

Psalm 121

I will lift 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 nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy 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.

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.

A Light Is...FATHER

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.

A Light Is...MOTHER

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 mother –
A mother 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 mother's place.
May the choirs of the Angels receive
you and may you have rest and
peace everlasting. Amen.

****Afterglow****

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

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.

From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church,
The communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

The Beatitudes

(Matt. 5:3 - 10)

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst
for righteousness for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
For they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted,
for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Bless this Little Child, Lord

Lord, look down from heaven above
And touch this special child with love,
Protect and guide this little one
Till each and every day is done.
Remind us often that it's true,
This little life is a gift from you.
A miracle You've sent our way!
Lord, bless this little child today.

Days Without End

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

Do Not Stand

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's gift of snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the autumn's gentle 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.

Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
rest, if you must, but don't you quit.
Life is queer with its twists and turns,
as everyone of us sometimes learns,
and many a failure turns about
when he might have won had he stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow --
You may succeed with another blow.
Success is failure turned inside out
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit --
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

Fireman's Prayer

Almighty God, Protector of all Mankind,
Your strength, power, and wisdom are a beacon of light to all men:
Give special guidance to Firemen and Firefighters so that we may be protected
from harm while performing our duty.
Help me with Your loving care while I work to save the lives and property
of all people young and old.
Give me the courage, the alertness to protect my neighbors and all others
whom I am pledge, to aid when involved in a fire or accident.
Amen.

****Footprints****

One night a man had a dream.
He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD.
Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.
For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;
one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD.
When the last scene of his life flashed before him,
he looked back at the footprints in the sand.
He noticed that many times along the path of his life
there was only one set of footprints.
He also noticed that it happened
at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.
This really bothered him, and he questioned the LORD about it.
"LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you,
you'd walk with me all the way.
But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life,
there is only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why when I needed you the most you would leave me."
The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child,
I love you and 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."

Footsteps

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

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
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.

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.

Gospel of John

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

John 14: 1-3

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.

****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.

Amen.

You Loved Her

Father we entrust our sister to your mercy.
You loved her greatly in this life: now that she is freed from all its cares,
give her happiness and peace 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.

You Loved Him

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 for ever and ever.

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.

Memorare

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

Amen.

The Miracle of Friendship

There's a Miracle called "Friendship" that dwells within the heart,
And you don't know how it happens
or when it gets its start . . .
But the happiness it brings you always gives a special lift,
And you realize that "Friendship" is God's most precious gift!

Music

Music has moments of rapturous sound
And intervals of rest.
It thrills the heart with its majesty
And soothes it when suppressed.
Life too has ringing, throbbing tones
And muted, silent keys,
Yet both are merged at the Master's touch
Into living symphonies.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit,
He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day, He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son, He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

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 despairing
in body and spirit.

O' Gentlest Heart

O gentlest heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament,
ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls,
have mercy on the soul of thy departed servant.
Be not severe in Thy 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.
Merciful Jesus grant eternal rest.

Amen.

****Perhaps****

Perhaps you sent a lovely card
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke
the kindest words
As any friends could say,
Perhaps you were
not there at all,
Just thought of us this day.
Whatever you did,
Whatever your part,
We prayerfully thank you for consoling our hearts.

Poem for Thy Living

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

Police Officer's Prayer

O Almighty God whose great power and
eternal wisdom embrace the universe,
watch overall Policemen and 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

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

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

Amen.

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.

Roman Ritual

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis 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,
and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Taps

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hill,
From the sky.
All is well, safely rest
God is nigh.
Thanks and praise,
for our days,
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars,
'Neath the sky.
As we go, this we know,
God is nigh.

Amen.

The Serenity

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

****Walk in Sunshine****

May you always walk in sunshine
and God's love around you flow,
for the happiness you gave us;
no one will ever know.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone;
a part of us went with you;
the day God called you home.
A million times we've needed you.
A million times we've cried.
If love could only have saved you,
You never would have died.
"We never lose those we give to God".

St. Augustine

We Give Them Back

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 evermore.

We Sat...FATHER / MOTHER

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 behind some aching hearts,
 That loved you most sincere.
We never shall and never will
Forget you FATHER / MOTHER dear.

When I Must Leave

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

Your Gentle Face

Your gentle face and patient smile.
With sadness we recall
You had a kindly word for each
And died beloved by all.
The voice is mute and stilled the heart
That loved us well and true.
Ah, bitter was the trial to part
From one so good as you.
You are not forgotten loved one
Nor will you ever be
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes by, we miss you more,
Your loving smile, your gentle face
No one can fill your vacant place.