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Prayers for Memorial Cards

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

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

01 - O Gentlest Heart of Jesus

RESURRECTION PRAYER

Most merciful Father, we commend our departed into your hands. We are filled with the sure hope that our departed will rise again on the Last Day with all who have died in Christ. We thank you for all the good things you have given during our departed's earthly life.

O Father, in your great mercy, accept our prayer that the Gates of Paradise may be opened for your servant. In our turn, may we too be comforted by the words of faith until we greet Christ in glory and are united with you and our departed. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

02 - Resurrection Prayer

PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX

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

03 - Prayer Before A Crucifix

LET US PRAY

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

04 - Let Us Pray

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

05 - The Our Father

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace.

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

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

06 - Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

DE PROFUNDIS

Out of the depths have I cried to Thee O Lord: Lord hear my voice. Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord who shall stand it? For with thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of Thy law, have I waited for Thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on His word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord

From the morning watch even until night: let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy: and with Him plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all iniquities. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

07 - De Profundis

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone that fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or 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; O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

08 - Memorare

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.

09 - Loved Him

Father we entrust our sister to your mercy.

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

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

10 - Loved her

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

St. Ambrose

May Jesus have mercy on the soul of

PRAYER

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.

11 - Incline Thine Ear

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 unending, and the boundary of this mortal life is but a horizon, and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.

Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see more clearly...

And while you prepare a place for us, prepare us also for that happy place, that we may be with you, and with those we loved for ever more.

12 - We Give Them Back

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From the Preface of the Mass for the Dead

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

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

13 - Preface of the Mass for the Dead

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,
bless your dying ones,
pity your afflicted ones,
and all for your love's sake!

St. Augustine

14 - St. Augustine Prayer

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

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

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

Our Father, - Hail Mary, -

15 - O God the Creator and Redeemer

"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." S t . Matthew V.5

May Jesus have mercy on the soul of

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.

16 - O God the Giver of Pardon

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

(Roman Ritual)

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

17 - Roman Ritual

May He support us all the day long
till the shades lengthen
and the evening comes
and the busy world is hushed
and the fever of life is over
and our work is done.

Then in His Mercy ~
May He give us a safe lodging
and a holy rest
and peace at the last.

18 - Cardinal Newman Prayer

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.

19 - For Thy Faithful People

The 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.

20 - Hail Mary

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

21 - We Would Not

GOD, Your days are without end, Your mercies beyond counting. Help us always to remember that life is short and the day of our death is known to You alone. May Your Holy Spirit lead us to live in holiness and justice all our days. Then, after serving You in the fellowship of Your Church, with strong faith, consoling hope, and perfect love for all, may we joyfully come to Your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

22 - God, Your Ways

MAGNIFICAT

MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord;
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Because He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done great things to me; and holy is His name.

And His mercy is from generation to generation, to them that fear Him.

He hath shown might in His arm; He hath scattered the proud in conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and has exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent away empty.

He hath received Israel, His servant; being mindful of His mercy.

As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever.

23 - Magnificat

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. Even though I walk in the dark valley, I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. You spread the table before me in the 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.

24 - Catholic 23rd Psalm

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TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters; He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in 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 will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

29 - 23rd Psalm

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.

30 - Psalm 121

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

31 - The Lord's Prayer

HIS PRECIOUS GIFT!

One gift, above all others
God gives us to treasure
One that knows no time, no place
And one gold cannot measure
The precious, poignant, tender gift
Of memory — that will keep
Our dear ones ever in our hearts
Although God gives them sleep
It brings back long-remembered things
A song, a word, a smile
And our world's a better place —
because
We had them — for awhile!

33 - His Precious Gift

PUT YOUR HAND IN THE HAND OF GOD

Though today, you walk in sorrow
You will not be alone
There is One whose loving wisdom
Is far greater than our own
Put your trusting hand in His
As a little child would do
And He like a loving father
Will guide and comfort you!
Day by day, there will come to you
New faith, new hope, new light
You'll find that stars, unseen by day
Shine through the darkest night
And though your heart is longing
For the dear one who's at rest
You'll know, before the journey's end
That God's dear ways are best!
Jessie Home Fairweather

34 - Put Your Hand in The Hand of God

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

Amen.

35 - Lord, Support Us

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

36 - Poem For Thy Living

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!

37 - When I Must Leave you

*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 ...*

38 - God Hath Not Promised

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

39 - After Glow

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

40 - Do Not Stand At My Grave

One night I had a dream. I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the LORD. And across the sky flashed scenes from MY life. For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to me, the other to the LORD. When the last scene of my life flashed before us, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, I noticed that many times along the path of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of my life. This really bothered me and I questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, You would 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 in times when I needed you most, you would leave me." The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and would never, never leave you during time of trial and suffering. When you see only one set of footprints, it was when I carried you."

41 - Footprints

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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 I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illuminated
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 the meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

42 - Safely Home

THE SERENITY PRAYER

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

43 - Serenity

AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise with you,
May the wind be
always at your back,
May the sun shine
warm upon your face,
And rains fall soft
upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
may God keep you in the
hollow of His hand.

44 - Irish Blessing

O God, who
amongst Thy Apostolic
priests hast raised up Thy
servant, to the dignity of a
priest, grant, we beseech
Thee, that he may also be
admitted in heaven to their
everlasting fellowship,
through Jesus Christ, our
Lord. Amen.

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

70 - Priest Prayer

O Glorious St. Anne, thou art
filled with compassion for those
who invoke thee and with love for
those who suffer! Heavily laden
with the weight of my troubles, I
therefore cast myself at thy feet
and humbly beg of thee to take
under thy special protection the
present affair which I recommend
to thee.

Vouchsafe to recommend it to thy
Daughter, the Blessed Virgin
Mary, and lay it before the throne
of Jesus, so that He may bring it to
a happy issue. Cease not to
intercede for me until my request
is granted. Above all obtain for
me the grace of one day to behold
my God face to face, and with thee
and Mary and all the saints to
praise and bless Him for all
eternity. Amen.

71 - St. Anne

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so
efficacious and whose success before
the throne of God is so prompt, I
place in your blessed hands all my
hopes, confide in you all my interests.
Deign, O St. Joseph, assist me by your
powerful intercession and obtain for
me from your Divine Son all spiritual
and temporal blessings through Jesus
Christ, our Saviour, so that having
enjoyed here below your heavenly
favors, I may each day of my life offer
my affections, thanksgiving and
homage to the most loving of fathers.
O St. Joseph, I never weary of
contemplating Jesus asleep in your
arms but I dare not approach while
He reposes near your breast. Press
Him to your heart for me, kiss softly
His forehead, ask Him to return that
kiss when I am drawing my last
breath. O St. Joseph, patron of
despairing souls, pray for me. Amen.

72 - St. Joseph

PRAYER TO SAINT ANTHONY

O glorious Saint Anthony, safe
refuge of the afflicted and distressed,
who by miraculous revelation hast
directed all those who seek aid to
come to Thy altar with the promise
that whoever visits it for nine
consecutive Tuesdays, and there
piously invokes thee, will feel the
power of the intercession. I, a poor
sinner, encouraged by this promise,
come to thee. O powerful Saint, and
with a firm hope, I implore thy aid,
thy protection, thy counsel, and thy
blessing. Obtain for me, I beseech
thee, my request in this necessity
(mention it). But if it should be
opposed to the Will of God and the
welfare of my soul obtain for me
such other graces as shall be
conducive to my salvation. Through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

73 - St. Anthony

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

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

74 - St. Jude

Saint John Neumann,
Your ardent desire to bring all
souls to Christ impelled you to
leave home and country. Teach us
to live worthily in the Spirit of our
baptism, which makes us children
of the one heavenly Father and
brothers and sisters of Jesus
Christ, the first-born of the family
of God. Obtain for us that
complete dedication to the needy,
the weak, the afflicted, and the
abandoned which so characterized
your life. Help us to persevere in
the difficult and, at times, painful
paths of duty. May death find us
on the sure road to our Father's
house with the light of living faith
in our hearts. Amen.

75 - St. John Neumann

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.

76 - St. Patrick

PRAYER TO ST. LUCY

O glorious St. Lucy, blessed virgin and
martyr, patroness of those suffering
from maladies of the eyes, pray that
our gift of eyesight may be preserved
so that in all things we may see the
beauty and glory of God their
Creator. By your life and your
martyrdom you became a light
shining in the darkness. May your
good example lead us from the
darkness of sin to the light of eternal
glory. Be our intercessor with Jesus,
our Lord and Savior, that He may
grant us the vision to see and
appreciate the beauty of God's
creation. Help us by your prayers to
place our faith so completely in Him
that He may free us from any
blindness of body and spirit. Help us
by your example to see with the eyes
of Christ, to think with the mind of
Christ, and to love with the heart of
Christ. Amen

77 - St. Lucy

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 Saviour, petition
these Blessings of which I
stand in greatest need.
Shower upon me your
promised Roses of Virtue
and Grace, dear St. Therese,
so that swiftly advancing in
sanctity and in perfect love
of neighbor, I may someday
receive the Crown of Life
Eternal. Amen.

78 - St. Therese

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PRAYER TO SAINT RITA

O God, in your infinite mercy you looked with love on your faithful servant Rita and granted through her intercession that which is beyond the power of mankind and the wisdom of this world. Through that love which bound Saint Rita to you turn to us in mercy and aid us in our difficulties. Grant that all may come to know that you alone are the reward of the humble, the protection of the abandoned, and the strength of all those who trust in you.

79 - St. Rita

Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and mares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

80 - St. Michael

My stay on earth is over,
Jesus has called me Home.
Our Blessed Mother was there to meet me,
No more on earth shall I roam.

I am with the Angels in Paradise,
Where lasting happiness abides.
I kiss the precious Golden Key
That opens Heaven's door to Eternity.

My prayers will always be with you
To help you on Life's journey.
Just call on me when needing help,
I'll give your plea to Jesus myself.

When your earthly life is over,
And Jesus calls you Home,
I'll be there to welcome you -
What bliss to see you come!

81 - A Message from Heaven

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.
A time to be born and a time to die.
A time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted.
A time to kill, and a time to heal.
A time to break down, and a time to build up.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh.
A time to mourn, and a time to dance.
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together.
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.
A time to get and a time to lose.
A time to keep and a time to cast away.
A time to rend and a time to sew.
A time to keep silence and a time to speak.
A time to love and a time to hate.
A time of war and a time of peace.
ECCLESIASTES 3: 1-8

82 - A Time

Angel of God
My guardian dear,
To whom His love
commits me here,
Ever this day be at
my side,
To light and guard,
To rule and guide.

83 - Angel of God

God saw you were getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So he put his arms around you
And whispered, "Come to Me."

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

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

84 - Come to Me

FAITH

Give me the faith that asks not why
I shall know God's plan by and by.
Give me the faith that looks at pain
and says it will be all right again,
in Time or in Eternity.

Give me the faith that holds God's hand
When things are hard to understand.
Give me the faith to face my life
With all its pain and wrong and strife.

And then with the day's setting sun
I'll close my eyes when life is done
My soul will go without a care
Knowing that God is waiting there.

85 - Faith

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

86 - Fill Not Your Hearts

GOD'S GARDEN

God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough,
And the hills were hard to climb,
So he closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered, "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

87 - God's Garden

GOD'S LENT CHILD

"I'll lend you for a little while, a child of mine," God said - "For you to love while he lives. And mourn for when he's dead. It may be one or two years or sixteen; but will you, till I call him back, take care of him for me? He'll bring his charms to gladden you and (should his stay be brief) - you'll have his lovely memories as a solace for your grief. I cannot promise he will stay, since ALL from earth return; but there are lessons taught below I want this child to learn. I've looked the whole world over in search for teacher's true; and from the things that crowd life's lane - I have chosen you. Will you give him all your love? Not think the labor vain? Nor hate me when I come to take this lent child back again?" I fancied that I heard them say, "Dear Lord, Thy will be done. For joys Thy child will bring the risk of grief we'll run. We will shelter him with tenderness, we'll love him while we may - and for the happiness we've known, forever grateful stay. But should Thy angels call for him much sooner than we've planned, we'll brave the grief that comes and try to understand."

88 - God's Lent Child

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!

89 - I Said a Prayer for You Today

IF YOU COULD SEE ME NOW

Our prayers have all been answered.
I've finally arrived.
The healing that had been delayed
has now been realized.
No one's in a hurry -
There's no schedule to keep -
We're all enjoying Jesus,
just sitting at his feet.

If you could see me now...
I'm walking streets of gold.
If you could see me now...
I'm standing strong and whole.
If you could see me now...
You'd know I've seen his face.
If you could see me now...
You'd know the pains erased.
You wouldn't want me to ever
leave this place...
If you could see me now.

90 - If You Could See Me Now

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I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid, you see
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I've found that peace at the close of the day
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch
Perhaps my time seemed all to brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now, HE SET ME FREE

91 - I'm Free

MISS ME - BUT LET ME GO

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

92 - Miss Me-But Let Me Go

Missing You

A million times I miss you
A million times I will cry
If love alone could
have saved you,
You would have never died.
In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still;
In my heart you hold a place
No other one can fill.
The Golden gates stood open
God saw you needed rest.
He gently took you to a life
Of peace and happiness.

93 - Missing You

A million times we have needed you.
A million times we have cried.
If love alone would have saved you.
You never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly.
In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place
No one - can ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you,
But you did not go alone.
A part of me went with you
The day God called you home.
Your precious memory is my keepsake
With which I'll never part.
God has you safely in his keeping,
But I have you forever in my heart.

94 - Mother

No last farewells were spoken,
We did not say goodbye,
You were gone before we knew,
And only God knows why.
They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason,
Will change the way we feel.
For no one knows the heartache,
That lies behind our smiles,
No one knows how many times
We have broken down and cried.
Each time we look at your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
Don't be sad but courage take,
And love each other for my sake.
We'll hold you close within our hearts,
And there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives,
Until we meet again.
So rest in peace dear (NAME),
And thanks for all you've done,
We pray that God has given you
The crown you've truly won.
May God of love and mercy,
Care for dear (NAME) who has gone
And bless with consolation,
Those left to carry on.

95 - No Last Farewells

PRAYER to obtain the glorification of PADRE PIO

O Jesus, full of grace and charity,
victim for sinners, so impelled by
Your love for us that You willed to
die on the cross, I humbly
entreat Thee to glorify in heaven
and on earth, that servant of
God, Padre Pio of Pietrelcina,
who generously participated in
Your sufferings, who loved Thee
so much and laboured so
faithfully for the glory of Your
heavenly Father and for the good
of souls.
With confidence, I beseech Thee
to grant me, through his
intercession, the grace of . . .
which I ardently desire.

96 - Padre Pio Prayer

Ever-loving God, you called
Saint Katharine Drexel to teach
the message of the Gospel and
to bring the life of the Eucharist
to the African American and
Native American peoples.
By her prayers and example,
enable us to work for justice
among the poor and the
oppressed, and keep us
undivided in love in the
eucharistic community of your
Church.
Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your son, who lives
and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, forever
and ever.

97 - St. Katharine Drexel Prayer

Lovely Lady dressed in Blue,
Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little Boy,
Tell me what to say!
Did you lift him up, sometimes,
Gently, on your knee?
Did you sing to Him the way
Mother does to me?
Did you hold His hand at night?
Did you ever try
Telling stories of the world?
O! And did He cry?
Do you really think He cares
If I tell him things -
Little things that happen?
And do the Angels' wings
Make a noise? And can He hear
Me if I speak low?
Does he understand me now?
Tell me for you know?
Lovely Lady dressed in blue,
Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little Boy.
And you know the way.

98 - To Our Lady

TO THOSE I LOVE

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

99 - To Those I Love

Death is nothing at all - I have only
slipped away into the next room.
Whatever we were to each, that we are
still. Call me by my old familiar name,
speak to me in the easy way which you
always used. Laugh as we always laughed
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be the household word
that it always was. Let it be spoken
without effort. Life means all that it
ever meant. It is the same as it ever was;
there is absolutely unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of your mind
because I am out of your sight? I am but
waiting for you, for an interval,
somewhere very near just around the
corner. All is well. Nothing is past;
nothing is lost. One brief moment and
all will be as it was before - only better,
infinitely happier and for ever - we will
all be one together with Christ.

100 - Togetherness

When I Come Home to Heaven

When I come home to Heaven
How joyful it will be!
For on that day at last
My risen Lord I'll see.
No greater happiness than
To see Him face to face,
To see the love in His eyes
And feel His warm embrace.
I've done nothing to deserve
That perfect home above.
It was given freely through
The grace of Jesus' love.
Then why should earthly cares
Weigh down upon me so?
They'll be a distant memory
When home at last I go.

101 - When I Come Home To Heaven

You never said I'm leaving.
You never said Goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
And God only knows why.
A million times we needed you,
A million times we've cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a special place
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