GOD'S PROMISE

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. . .

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 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 shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

PSALM 121

I will lift up mine eyes to 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 they soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.

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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

AVÉ MARIA

Avé Maria, cheia de graça, o Senhor é convosco. Bendita sois vós entre as mulheres bendito é o fruto do vosso ventre, Jesus.

Santa Maria, mãe de Deus, rogai por nós, pecadores, agora e na hora da nossa morte. Amen

ANGELS INTO PARADISE (SHORT VERSION)

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

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

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

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; and its in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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 for ever I the joy of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

GOD SAW YOU GETTING TIRED

God saw you 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.

ECCLESIASTES

For everything there is an appointed season, And a time for everything under heaven-A time for sowing. a time for reaping; A time for sharing, a time for caring. A time for loving, a time for giving; A time for remembering, a time for parting. You have made everything beautiful in its time For everything You do remains forever

CROSSING THE BAR

Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning of the bar when I put out to sea But such a tide as moving seems asleep, Too full for sound or 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 so sadness of farewell when I embark For though from out our bourne of time and place the flood may bear me far I hope to see my pilot face to face When I have crossed the bar -Alfred Tennyson

BLESSED SACRAMENT

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 should 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 Saviors send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light, and 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 intersession 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

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

LITTLE ANGELS

Little Angels more beautiful to view. When God calls little children to dwell with Him above. We mortals sometimes question the wisdom of His love. For no heartache companies with the death of one small child. Who does so much to make our world seem wonderful and mild. Perhaps God's time of calling the aged to His fold, so He picks a rosebud before it can grow old. God knows how much we need them. and so He takes but few to make the land of Heaven. 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.

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 happy that we had so many years. I gave 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's time I traveled on alone. So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must, Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a little while 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 of my love around you soft and clear. And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and "welcome home."

WE COMMEND OUR DEPARTED

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 prayers 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.

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 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.

I AM HOME IN HEAVEN

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. There is work still waiting for you. So you must not idly stand; Do it now, while life remaineth -You shall rest in God's own 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!

O GENTLEST HEART

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RESURRECTION PRAYER

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SERENITY PRAYER

God grand 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.

LIFE IS BUT A STOPPING PLACE

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

GOD'S GARDEN

God looked around the garden and saw an empty space. 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 for He only takes the best.

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 did not go alone;

For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

FOOTPRINTS (abridged)

A man dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. He noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; his and the Lord's. But he also noticed that at the very lowest and saddest times in his life there was only one set of footprints. This bothered him and he asked, "Lord, why was there only one set of footprints during the most troublesome times in my life? Why would you leave me 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, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

AN IRISH BLESSING

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

ANGELS INTO PARADISE (LONG VERSION)

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Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph!
Assist me in my last agony.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph!
May I breath forth my soul in peace
with you. Jesus, Mary and Joseph!
I give you my heart and soul.
Our Father. Hail Mary.

TRUST IN THE LORD

Trust in the LORD with all you heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

TAPS

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!

ORACAO

Duleissimo Coracao de Jesus que

permaneceis no Santissimo
Sacramento, abrazado de amor pelas
almas cativas do Purgatorio tende
piedade da alma do
vosso servo.
Nao sejais severo no Vosso
julgamento mas dignai-Vos derramar
algumas gota do Vosso Precioso
Sangue sobre as chamas devoradoras
do Purgatorio e permiti, Senhor, que
os Vossos anjos a
conduzam a mansao celeste.
Amen

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 sad at heart Go to the friends we know And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds Miss me - but let me go

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.