Their eyes are shining bright
They are dancing with the angels
In the glory of Heaven's light

-- Sherrie Bradley Neal

Turn Again

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

-- Mary Lee Hall

Until We Meet Again

Heaven needed another angel,
Given your wings you flew so high. I
cried as I let you go.
It was so hard to say goodbye.

Yet you'll never be far from me.
Though it still hurts, I can't pretend.
But I'll hold on to your promise
That one day we'll meet again.

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Poems

Upon the Green

When life on earth is over
Life anew is seen
Affording simple pleasures
In a place upon the green

The course behind is in the past
A journey lived by faith
Step by step life's fairway
Brought me here by grace

Now I've gained a new access
The course unfolding view
To master hill and valley
With each stroke straight and true

To enter into pleasures
Of the beauty I have seen
Since I was given entrance
To a place upon the green
--Sherrie Bradley Neal

We'll Always Remember

That special smile,
that caring heart,
that warm embrace
you always gave us.
We'll always remember
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 any one
to replace you in our hearts
and the love we will always
have for you.

What's A Fireman

He is just like you and me,
Yet he stands taller than most of us.
He is a fireman.
He puts it all on the line
when the bell rings.
A fireman is the most fortunate
and least fortunate of men.
He is a gentle man.
He is a man who appreciates
simple pleasures of life:
hot coffee held in numb,
unbending fingers—
the camaraderie of brave men,
willing to risk their lives daily—
the divine peace and selfless service
of a job well done.
He doesn't criticize others or
shout obscenities.
When he marches, it is to
honor a fallen comrade.
He doesn't preach the
brotherhood of man. He lives it.
Heaven holds a special place
for our firemen.

When God Sends Forth a Tiny Soul

When God sends forth a tiny soul
To learn the ways of earth,
A mother's love is waiting here
We call this wonder birth.

When God calls home a little soul
And stills a fleeting breath,
A Father's love is waiting there,
This too is birth, not death.

Poems

When I Am Dead

When I am dead, my dearest,
Sing no sad song for me;
Plant thou no roses at my head,
Nor shady cypress tree:
Be the green grass above me
With showers and dew drops wet;
And if thou wilt, remember,
And if thou wilt, forget.

I shall not see the shadows,
I shall not feel the rain;
I shall not hear the nightingale
Sing on, as if in pain:
And dreaming through the twilight
That doth not rise nor set,
Haply I may remember,
And haply may forget.
--Christina Rossetti

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
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!

When I Must Leave You - Spanish

Cuando tenga que dejarte por un corto
tiempo,
por favor no te entristezcas, ni derrames
lágrimas,
ni te abrasces a tu pena a través de los años;
por el contrario, empieza de nuevo con
valentia
y con una sonrisa por mi memoria
y en mi nombre vive tu vida
y haz todas las cosas igual que antes.
No alimentes tu soledad
con días vacíos, sino llena cada hora
de manera útil.
Extiende tu mano para confortar
y dar ánimo, y en cambio
y te confortaré y te tendré cerca de mí:
y nunca, nunca, tengas miedo de morir
porque yo estaré esperándote en el cielo!

When I'm Gone

When I come to the end
of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile,
Just forget if you can,
that I ever frowned
And remember only the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken;
Remember some good I have done,
Forget that I ever had a heartache
And remember I've had
loads of fun.
Forget that I have stumbled and
blundered
And sometimes fell by the way.
Remember I have fought
some hard battles
And won, ere the close of the day,
Then forget to grieve for my going,
I would not have you sad for a day,
But in summer
just gather some flowers
And remember
the place where I lay,
And come in the evening
When the sun paints
the sky in the west
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best.

Poems

Where I Am

No breaking heart is here,
No sad and chilling pain;
No wasted cheeks where the frequent tear
Rolls down and leaves its stain.
Dear friends of mortal years,
the trusted and the true,
You are watching still in the valley of tears,
But I wait to welcome you.
I won't forget, O no!
For memory's golden chain
Shall bind my heart to the hearts below
Till we meet to touch again.
Each link is strong and bright,
And love's eternal flame,
Flows freely down, like a river of light,
To the world from where I came.

Whispering Woods

A fog surrounds the woods and you
can't see the path you thought you knew,
or hear the songbirds anymore.
They aren't singing like they did before.
You're thinking of the one who's gone
while you're left here to carry on.
You catch your tears as best you can.
The trees beside you understand.
They're no strangers to the fog
that rests on trunks and moss and logs,
that even hides the leaves up high.
The trees whisper to you from the sky:
Above the fog the day is bright.
This mist will melt away to light.
Take time to spend your weary grief
then find the daylight's kind relief.
The whispering woods will show you where.
The path you know will take you there.
- D. Eberbach

White Wings

White wings
Swirling gently ride
The wind that takes
you with the tide
To shores unknown,
unseen by me.
Today you sail
a different sea
With God to guide
your spirit free.

Wings of Comfort

No longer here with me,
It's comfort I seek to find.
I look for you everywhere.
You are always on my mind.

Though I wanted to hold on,
It took strength to let you go.
You're forever in my heart,
Forever in my soul.

Someday we'll meet anew.
I'll share my heart again with you.
But for now my wings of comfort
Is knowing you miss me, too.

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Wings of Gold

When I first saw those wings of gold
So tiny, precious, yet so bold
Pure joy began to fill my heart
As I watched this work of art
Too quickly then they disappeared
Gone forever is what I feared
Can I make this moment last
It's too soon to be the past
So I looked into the sky
As the glitter caught my eye
There they were, those wings of gold
So tiny, precious, yet so bold
Flitting by as if to say
I'll be with you every day
Oh, the beauty of those wings
They're the reason my heart sings

-- Jane Stone

Poems

Yesterday

Where have you gone since yesterday -
And left us lonely here?
Today you seem so far away
Who yesterday was near.
No map of ours, that we may use,
Your journey can we trace;
We only know you've reached your Home
And seen your Father's face.

Prayers

Angler's Prayer

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

Christ Have Mercy

With the saints 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
loosened 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.

Ele Mole Rahamim

Memorial Prayer

O God, full of compassion,
Thou who dwellest on high!
Grant perfect rest unto the soul of
who has departed from this world.
Lord of mercy, bring him (her) into Thy
presence and let his (her) soul be bound up in
the bond of eternal life. Be Thou his (her)
possession and may his (her) soul
repose in peace. Amen.

Ele Mole Rahamim – Jewish

Memorial Prayer

El Moleh Rahamim Shochayn Bamromim.
Hamtsay Menucha Nechona Tachas Kanfay
Hashechina Bema-alos Kedoshim Ut'horim
K'Zohar Harakia Mazhirim Es Nishmas

Shehalach (Shehalcha) Leolama (leolama)
Baavur She'ani Nodav Litzdaka Be'ad
Hazkaras Nishmaso (Nishmasa) Began Eden
Tehay Menuchaso (Menuchasa) Lachayn Ba'al
Harachamim Yastirayhu (Yastireha) Besaser
Kenafav Leolamim, Viyitzror Bitzror
Hachayim Es Nishmaso (Nishmasa), Adonai
Hu Nachalaso (Nachalasa) Veyanuach
(Vesnuach) Beshalom Al Mishkavo (Miskava)
Venomar, Amen.

Father a Light

A light is from our household gone,
a voice we loved is stilled,
a place is vacant in our home,
which never can be filled.
God gave us a beautiful father,
a father who never grew old,
you were always there
with a helping hand,
help us now to accept His plan.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
as time goes by, we miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
no one can take our "Father's Place."

May the choirs of the angels receive
you and may you have rest
and peace everlasting.
Amen.

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.

Prayers

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 for ever and ever.

Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God,
whenever flames may rage;
give me 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 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.

Founders Prayer

God made us a family.
We need one another.
We love one another.
We work together.
We play together.
We worship together.
Together we use God's word.
Together we grow in Christ.
Together we love all people.
Together we serve God.
Together we hope for Heaven.
These are our hopes and ideals.
Help us attain thee, O God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Give me, Lord; the Serenity - Spanish

Dádme, Señor; la serenidad
par ver las realidades de
este mundo; ya sean pequeñas
o grandes, violentas o tranquilas
Que me sea concedido el entenderlas
como una Gracia y Bendición
de Vuestro Designo.

God the Creator

God the Creator and Redeemer of all the
faithful, grant unto the soul of (name)
Thy servant departed, the remission of
all sins; that by pious supplications, (s/he)
may obtain that pardon which (s/he) has
always desired.
Grant this, O God, who liveth and
reigneth forever and ever,
Amen.

Sweet heart of Mary
be (his/her) salvation.

Our Father, - - Hail Mary, - -

God the Giver

"Blessed are they that mourn
for they shall be comforted."
- St. Matthew, Verse 5

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.

Prayers

God's Infinite Compassion

O God of infinite compassion, who art the comforter of Thy children; look down in Thy tender love and pity, we beseech Thee, upon Thy servants. In the stillness of our hearts we entreat for them Thy sustaining race. Be Thou their stay, their strength, and their shield, that trusting in Thee they may know Thy presence near, and in the assurance of Thy love be delivered out of their distresses; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

Hail Mary - Spanish

Dios te salve Maria.
Llena eres de gracia
El Señor es contigo
bendita eres entre todas
las mujeres
bandito es el fruto de tu
vientre Jesus.
Santa Maria Madre de dios
ruega por nosotros los pecadores
ahora y en la hora de
nuestro muerte.
Amen.

Holy God

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

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.

In God's Protection

In God's protection and gracious mercy we leave you, may He bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace and light and joy forevermore.

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 has ever shown me; may He lift up the light of His countenance upon thee, and grant thee eternal peace. Amen.

Prayers

Incline Thine Ear

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

Memorare

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

Most Gracious

Most gracious and loving Father,
we commend our loved one into
Your hands. We are filled with
the sure hope that Your departed
servant will, like Your Son,
rise again. We thank You for all
the good things You gave our
loved one while here on earth.
May Your servant praise You
forever in the joy of Your presence.
We ask this through Christ, our
Resurrected Lord, Amen.

Mourners – Jewish

Yis-gad-dal v'yis-kad-dash sh'meh rab-bo,
b'ol-mo di'v-ro kir'-u-seh v'yam-lich mal-chu-
seh, 'cha-ye-chon u-v'yo-me-chon u-v'cha-yeh
d'chol bes yis-ro-el, ba-a-go-lo u-viz-man ko-
riv, v'im-ru O-men.

Mourners – Jewish 2

Yis-bo-rach v'yish-tab-bach, v'yis-po-ar, v'yis-
ro-
mam, v'yis-nas-seh, v'yis-had-dor, v'yis-al-leh,
v'yis-hal-lol, sh'-meh d'kud'-sho, b'rich hu.
L'e-lo min kol bir-cho-so v'shi-ro-so, tush-
b'cho-so v'ne-cho-mo-so, da-a-mi-ron b'ol-
mo, v'im-ru: O-men.
y'heh sh'lo-mo rab-bo min sh'may-yo v'cha-
yim, o-le-nu v'al kol yis-ro-el, v'imru: O-men.
O-seh sho-lom bim'ro-mov, hu ya-a-seh sho-
lom, o-le-nu v'al kol yis-ro-el, v'imru: O-men.

Now the Laborer's Task is O'er

Now the laborer's task is o'er;
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.

"Earth to earth and dust to dust,"
Calmly now the words we say;
Left behind, we wait in trust
For the resurrection day.

Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

Prayers

Our Father – Spanish

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
sanctificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino. Sea hecha tu voluntad,
como en el cielo, así también en la tierra.
Danos hoy nuestro pan cotidiano.
Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como
también nosotros perdonamos á
nuestros deudores.
Y no nos metas en tentación, mas
líbranos del mal:
Porque tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la
gloria, por todos los siglos.
Amén.

Nurse's Prayer

Almighty God,
Divine healer of all, grant me,
your handmaiden, strength
and courage in my calling.
Give to my heart compassion
and understanding.
Give to my hands skill
and tenderness. Give to my mind knowledge
and wisdom.
Especially, dear Lord,
help me always to remember the true
purpose of my vocation,
that of selfless service and dedication
to the weak and disbaring
in body and spirit.

O Divine Master

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 received
It is in pardoning that we
Are pardoned
It is in dying that we are born
To eternal life.

O Gentlest Heart of Jesus

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

O Most Amiable Protector

O most amiable protector, Saint Anthony,
of Padua, what worthy gift can I possibly
offer to show my gratitude? I have nothing
that is of worth to you, But I offer you all of
the
esteem in which you are continuously held
throughout the world, and all the miracles
you
have filled the church even to the benefit
to those outside its fold. All these,
admirable Saint Anthony, please express my
humble thanks for everything to God the
Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit, and to the Most
Blessed Virgin Mary through endless ages.
Amen.

On Eagle's Wings

And He will raise you up
on eagle's wings,
bear you on
the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine
like the sun,
and hold you in the palm
of His hand.

Prayers

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

O Mother of God; Mary Immaculate, we dedicate and consecrate ourselves to you under the title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. May this medal be for each of us a sure sign of your affection for us and a constant reminder of our duties toward you.

Even while wearing it, may we be blessed by your loving protection and preserved in the grace of your Son, O most powerful virgin, Mother of our Savior keep us close to you every moment of our lives. Obtain for us, your children, the grace of a happy death; so that in union with you, we may enjoy the bliss of heaven forever, Amen

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Perpetual Help

O Mother of perpetual help, grant that I may ever invoke your most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the loving and the salvation of the dying.

O Purest Mary! O Sweetest Mary!

Let your name henceforth be ere on my lips. Delay not, O blessed lady! To help me whenever I call on you, for in all my temptations, in all my needs, I shall never cease to call on you. Ever repeating your sacred name, Mary!

Mary! O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name, let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you, Mother of Perpetual Help.

Police Officer's 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want,
His comforting hand reduces fear to naught;
He makes me walk through streets of crime,
But He gives me courage
and peace of mind.

He leads me by still waters in the path I trod,
And he says in Romans I'm a
"minister of God,"

He leads me in righteousness
as He restores my soul,

For His name's sake He keeps me whole.

When I walk through death's valley,
right up to the door,

I will fear no evil, for He comforts me more;
For Thou art with me every step of the way,
As thy rod and thy staff protect me each day.

He prepares a table, especially for me,

As I work daily among life's enemies;

He gives me authority to uphold the law,
And He anoints my position

in the midst of it all.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me,
Each day of my life through eternity;

As I long to hear Him say, "Well done..."

When I lay down my life,
my badge and my gun.

Prayers

Police Officer's 23rd Psalm – 2

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Police Officer's Prayer

O almighty God whose great power and eternal wisdom embrace the universe, watch over all Law Enforcement Officers. Protect them from harm in the performance of their duty to stop crime, robberies, riots and violence. We pray to help them keep our streets and homes safe day and night. We recommend them to your care because their duty is dangerous. Grant them your unending strength and courage in their daily assignments. Dear God protect these brave officers, grant them your almighty protection, unite them safely with their families after duty ends. Amen.

Polish – Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her

Wieczny odpoczynek racz jej
dac Panie, a swiatlosc
wiekuista niechaj jej swieci.
Niech odpoczywa w pokoju wiecznym.
Amen.

Prayer for a Happy Death

Oh, my Lord and Savior, support me in that hour in the strong arms of Thy sacraments, and by the fresh fragrance of Thy consolations. Let the absolving words be said over me, and the holy oils sign and seal me, and Thy own body be my food, and Thy blood my sprinkling; and let my sweet mother, Mary breathe on me and my angel whisper peace to me and my glorious saints smile upon me; that in them all, and through them all, I may receive the gift of perseverance, and die, as I desire to live, in Thy faith, in Thy church, in Thy service and in Thy love. Amen
Peace of God be with you.

Prayers

Prayer of Saint Francis - Spanish

Oh, Señor, hazme un instrumento de Tu Paz .
Donde hay odio, que lleve yo el Amor.
Donde haya ofensa, que lleve yo el Perdón.
Donde haya discordia, que lleve yo la Unión.
Donde haya duda, que lleve yo la Fe.
Donde haya error, que lleve yo la Verdad.
Donde haya desesperación, que lleve yo la Alegría.
Donde haya tinieblas, que lleve yo la Luz.
Oh, Maestro, haced que yo no busque tanto ser
consolado, sino consolar;
ser comprendido, sino comprender;
ser amado, como amar.
Porque es: Dando , que se recibe;
Perdonando, que se es perdonado;
Muriendo, que se resucita a la Vida Eterna.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

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

Prayer of St. Theresa

O Lord, who hast said:
"Unless you become as little children,
you shall not enter into the kingdom
of heaven," grant us, we beseech Thee,
so to walk in the footsteps of Thy
blessed Virgin Theresa with a humble
and single heart that we may attain
to everlasting rewards, who livest
and reignest world without end. Amen.

Praying Hands

Praying Hands call many pictures
to the mind:
Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane.
The Pilgrims giving thanks for safe passages
to these shores.
Washington praying at Valley Forge.
The safe return of a loved one from a field of
battle.

... but, more than all of these, except the
Savior, these hands will call back memories of
home and loved ones, and our faithful friends.
They will recall the times of trials and
tribulations
... they will call to mind the time of joy,
and keep us ever mindful that prayers are
answered.

Look to Praying Hands each day to find the
road to life and light.

The Family that prays together, stays
together.

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 word of faith
until we greet Christ in glory and are
united with You and our departed.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayers

Rider's Prayer

Dearest God in Heaven
Give me strength to guide my horse.
Make my hands soft and my head clear.
Let my horse understand me and I him.

Dearest God grant me patience,
for horses are harnessed wind and wind can
be flighty.
Let me not frighten or harm them,
instead show me ways to understand them.

Above all, dear God, fill my life with them.
When I pass from this world,
send my soul to no heaven without them.
For this love you have given me graces my
existence.
I shall cherish it and praise you for it all the
time.

Roman Ritual

May he lead thee into paradise.
May the martyrs receive thee
at thy coming and take thee to
the holy city.
May the choirs of angels
receive thee and mayest thou
have rest everlasting.
Amen.

Sentence - Spanish

Reconoce, Señor, tu criatura, obra no
de dioses extraños, sino tuya, Dios único,
vivo y verdadero, porque no hay otro
Dios más que tû, y nadie te iguala en las
obras. Haz, Señor, que tu dulce presencia
le llene el alma de alegría; Olvida sus
iniquidades pasadas y los extravíos a que
fué arrastrada por sus pasiones; porque aún
cuando pecó no ha renunciado a la fé del
padre,
del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, sino que ha
conservado el celo del Señor y adorado
fielmente
a Dios, creador de todas las cosas. Amén.

Serenity

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.

St. Anthony

Oh holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints,
your love for God and charity for His
creatures, made you worthy, when on
earth, to possess miraculous powers.
Miracles waited on your word, which
you were ever ready to speak for those in
trouble or anxiety. Oh gentle and loving
St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full
of human sympathy, whisper my petition
into the ears of sweet infant Jesus, who
loved to be folded in your arms; and the
gratitude of my heart will ever be yours.

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!

Prayers

St. Joseph

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

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us.
Amen

St. Jude

O glorious apostle, St. Jude Thaddeus, true relative of Jesus and Mary, I salute you through the most sacred Heart of Jesus. Through this Heart I praise and thank God for all the graces He has bestowed upon you. Humbly prostrate before you, I implore you through this heart to look down upon me with compassion. Oh despise not my poor prayer, let not my trust be confounded. To you God has granted the privilege of aiding mankind in the most desperate cases. Oh, come to my aid that I may praise the mercies of God. All my life I will be grateful to you and will be your faithful client until I can thank you in heaven.
Amen.

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

St. Patrick

O great Apostle of Ireland, glorious St. Patrick to whom under God, so many are indebted for the most precious of all treasures, the great gift of faith. Receive our fervent thanks for the zeal and charity which have been to thousands the source of blessings so invaluable. Ask for all who dwell in this land and the land of thy labors, the precious light of faith, and beg for us on whom its glorious rays have long since beamed, the grace to regulate our lives by its sacred maxims.

St. Theresa

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

Prayers

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 Lord's Prayer – Catholic Version

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.

The Lord's Prayer – Spanish

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
sanctificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino. Sea hecha tu voluntad,
como en el cielo, así también en
la tierra.
Danos hoy nuestro pan cotidiano.
Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como
también nosotros perdonamos á
nuestros deudores.
Y no nos metas en tentación, mas
líbranos del mal:
Porque tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la
gloria, por todos los siglos.
Amén.

Matthew 6:9-13

The Master's Last Prayer -Masonic

The day's labors done
My journey's end has come.
A new guide. Lead us on.
The path may be the same,
But the style, is his own;
A new post, will soon pass,
Another mark will be reached.
Let us pray, He will lead us,
To an even brighter day.

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.

Thy Will Be Done

We sorrow so and yet we know
Thy will O Lord must be,
O hear our prayer this dark'ning hour
Our trust is all in thee.
We know that in the realms above
And in your gentle care
Our loved one waits the happy dawn
When we shall meet up there.

Together with the Lord

Life is but a stopping place,
a pause in what's to be,
a resting place along the road
to sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
different paths along the way.
We all were meant to learn some things,
but never meant to stay . . .
Our destination is a place
far greater than we know.
For some, the journey quicker,
for some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
we'll claim a great reward,
and find everlasting peace,
together with the Lord.

Prayers

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 the
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 more clearly... And while You prepare the
place for us, prepare us also for that happy
place that we may be with You, and with
those we love forevermore.
Amen.

When God Sends Forth a Tiny Soul

When God sends forth a tiny soul
To learn the ways of earth,
A mother's love is waiting here
We call this wonder birth.

When God calls home a little soul
And stills a fleeting breath,
A Father's love is waiting there,
This too is birth, not death.

When My Soul Takes Flight

Lord, when my soul takes flight,
may it rise swiftly to live forever
in your love and care.

Songs

A Song of Ascents

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains;
From whence shall my help come.
My help cometh from the Lord,
Who 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
Doth 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 keep thee from all evil;
He shall keep they soul.
The Lord guard thy going out and thy coming
in
From this time forth and forever.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved,
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come,
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

America the Beautiful (1 stanza)

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 (2 stanzas)

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For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
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And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!

Songs

Nearer, My God to Thee

Nearer, my God to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.
There let the way appear,
Steps unto heaven;
All that Thou sendest me,
In Mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.
Or if, on joyful wing
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

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 (2 stanzas)

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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 – Chappius

There will be a great encampment
In the land of clouds today.
A mingling and a merging
Of our boys who've gone away.
Though on earth they are disbanding,
They are very close and near,
For these brave and honored heroes
Show no sorrow, shed no tear.
They have lived a life of glory,
History pins their medals high,
Listen to the thunder rolling,
They are marching in the sky!

-- Arta Nottingham Chappius

Quotes

Baseball Quote

Baseball is a lot like life. It's a day-to-day existence, full of ups and downs. You make the most of your opportunities in baseball as you do in life."

-Ernie Harwell

C. S. Lewis Quote

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

- C. S. Lewis

Count Basie Quote

I'm saying, "to be continued...
Until we meet again.
Meanwhile, keep on listening
and tapping your feet."

- Count Basie

Helen Keller Quote

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

- Helen Keller

Henry David Thoreau Quote 1

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

- Henry David Thoreau

Henry David Thoreau Quote 2

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

- Henry David Thoreau

John Muller Quote

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 Muller

Johnny Cash Quote

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

- Johnny Cash

Leonardo da Vinci Quote 1

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

Leonardo da Vinci Quote 2

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

Leonardo da Vinci Quote 3

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

- Leonardo da Vinci

Louis Armstrong Quote 1

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

- Louis Armstrong

Quotes

Louis Armstrong Quote 2

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

- Louis Armstrong

M. C. Escher Quote

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

- M. C. Escher

Mark Twain Quote

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 and sail away
from the safe harbor.
Catch the trade winds in your sails...
explore... dream...

- Mark Twain

Martin Luther King, Jr. Quote

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.

Miles Davis Quote

Do not fear mistakes.
There are none.

- Miles Davis

Ralph Waldo Emerson Quote

Every natural fact is a symbol
of some spiritual fact.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Ray Charles Quote 1

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

Ray Charles Quote 2

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

Robert Frost Quote

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

-- Robert Frost

Sir Edmund Hillary Quote 1

It is not the mountains we conquer,
but ourselves.

- Sir Edmund Hillary

Sir Edmund Hillary Quote 2

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

- Sir Edmund Hillary

Vincent van Gogh Quote

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

William Penn Quote

For death is no more than a turning
of us over from time to eternity.

- William Penn

Quotes

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Quote

It is a great consolation
For me to remember that the
Lord, to whom I had drawn near
In humble and child-like faith,
Has suffered and died for me,
And that He will look on me
In love and compassion.
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Sentiments

Acknowledging with sincere thanks...

Acknowledging
with sincere thanks
your kind and
thoughtful expression
of sympathy

Anniversary Sentiment

On the anniversary of your loss,
our thoughts are with you.
May fond memories of the past
fill your heart with comfort.

Appreciation

On behalf of the family, we wish to express
gratitude for your many kindnesses
evidenced in thought and deed, and for your
attendance at today's service.

Appreciation – Minister

Your comforting ministry
at the services for our loved one
is gratefully acknowledged
and deeply appreciated.

Appreciation – Ministry of Music

Your ministry of music
at the services for
our loved one
is acknowledged with
sincere thanks
and deep appreciation

Appreciation – Service as Bearer

Acknowledging
with deep appreciation
your service as bearer
in honor of
our loved one

Book Dedication

We respectfully
dedicate this book
to those we serve

Congregation - Jewish

Y'heh sh'meh rabbo m'vo-rach, l'O-lam
ul'ol'meh Ol-ma-yo:

Dedicated to those...

Dedicated
to those who mourn a departed one,
with the hope that time will heal all sorrow
and bring consoling peace.

Distinguished Veteran

With respectful gratitude for a life shared and
now blessedly at rest, and with heartfelt
praise, this memorial book is dedicated to the
living memory of
a distinguished Veteran of the Armed Services
of our beloved nation.

Always and everywhere, we live with
personal remembrances of devoted loved
ones and, under God, render Thanks and
Praise to Him for the promise of everlasting
life. This truth is perceived by us on a day to
day basis as we note the sacrificial acts and
personal commitment of our Veterans. Their
uphold of such essential values as liberty and
justice, individual dignity and national
righteousness, ennobles the life of each of us.
Through their example we move toward
eternity with faith, charity, courage and hope.

The line of life between birth and
immortality is one of no certain length. In
considering this, as we bid farewell to this
honored, respected Veteran, may we be ever
more thoughtful, grateful and humble before
our Creator as we all await our heavenly
reunion.

Sentiments

During A Time (Landscape)

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

Your expression of sympathy
will always be remembered

During a time...

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like this
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our friends and relatives
really mean to us
Your expression
of sympathy will always
be remembered

Expressions Note Card Sentiment

This little note is to express our
appreciation for your trust in us.

It is our purpose to give thoughtful
service, and if in so doing we have
helped to lighten your burden, our
aim has been accomplished.

We sincerely hope that our service
has been deserving of your confidence.

Very Respectfully,

God the Creator

God the Creator and Redeemer of all the
faithful, grant unto the soul of (name)
Thy servant departed, the remission of
all sins; that by pious supplications, (s/he)
may obtain that pardon which (s/he) has
always desired.
Grant this, O God, who liveth and
reigneth forever and ever,
Amen.

Sweet heart of Mary
be (his/her) salvation.

Our Father, - - Hail Mary, - -

Good Friends

A friendly smile
A casual touch,
These are the things
That mean so much;

To know you are with us
In our time of sorrow,
Sharing our prayers
Today and tomorrow.

God gives us comfort
In the form of good friends,
May His peace be with you,
His love never ends.

The family of

Gratefully Acknowledging

Gratefully acknowledging
and thanking you
for your kind
expression of
sympathy

It is our hope...

It is our hope that this book
may be a comfort
to you in the coming years.
We deeply appreciate your
selecting us to serve you, and, if we
have helped lighted your burden
of sorrow, our aim
has been achieved.

Perhaps you sent...

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 only friends 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

Sentiments

Russian Orthodox

With the saints give rest,
O Christ,
to the soul of Thy servant
(name),
where there is neither sickness,
nor sorrow, nor sighing
but life everlasting . . .
Wither, also, all we mortals
wend our way,
making of our funeral dirge
the song:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Eternal Memory!

Sincere Condolences

We wish to express our sincere condolences
and our deep appreciation for the trust you
have placed with us.

It is our purpose to provide you with
extraordinary
thoughtful service during these days, and if in
doing so, we have helped to lighten your
burden, our aim has been accomplished.

Thank You

Thank you sincerely
for sharing our sorrow.

Your thoughtfulness is
appreciated and will
always be treasured.

Thank You – Prayers

Thank you for your
thoughts, prayers and kindness
during this difficult time.

From the family of

Thank You – Remembrance

Thank you . . .
Your remembrance
was most
kind.

Thank You Sincerely

Thank you sincerely
for your thoughtful kindness
at a time when
it was deeply appreciated
by the family of

Thanking you...

Thanking you for
your lovely
remembrance and
the kind thoughts
it expresses.

That the memory...

That the memory
of the beloved departed
may always be preserved, we have compiled
this book of Inscribed Memories.

We present this record to you
in appreciation of your confidence and
as a tribute to your loved one, who will
linger in fond remembrance throughout
the years to come.

The Family of

The family of

The Family of

acknowledges with grateful
appreciation your kind expression
of sympathy.

The family wishes

The family wishes to express their
appreciation to each of you for your
attendance and expressions of sympathy.

Sentiments

The Family Wishes...

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God bless and keep you!

The family of

The Honor of Bearer

The honor which you conferred upon by acting as pallbearer is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated

To thank you for your kindness...

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

Veterans Gratitude Page

With respectful gratitude for a life shared and now blessedly at rest, and with heartfelt praise, this memorial book is dedicated to the living memory of

[name]

a distinguished Veteran of the Armed Services of our beloved nation.

Veterans Gratitude part 2

Always and everywhere, we live with personal remembrances of devoted loved ones and, under God, render thanks and praise to Him for the promise of everlasting life. This truth is perceived by us on a day to day basis as we note the sacrificial acts and personal commitment of our Veterans. Their upholding of such essential values as liberty and justice, individual dignity and national righteousness, ennoble the life of each of us. Through their example we move toward eternity with faith, charity, courage and hope.

The line of life between birth and immortality is one of no certain length. In considering this, as we bid farewell to this honored, respected Veteran, may we be ever more thoughtful, grateful and humble before our Creator as we all await our heavenly reunion.

We are deeply mindful...

We are deeply mindful of the confidence you have placed in us and we sincerely hope that our service has been satisfactory and comforting to you...

Most Respectfully,

We Deeply Appreciate

We deeply appreciate and wish to thank you for the kind thoughts and expression of sympathy extended during our recent sorrow

We Feel Deeply Grateful

We feel deeply grateful to you in our sorrow. Your kindness and sympathy have meant so much to us and will always be remembered.

Sentiments

We Present This Record

That the memory of the beloved departed may always be preserved, we have compiled this book of Inscribed Memories.

We present this record to you in appreciation of your confidence and as a tribute to your loved one, who will linger in fond remembrance throughout the years to come.

We Sincerely Appreciate

We sincerely appreciate the confidence you have placed in us.

As an expression of our appreciation of your trust, please accept this laminated memorial in memory of your loved one.

Please call if we can assist you further in any way.

Respectfully,

We Wish to Express

We wish to express our sincere sympathy and our appreciation for your trust in us. It is our purpose to give thoughtful service, and if in so doing we have helped to lighten your burden, our aim has been accomplished.

Very Respectfully,

Your Comforting Expression

Your comforting expression of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude..

Your Comforting Ministry

Your comforting ministry at the services for

is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated

Your Comforting Remembrance

Your comforting remembrance and kindly thoughts are deeply appreciated

Your Kind Expression

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of

Your Kind Message

Your Kind message of comfort for the service of

is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated

Your Kindness

Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can ever express.

Your Ministry of Music

Your ministry of music at the services for

is acknowledged with sincere thanks and deep appreciation

Sentiments

Your Spiritual Bouquet
Your Spiritual Bouquet
and kind expression
of sympathy
will always be held
in grateful
remembrance
by the family of

Your Service Bearer
Acknowledging with deep appreciation your
service as bearer in honor of

Your Thoughtfulness
Your thoughtfulness is
sincerely appreciated.

Other

Onan – Jewish

One who loses by death one of his next to kin for whom he is bound to observe mourning is termed ONAN from the time death occurred until after the interment. An Onan is concerned only with funeral preparations and is exempt from observing many precepts, because of the honor due to the dead and because in this most intense period of grief he is in a traumatic state.

But the Onan must observe all prohibitive laws, be they even enforceable only by Rabbinic enactment.

Sheaf of Wheat

The Sheaf of Wheat is a symbol of the Christian faith. 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. We believe death is not the end but the beginning of life eternal. The mature grain in this sheaf is the direct symbol of the Resurrection - - the life beyond the grave, the fulfillment of the promises of Jesus Christ.

The Mourner – Jewish

One becomes a mourner upon the burial of a parent, husband, wife, child, brother or sister. The laws of mourning are not obligatory for children under the age of thirteen and do not apply when the deceased is an infant of age thirty days or less.

The Shivah – Jewish

The traditional week of mourning is observed for seven days and begins immediately after the funeral, this period includes the day of the funeral. The mourning of the seventh day is regarded as a full day. On the Sabbath and holidays the mourners go to the synagogue, otherwise they remain at home where morning and evening services are conducted. A memorial light burns in the home during the entire week. Circumstances which permit the mourners to engage in their occupations should be discussed with the Rabbi. When a funeral is held the day before a festival, and one hour of mourning was observed before the festival, there is no Shivah.