

### **The Twenty - Third Psalm**

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

### **Our Father**

*O 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.*

### **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*

### **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.*

### **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.  
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.*

### **Eternal Rest**

*Eternal rest grant unto her,  
O Lord and let perpetual  
light Shine upon her.  
Amen*

### **May the Angels Lead You Into Paradise**

*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.*

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

### **M e m o r a r e**

*Remember, O most gracious  
Virgin Mary, that never was  
it known that anyone who  
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.*

### **God the Creator**

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

### **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 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.*

### **Do Not Stand at my Grave and Weep**

*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 star that shines  
at night.*

*Do not stand at my grave and  
cry.*

*I am not there; I did not die.*

### **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.*

## **Gospel Of John**

*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 you may be also.*

## **Let Us Pray**

O God, to whom it belongeth  
always to show mercy and to  
spare, we humbly beseech  
Thee for the soul of Thy  
servant whom Thou hast  
called out of this world, that  
Thou deliver him not into the  
hands of the enemy, nor  
forget him forever; but  
command that he be received  
by Thy holy angels and taken  
to Paradise his true Country,  
and that as he hath believed  
and hoped in Thee, he may  
not suffer the pains of hell,  
but have joy everlasting.

Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **When You're Alone**

*When you're alone with Jesus  
And he sweetly smiles on  
thee,  
Will you gently whisper to  
Him  
A little prayer for me?  
And when I'm alone with  
Jesus  
And all else is hid from view,  
I'll gently drop into His heart  
A little prayer for you.*

## **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.*

## **Afterglow**

*I'd like the memory of me to  
be a happy one, I'd like to  
leave an afterglow of smiles  
when day is gone. 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.*

## **Children's Prayer**

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

### **Angel of God**

*Angel of God  
My guardian dear,  
To whom God's love  
Draws me near,  
Ever this day  
Be at my side,  
To light and guard,  
To rule and guide.*

*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:  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever.*

*Amen.*

### **A Bridge Called Love**

*It takes us back to brighter  
years,  
to happier sunlit days and to  
precious  
moments that will be with us  
always.  
And these fond recollections  
are treasured in the heart  
to bring us always close to  
those  
from whom we had to part.  
There is a bridge of  
memories  
from earth to Heaven above.  
It keeps our dear ones near  
us,  
it's the bridge that we call  
love.*

### **God's Heavenly Garden**

*Sometimes God picks the  
flower that is still in full  
bloom; Sometimes the  
rosebud's chosen that we feel  
He's picked too soon.  
Sometimes the flower is  
fading with petals floating  
down, but God knows the  
perfect time to gather flowers  
from the ground. There is a  
heavenly garden in which  
God takes great pleasure  
Because He's placed within it  
The loved ones that we  
treasure. He walks among  
the blossoms giving them  
eternal rest and I know that it  
must please Him because He  
chose our very best.*

### **Home Above**

*We feel so sad when those we  
love  
Are called to live in the home  
above,  
But why should we grieve  
when they say good-bye  
And go to live in a cloudless  
sky?  
For they have but gone to  
prepare the way,  
And we'll meet them again  
some happy day,  
For God has told us that  
nothing can sever  
A life He created to live  
forever.  
So let God's promise soften  
our sorrow  
And give us new strength for  
a brighter tomorrow.*

### **I Shall Not Die**

*Remember me in quiet days  
when raindrops whisper on  
your pane, but in your  
memories, have not grief.  
Just let the joy we knew  
remain.  
Remember me when evening  
stars look down on you with  
steadfast eyes. Remember me  
if once you wake to catch a  
glimpse of a red sunrise.  
And when your thoughts do  
turn to me know that I would  
not have you cry. But live for  
me and laugh for me, for  
when you are happy, so am I.  
Remember an old joke we  
shared. Remember me when  
spring walks by. Think of me  
when you are glad,  
and while you live, I shall not  
die.*

### ***In The Hands Of God***

*When death brings weeping  
And hearts are filled with  
sorrow,  
It beckons us to seek God  
as we ask about tomorrow.  
And in those hours of heart-  
hurt we draw closer to  
believing that even death, in  
God's hands, is not a time for  
grieving. But a time for joy  
in knowing death is just a  
steppingstone to a life that's  
everlasting; such as we have  
never known.*

### ***Today***

*Today you went home with  
Jesus, walked hand in hand  
through heaven's gate.  
You are still with each of us,  
In our hearts your memory  
waits. To remind us with  
each new day, our life's are  
touched by your love,  
You're not really far away,  
Waiting for us in heaven  
above someday when Jesus  
calls our name, one by one  
we'll meet again,  
We'll walk hand in hand the  
same, meeting you at the gate  
to heaven. When we miss you  
and need to visit,  
We'll go to the garden and  
wait. So we can feel your  
spirit just beyond the garden  
gate.*

### ***When Curtain Falls***

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

### ***Memories***

*She danced through our lives,  
Leaving traces of her smile  
and her sparkling eyes  
everywhere...  
Her laughter echoes through  
our thoughts and dreams  
everywhere...  
Some times we reach out to  
hug and to touch a memory.  
Our love for her is never  
ending,  
But has been placed in a  
special part of our hearts.*

### ***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's  
quicker, for some the  
journey's slow. And when the  
journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward  
And find an everlasting  
peace, together with the  
Lord.*

### ***You Are Not Forgotten***

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

### ***You Never Walk Alone***

*You never walk alone my friend though you may think you do. For in your sorrow and despair God always walks with you. There is no hour, no passing day he is not by your side. And though unseen He is still there to be your friend and guide. Whenever you think you walk alone Reach out and you will find, The hand of God to show the way and bring you peace of mind*

### ***Eternal Life***

*It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. in giving, that we receive and in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

### ***John 3:16***

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

### ***A Mother/Father Gone***

*Gone is a mother/father loved by all,  
His/Her soul is now at rest.  
He'll/She'll sleep in peace his/her work is done.  
A father's/mother's work is the best.  
He'll/She'll know the joy of perfect rest  
In heaven up above,  
Where he/she may dwell contentedly  
Protected by God's love.  
Our hearts may grieve that he/she must lie  
Beneath the sacred sod,  
And yet we know that he/she lives in peace  
Within the house of God.*

### ***Character***

*A (lady/man) of Great Character whose judgment, humor and friendly spirit brought out the finest in those around (him/her). The influence of (his/her) life upon others is a flame that will burn brightly forever. (He/She) left so much good with every soul (he/she) touched on this earth.*

### ***Footprints***

*One night I had a dream. I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to me, and the other to the LORD when the last scene of my life flashed before me, 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 in my life. This really bothered me and I 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."*

### ***I'm Free***

*Don't grieve for me, for now  
I'm free I'm following the  
path God laid for me. I took  
His hand when I heard Him  
call; I turned my back and  
left it all. I could not stay  
another day, To laugh, to  
love, to work or play. Tasks  
left undone, must stay that  
way; I found that peace at  
close of day. If my parting  
has left a void, then fill it with  
remembered joy. A friendship  
shared, a laugh, a kiss; Ah,  
yes, these things, I too will  
miss. Be not burdened with  
times of sorrow, I wish you  
sunshine for 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  
with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share  
with me, God wanted me  
now, He set me free.*

### ***He's just a prayer away***

*Jesus is just a prayer away.  
He's always close at hand  
To help us through  
The trying times,  
To help us understand  
That life is not all roses,  
There are thorns along the  
way. But He's as near as He  
can be...  
For He's just a prayer away!*

### ***Miss Me But Let Me Go***

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for  
me I want no rites in a  
gloom-filled room. Why cry  
for a soul set free? Miss me  
a little--but not too long and  
not with your head bowed  
low. Remember the love that  
we once shared miss me--but  
let me go. For this 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.*

### ***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.*

### ***God's Promise***

*God has not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through;  
God has not promised sun  
without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.*

*But God has promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light for the way,  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy,  
Undying love.*

### ***Corinthians 13***

*Love is kind,  
Love never fails,  
Faith, Hope, and Love  
But the greatest of these is  
love.*

### **Closing of the Day**

*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 a peace at the  
last.*

### **T A P S**

*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.*

### **Stars and Stripes**

*The Stars and Stripes, they  
flew forever always in his  
heart.  
He was loyal to his nation  
and bravely did his part.  
Always thinking of his  
brother ever in his mind.  
He stood for love of country  
and most of all mankind.  
Now gazing down with his  
Master through a light and  
heavenly cloud,  
He's still looking out for us of  
whom he is so proud.*

### **Fisherman/ Hunter**

*I see him in the early dawn,  
that big smile on his face,  
with rod and reel and tackle  
box, heading for his special  
place.  
Or gathering his gun and that  
old dog, down the road  
they'd go.  
The joy he got from those  
short trips was more than we  
will ever know.  
He's come home now, as sun  
sets west, with that same big  
smile on his face. He's  
landed the big one, the very  
best...And heaven is now his  
special place.*