

T8His Promise

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
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 ...

T-601

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.

T602

Safely Home

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

T603

God's Garden

Must Be Beautiful

God looked around the garden,
And found an empty space.
He 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 knew that you were weary,
and He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
be well on earth again.
He saw the roads were getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids,
and whispered peace be thine.

T604

Togetherness

Death is nothing at all
I have only slipped away
Into the next room.
Whatever we were to each other,
That we are still.
Call me by my old familiar name,
Speak to me in the way
which you always used.
Laugh as we always laughed 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 was:
There is absolutely unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of your mind
because I am out of your 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 –only better,
Infinitely happier and forever
–We will all be one together with Christ.

T605

A Tribute To Mom ...

We couldn't begin
To count the times
She tolerated our moods,
Consoled our heartbreaks
And disappointments,
Endured our ups and downs,
Listened to words confused by tears
And just simply understood
For no other reason
Than because she loved us.
The years hold precious memories,
But most of all they hold growth.
In a way, we grew up together ...
Mom is our definition

Of a special person ...
Fantastic ...
Exceptional ...
Unique ...
Enduring!
She filled our lives with happiness
And sweet feelings that we will
Carry in our hearts forever.

T650

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 waiting yet.
Waiting, till we come to her,
Anxious if we are late,
Watching from heaven's window
Leaning from heaven's gate.

T651

The Best

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.

T680

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!

#T307

My Heart

If my heart wants to dance,
Then I want to dance
With my heart.
If my heart wants to sing
Then I want to sing with my heart.
It is the one component of me
That I cannot afford to be alienated from.
My wisdom lies in what I can feel
In my heart every single day
Of my life.

T682

Tomorrow

When tomorrow starts without me,
please try to understand,
That Jesus came and called my name
and took me by the hand.
And when I walked through
heaven's gates, I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me,
from His golden throne.
He said, "This is eternity
and all I've promised you.
Today your life on earth is past
and here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrows,
but today will always ask,

And since each day's the same,
there's no longing for the past.
You have been faithful,
so trusting and true,
Though there were times you did
some things you knew
you shouldn't do.
But you have been forgiven,
and now at last you're free,
So won't you take my hand
and share My life with me?"
So when tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.

T683

A Little While ...

Fill not your heart with pain and sorrow,
But remember me in every tomorrow ...
Remember the joy, the laughter,
the smiles,
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.
Because I will remember you all
And look on with a smile.
Understand in your hearts
I've only gone to rest a little while.

T684

An Old 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 the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you
in the palm of His hand.

T700

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,"
to Father and to friend.
Sweet memories remain of him,
ones that will not end.

T701

Her Love

Bring comfort to my heart I pray,
I've lost a dear, dear friend.
She understood and loved me,
With a love that will not end.
I'll carry it within me,
And give it all away.
To each of my own children,
As I live with them each day.
And when my years have been fulfilled,
My time on earth is gone,
The love she richly gave to me,
Will still be living on.

T702

The Loom Of Time

Man's life is laid in the loom of time
To a pattern he does not see,
While the weavers work and
the shuttles fly
Till the dawn of eternity.
Some shuttles are filled
with silver threads
And some with threads of gold,
While often but the darker hues
Are all that they may hold.
But the weaver watches with skillful eye
Each shuttle fly to and fro,
And sees the pattern so deftly wrought
As the loom moves sure and slow.

God surely planned the pattern:
Each thread, the dark and fair,
Is chosen by His master skill
And placed in the web with care.
He only knows its beauty,
And guides the shuttles which hold
The threads so unattractive,
As well as the threads of gold.
Not till each loom is silent,
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God reveal the pattern
And explain the reason why
The dark threads were as needful
In the weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
For the pattern which He planned.

T703

Mama

Her heartbeat was my very first sound,
Her kiss my first affection,
Her loving arms brought security,
Her instruction, clear direction.
I owe the person I've become
to her unselfish love.
There's comfort knowing she's not gone.
She lives with God above.

T704

Mother:

How I Will Miss You
From the moment I was conceived,
she prayed for me.
When I was born, she welcomed me.
Through my childhood years
she trained me.
With each success, she applauded me,
In the midst of my failures,
she believed in me.
I have known her love,
Benefited from her sacrifices,
Received her forgiveness,
How I will miss her!

T705

She Knew Me

My mother always knew
the me that others didn't know.
The deeper part of me
that thought and felt.
She knew where my belongings were,
the ones I couldn't find;
My socks, my keys, my wallet,
my favorite missing belt.
She knew just what I loved to eat
and when to make each dish.
The way she knew remains a mystery.
How did she sense my troubled times
and help with every hurt?
I truly had a mom who loved
and gave herself for me.
I'm grateful for the precious years
I've had and known her love.
Her memory will live
within my heart.
But God has called her to
His side to live forevermore.
I cannot hold her back.
I know my mother must depart.

T706

Should You Go First

Should you go first and I remain
To walk the road alone,
I'll live in memory's garden, dear,
With happy days we've known.
In Spring I'll wait for roses red,
When fades the lilac blue,
In early Fall, when brown leaves call
I'll catch a glimpse of you.
Should you go first and I remain
For battles to be fought,
Each thing you've touched along the way
Will be a hallowed spot.
I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile,
Though blindly I may grope,
The memory of your helping hand
Will buoy me on with hope.
Should you go first and I remain

To finish with the scroll,
No length'ning shadows shall creep in
To make this life seem droll.
We've known so much of happiness,
We've had our cup of joy,
And memory is one gift of God
That death cannot destroy.
Should you go first and I remain,
One thing I'd have you do:
Walk slowly down that long, one path,
For soon I'll follow you.
I'll want to know each step you take
That I may walk the same,
For some day down that lonely road
You'll hear me call your name.

-A.K. Rowswell

T707

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

T708

We Will Share Eternity

My mother is a treasure
that I carry in my heart,
Her memory is safely kept within.
All the love she spent on me
is held in sweet reserve;
Every kiss and every touch
and every precious grin.
I'll miss the many things she was,
the special things she did.
Each one will be remembered gratefully.
Though I will miss her through the years,
I'm comforted to know.
She's with her Lord.
We'll meet again and share eternity.
T709

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.
T712

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.
T713

Inspiring Goals

Victory
A life of accomplishments
Unique challenges
Inspiring goals for all
who follow in your steps
T714

Keepsakes of the Heart

A collection of your memories,
Precious times enjoyed together;
Keepsakes of the heart
That remain with us forever.
T715

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
T716

Petals of Her Life

As beautiful as a rose to see,
Was her life she lived so gracefully.
She made things precious by her touch,
Her selfless love lives on in each of us.
The petals of her life fell one by one,
Each a gift of her heart
till there were none.
Yet her radiance blooms once again
In fields of glory with no end.
T717

Sports Sunday

For all the lazy afternoons
You cheered on the home team
From your favorite chair,
And all the times you cheered us on,
We always strove to make you proud
Though your heroes were on the field
And on the screen,
You were our hero all along.
T718

The Highest Heights

To ascend the highest heights
It takes more than strength,
More than courage;
It takes drive and dedication
To the ones who mean the most...
If we have accomplished great things,
It is by our willingness to unconditionally love.

T719

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 colors of our lives do not fade
But grow brighter with every changing season

T720

Carried by the Wind

A uniqueness that could only come
from a Creator 's touch,
A life lived with simplicity of purpose
and unyielding strength,
From moment to moment,
All of life's needs were met with a peace
that surpasses all understanding,
And now to the heavens,
A life rises up like a leaf carried by the wind.

T721

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

T722

Goodbye Is Not Forever

When you lived your life for others
and you loved without condition
When you made so many laugh
and your smile won't be forgotten
When you left behind an empty place
that no one else can fill
When the friendships that you shared
long to be renewed
When you built your life on hope
and fulfilled it every day
The footprints that you left behind
will bring us face to face
So, goodbye is not forever,
You're only steps away

T723

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

T724

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.

T725

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.

T726

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.

T727

Nature's Beauty

Consider the trees and how easily
They let go of the season's bounty...
How with simple grace and elegance
They share their natural warmth
and beauty.

T728

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.

T729

After Glow

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

T730

The Chain

We knew little that morning
That God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly.
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
That day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide:
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one
The chain will link again.

T731

Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God
Wherever flames may rage
Give me the 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 their property
And if according to your will
I have to lose my life
Please bless with your protecting hand
My children and my wife

T732

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 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 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 most
you would leave me."

The Lord replied: "My son, my 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."

-Author Unknown

T734

Do Not Stand At My Grave

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 glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you wake in the morning hush;
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft starlight at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.

I am not there, I did not die.

-Anonymous

T737

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 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
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life has been full, I've savored much
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me free!

T738

Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the day
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 we once shared –
Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Maker's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows
In doing good deeds –
Miss me, but let me go.
T739

When We Are Gone

When we are gone, and people weep
for us and grieve, let it be because we
touched their lives with beauty and
simplicity. Let it not be said that life
was good to us, but, rather, we were
good to life.
-Jacob P. Rudin
T740

If Death should beckon me with
outstretched hand and whisper softly
of "An Unknown Land";
I shall not be afraid to go.
For though the path I do not know,
I will take Death's Hand without fear,
for He who safely brought me here
will also take me safely back
And though in many things I lack,
He will not let me go alone into the
"Valley That's Unknown"...
So I reach out and take Death's Hand
and journey to the "Promised Land".
#T302

Another leaf has fallen,
another soul has gone.
But still we have God's promises,
in every robin's song.
For He's in His Heaven,
and though He takes away.
He always leaves to mortals,
the bright sun's kindly ray.
He leaves the fragrant blossoms,
and lovely forests green.
And gives us new found comfort,
when we on Him will lean.
#T305

We'll always Remember

That special smile
That caring heart
That warm embrace
You always gave us.
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 no one
to replace you in our hearts.
And the love we will always
have for you.
#T306

My brothers and friends, you have heard the tolling of eleven strokes. This is to remind us that with the Elks the hour eleven has a tender significance.

Wherever an elk may roam, whatever his lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass him by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message, "To our absent brothers."

#T300

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 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's time I traveled on
alone.
So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must,
then let your grief be comforted by trust,
It's only for a time that we must part,
so bless the memories within you heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on,
Though you can't see or touch me,
I'll be near. 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 "

#T311

Love Lives On

Those we love remain with us
for love itself lives on,
And cherished memories never fade
Because a love one's gone...
Those we love can never be
more than a thought apart
For as long as there is memory,
They'll live on in the heart.

#T323

God has created me to do him some definite service. He has committed some work to me, which He has not committed to another. I have my mission —I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection, between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do his work, I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own pace while not intending it —If I do but keep His Commandments. Therefore I will trust him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain.

HE KNOWS WHAT HE IS ABOUT.

He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me —

STILL HE KNOWS WHAT HE IS ABOUT.

-Henry Cardinal Newman

#T326

When I am dead pray for me a little,
think of me sometimes, but not too much.
It is not good for you 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
#T329

God hath not promised
Skies always blue.
Flowers 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.
#T331

At the rising of the sun
and it's going down,
WE REMEMBER THEM.
At the blowing of the wind
and in the chill of winter,
WE REMEMBER THEM.
In the opening of the buds
and in the rebirth of the spring,
WE REMEMBER THEM.
At the blueness of the skies
and in the warmth of summer,
WE REMEMBER THEM.
At the rustling of the leaves
and the beauty of autumn,

WE REMEMBER THEM.
As long as we live, they too will live;
for they are now a part of us,
As we remember them.
#T332

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,
for 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!
#T336

“To laugh often and much; to win the
respect of intelligent people and the
affection of children; to earn the
appreciation of honest critics and endure
the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate
beauty; to find the best in others; to
leave the world a bit better whether by
healthy child, a garden patch, or a
redeemed social condition; to know even
one life has breathed easier because you
have lived. This is to have succeeded ”
-Ralph Waldo Emerson
#T343

There's a legend of a teardrop that rolled down a cheek one day, and it fell upon a tombstone where a family had gone to pray. And it sparkled like a diamond as it ventured toward the sod, and its brilliance was so startling that it caught the eye of God.

That teardrop, born of sorrow for mother who had died, was shed in grief and sadness by her children who had cried.

But it had a special meaning to the Father up above, for that teardrop was just loaded with all her children's love.

In its loving sparkling brilliance God recalled the teardrop home, and he showed the mother, who no more on earth would roam.

Then God took that brilliant teardrop shed in love on earth afar, and he placed it in the heavens with His brightest morning star.

So when you look into the heavens where ten million stars are spread, you may see a lovely teardrop that in sorrow you have shed.

#T344

PRAYERS

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 hid from view,
I'll gently drop into His heart
a little prayer for you.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, my Jesus,
Mercy O sacred heart of Jesus,
I place my trust in thee.

T711

Serenity Prayer

God, grant me
The serenity to accept
the things I cannot change
Courage to change the things I can
And the wisdom
to know the difference.

T733

Marines Prayer

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones and Thee without shame or fear.

Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance.

Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me.

Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith;
if I am tempted, make me strong to resist;
if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again. Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.

AMEN

T735

Policeman's Prayer

When I started my tour of duty, God
Wherever crime may be,
As I walk the darkened streets alone,
Let me be close to thee.
Please give me understanding
With both young and old.
Let me listen with attention
Until their story's told.
Let me never make a judgment
In a rash or callous way,
But let me hold my patience
Let each man have his say.
Lord, if some dark and dreary night,
I must give my life,
Lord, with your everlasting love
Protect my children and my wife.

T736

This one thing I ask of you,
that wherever you may be,
you will always remember
me at the Altar of God.

-St. Monica

#T300

O you whom I have loved so much
on earth, pray for me and live in
such a manner that we may be
re-united for ever in a Blessed Eternity.

-St. Bonaventure

#T301

A bud the Gardener gave us a pure and
lovely child. He gave it to our keeping,
to cherish undefiled.
But just as it was opening, to the glory of
the day, down came the Heavenly
Gardener, and took our bud away.
O sweetest little angel pray for us and
through thy prayers intercede to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus that through His
burning heart of love He may lead us

through this life and help us overcome
the temptations which befall us.

“Sweet Heart of Jesus, I implore that I
may Love Thee more and more.”

“My Jesus, for Thee I live; My Jesus for
Thee I die; My Jesus I am Thine in life
and death.”

#T304

Prayer for all 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.

#T309

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 a horizon is nothing
save the limit of our sight.
Lift us up, O God, that our sight
may see further. Cleanse our eyes,
that we may see more clearly
And while you prepare the place
for this departed soul, prepare us
also for that happy place, that we may be
with you, and with those we love,
forever. Amen.

#T310

Prayer for a Gracious Lady

Dear Lord, a lovely lady left her earthly home tonight; gaily taking the upper path that leads to You and light. She will be a little lonely, and a little weary too, and she may not know just how to turn when heaven comes into view. So it would be a very kindly thing to send the Little Flower to meet her on the pathway and lead her to her bower. And may she have a garden, it matters not how small, with larkspur for the summer and asters for the fall. And would your Mother Mary drop in some day for tea, and chat in woman fashion, each had a son You see. And may it be Your gracious Will, when she lies down to rest, to send her dreams of her homefolks, of those she loved the best. If you could do these things, dear Lord, it would ease us in our plight, for she was a gracious lady, who went Home to You this night.

#T312

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.

#T313

Hail Mary

Hail Mary full of grace
the Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou among woman,
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.

#T314

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 servant and bring Thy servant far from the shadows of exile to the bright home of heaven, where we trust Thou and Thy Blessed Mother have woven a crown of unending bliss.

Amen.

#T315

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

#T318

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

#T319

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.

#T320

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.

#T321

Prayer

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.

#T324

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.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate!

Despise not my petitions, but, in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

#T325

Blessed are the poor in spirit;
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn;
for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek;
for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst
after righteousness;
for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful;
for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart;
for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be
called children of God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for
righteousness 'sake; for theirs is the king-
dom of heaven.
Blessed are ye, when men affront you, and
persecute you, and shall say all manners of
evil against you falsely, for my sake.
Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is
your reward in heaven: for so persecuted
they the prophets which were before you.

#T322

The Suscipe of Mother Catherine McAuley

My God, I am Thine for time and
eternity. Teach me to cast myself entirely
into the arms of Thy loving Providence
with the most lively unlimited confidence
in Thy compassionate tender pity.

Grant me, most merciful Redeemer, that
whatever Thou dost ordain or permit may
be acceptable to me. Take from my heart
all painful anxiety; suffer nothing to
sadden me but sin; nothing to delight me
but the hope of coming to the possession
of Thee, my God and my All, in Thine
everlasting Kingdom. Amen.

#T327

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.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen

#T328

May he who rose again from the dead,
Christ our true God; through the
intercessions of His all-immaculate
Mother; of the holy, 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 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.

#T334

With the Saints give rest, O Christ, to
the soul of Thy servant, where sickness
and sorrow are no more, neither sighing,
but life everlasting. Whither we mortals
all shall go making our funeral dirge the
hymn: Alleluia. Memory Eternal.

#T335

O most amiable Protector, St. 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 the esteem, in which you are continuously held throughout the world, and all the miracles with which you have filled the church even to the benefit of 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.

#T338

“Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and 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.”

-St. Francis of Assisi

#T339

Prayer to St. Theresa

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.

#T340

Prayer to St. Joseph

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, place in you all my interest and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine foster -Son all spiritual blessings, though 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; 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.

#T341

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 servant 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 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 maxima.

#T342

There is a world above,
where parting is unknown.
A whole eternity of love,
form'd for the good alone:
And faith beholds the dying here
translated to that happier sphere.
The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

#T345

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 will dwell in the house of the LORD
Forever.

T431

Psalm 73:25

Whom have I in heaven but Thee?
and there is none upon earth that
I desire beside Thee.
-KJV

T435

Psalm 73:26

My flesh and my heart fail;
But God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.
-NKJV

T436

Psalm 119:89

For ever, O LORD,
Thy Word is settled in heaven.
-KJV

T440

Psalm 121:1

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.

T441

Psalm 139:9-10

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
If I settle on the far side of the sea,
Even there your hand will guide me,
Your right hand will hold me fast.

T442

Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the Lord
Shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up with wings
as eagles,
They shall run, and not be weary;
And they shall walk, and not faint.

T443

Matthew 5:14-16

Ye are the light of the world,
 A city on a hill that 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.

-KJV

T499

Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men,
 that they may see your good works,
 and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

-KJV

#T500

Matthew 6:9-13

After this manner therefore pray ye:
 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.

-KJV

#T501

Matthew 6:9-13

Pray, then, in this way:
 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 debts,
 As we also have forgiven our debtors.
 And do not lead us into temptation,
 But deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom,
 And the power, and the glory,
 Forever. Amen.

-NAS

#T502

Matthew 6:20-21

But lay up for yourselves
 treasures in heaven,
 where neither moth
 nor rust doth corrupt,
 and where thieves do not
 break through nor steal:
 For where your treasure is,
 there will your heart be also.

-KJV

#T503

Matthew 7:7-8

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.

-KJV

T504

Matthew 7:21-23

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

-KJV

T505

Matthew 10:32

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

-KJV

T506

Matthew 12:50

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

-KJV

T507

Matthew 16:19

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

-KJV

T508

Matthew 18:10

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold

the face of my Father which is in heaven.

-KJV

T509

Matthew 18:10

Beware that you don't look down upon a single one of these little children. For I tell you that in heaven their angels have constant access to my Father.

-TLB

T510

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.

-KJV

T511

Matthew 23:9

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

-KJV

T512

Mark 10:21

Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

-KJV

T515

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.

-KJV

T517

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.

-KJV

T518

John 5:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that heareth my word, and believeth
in Him that sent me, hath everlasting
life, and shall not come into
condemnation; but is passed from death
unto life.

T520

John 11:25-26

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection,
and the life: he that believeth in me,
though he were dead, yet shall he live:
and whosoever liveth and believeth in
me shall never die.

T521

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 truth.

It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always preserves.

Love never fails.

T525

II Corinthians 5:8

We are confident, I say, and willing
rather to be absent from the body,
and to be present with the Lord.

-KJV

T530

Galatians 5:22-23

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
longsuffering, gentleness, goodness,
faith, meekness, temperance:
against such there is no law.

T535

Ephesians 1:10-12

That in the dispensation of the fullness
of times he might gather together in one
all things in Christ, both which are in
heaven, and which are on earth; even in
Him: in whom also we have obtained an
inheritance, being predestinated
according to the purpose of Him who
worketh all things after the counsel of
his own will: that we should be to the
praise of His glory, who first trusted
in Christ.

-KJV

T5400

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.

-KJV

T545

Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven,
from which we also eagerly wait
for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
who will transform our lowly body
that it may be conformed to
His glorious body, according to
the working by which
He is able even to subdue
all things to Himself.

-NKJV

T546

Colossians 1:5

For the hope which is laid up for you in
heaven, whereof ye heard before in the
word of the truth of the gospel;

-KJV

T550

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.

-KJV

T551

2 Timothy 1:10

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

T560

Hebrews 10:34-39

For you had compassion on me in my
chains, and joyfully accepted the
plundering of your goods, knowing that
you have a better and an enduring

possession for yourselves in heaven.

Therefore do not cast away your
confidence, which has great reward.

For you have need of endurance, so that
after you have done the will of God,

you may receive the promise: For yet a
little while, and He who is coming will
come and will not tarry. Now the just

shall live by faith; but if anyone draws
back, my soul has no pleasure in him.

But we are not of those who draw back to
perdition, but of those who believe to
the saving of the soul.

-NKJV

T565

1 Peter 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according
to his abundant mercy hath begotten us
again unto a lively hope by the

resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
To an inheritance incorruptible, and
undefiled, and that fadeth not away,
reserved in heaven for you.

-KJV

T570

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great
mercy we have been born anew to a
living hope through the resurrection of
Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an
inheritance which is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven
for you, who by God's power are
guarded through faith for a salvation
ready to be revealed in the last time.

-RSV

T571

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, heard I saying, Blessing, and
honour, and glory, and power, be unto
Him that sitteth upon the throne, and
unto the Lamb forever and ever.

-KJV

T589

Revelation 19:1

And after these things I heard a great
voice of much people in heaven, saying,
Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and
honour, and power, unto the Lord our
God.

-KJV

T590

Romans 14:7-8

None of us lives to himself,
and none of us dies to himself.

If we live to the Lord
and if we die to the Lord:
so then whether we live
or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.

#T333

John 14:1-3,27

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.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give
unto you; not as the world giveth, give I
unto you. Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.

#T316

St. 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.

#T317

A Psalm of Praise

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.

#T330

Mansion Over The Hilltop

I've got a mansion
just over the hilltop
in that bright land
that will never grow old.
And someday yonder
I will never more wander
but walk the streets
of purest gold.
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.

-John 14:2

T801

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Thro 'the storm, thro 'the night,
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

T802

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river
attendeth my way,
When sorrows like seabillows roll;
Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, It is well with my soul.
Though Satan should buffet,
tho 'trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded
my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood
for my soul.
It is well, It is well with my soul.
My sin, the bliss
of this glorious thought,
My sin not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross
and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul,
It is well, It is well with my soul.
And, Lord, haste the day when
the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound

and the Lord shall descend,
Even so it is well,
It is well with my soul.

T803

SONGS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars
in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love.
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness!

T804

Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! thy best,
thy heavenly Friend
Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
Be still my soul! Thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence
let nothing shake;
All now mysterious
shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul!
the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them
while He dwelt below.
Be still, my soul!
the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment,
grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love 's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul!
when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.
T805

We'll Understand

It Better By and By
Trials dark on every hand,
And we cannot understand
All the ways that God would lead us
To that blessed Promised Land;
But He'll guide us with His eye,
And we'll follow till we die;
We will understand it better by and by.
By and by, when the morning comes,
When the saints of God
are gathered home,
We will tell the story
How we've overcome
We will understand it better by and by

Oft our cherished plans have failed,
Disappointments have prevailed,
And we've wandered in the darkness,
Heavy-hearted and alone;
But we 're trusting in the Lord,
And according to His word,
We will understand it better by and by.
By and by, when the morning comes,
When the saints of God
are gathered home,
We will tell the story
How we've overcome
We will understand it better by and by
Temptations, hidden snares
Often take us unaware,
And our hearts are made to bleed
For some thoughtless word or deed,
And we wonder why the test
When we try to do our best,
But we'll understand it better by and by,
By and by, when the morning comes,
When the saints of God are gathered home,
We will tell the story how we've overcome
We will understand it better by and by
T806

When We All Get To Heaven

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place.
When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory.
While we walk the pilgrim pathway
Clouds will overspread the sky;
But when traveling days are over,
Not a shadow, not a sigh.
When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory.
Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay.
When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory.
Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open,
We shall tread the streets of gold.
When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory.

T807

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, Purchase of God,
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, This is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, This is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight!
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, This is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, This is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
Perfect submission all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
This is my story, This is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, This is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

T808

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.
I am trusting Thee to guide me
Thou alone shalt lead,
Every day and hour supplying
All my need.
I am trusting Thee for power
Thine can never fail;
Words which Thou Thyself shalt
give me Must prevail.
I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus
Never let me fail;
I am trusting Thee forever,
And for all. Amen.

T809

Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge ever was given.
God His own doth tend and nourish,
In His holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things He spares them,
In His mighty arms He bears them.
Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
Praise the Lord in joyful numbers,
Your Protector never slumbers;
At the will of your Defender
Every foeman must surrender.
Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children never forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

T810

Air Force Hymn

Lord, guard and guide those who fly
Through the great spaces in the sky;
Be with them traversing the air
In darkening storms or sunshine fair;
You who support with tender might
The balanced birds in all their flight
Lord of the tempered winds, be near,
That, having you, they have no fear.
Control their minds with instinct fit,
When e'er adventuring, they quit
The firm security of land;
Grant steadfast eye and skillful hand.
Aloft in solitudes of space
Uphold them with your saving grace
O God, protect those who fly
Through lonely ways beneath the sky.

T811

U.S. Army Hymn

(God of Our Fathers)
God of our fathers,
Whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty
All the starry band
Of shining worlds
In splendor thro' the skies.
Our grateful songs
Before Thy throne arise.
Thy love divine
Hath led us in the past
In this free land
By Thee our lot is cast,
Be Thou our ruler,
Guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy Word our law,
Thy paths our chosen way.
From war's alarms,
From deadly pestilence,
By Thy strong arm
Our ever sure defense,
Thy true religion
In our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness
Nourish us in peace.
Refresh Thy people
On their toilsome way,
Lead us from night
To never-ending day,
Fill our lives
With love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise
Be ever Thine

T812

The Marine 's Hymn

From the halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title of
THE UNITED STATES MARINES.
Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far off northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job
UNITED STATES MARINES
Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded by
UNITED STATES MARINES
T813

The Navy Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!
O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy Word,
Who walked on the foaming deep
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep,
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!
Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;

Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!
O Trinity of love and power!
Our family shield in danger 's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect us wheresoever we go;
Thus evermore will rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.
T814

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.
'Twas 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.
Thru many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath 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.
T815

ONE PAIR OF HANDS

One pair of hands built the mountains.
One pair of hands formed the sea.
and one pair of hands made the sun,
the moon, every bird, every flower, every tree.

One pair of hands formed the valleys,
the ocean, the rivers and the sands.
Those hands are so strong...
So when life goes wrong...
Put your faith into one pair of hands.

One pair of hands heal the sick.
One pair of hands raised the dead.
One pair of hands calm the raging storm,
and thousands of people were fed.
One pair of hands said 'I Love You',
and those hands were nailed to a tree.

#T816

BABY POEM

"These are my footprints,
so perfect and so small.
These tiny footprints
never touched the ground at all.
Not one tiny footprint,
for now I have wings.
These tiny footprints were meant
for other things.
You will hear my tiny footprints,
in the patter of the rain.
Gentle drops like angel's tears,
of joy and not from pain.
You will see my tiny footprints,
in each butterflies' lazy dance.
I'll let you know I'm with you,
if you just give me the chance.
You will see my tiny footprints,
in the rustle of the leaves.
I will whisper names into the wind,
and call each one that grieves.
Most of all, these tiny footprints,
are found on Mommy and Daddy's hearts.
'Cause even though I'm gone now,
We'll never truly part."

Unknown

#T817

The Final Inspection

The soldier stood and faced God, which must
always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining, just as brightly
as his brass.
"Step forward now, you soldier, how shall I deal
with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To my Church have you been true?"
The soldier squared his shoulders and said, "No,
Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those of us who carry guns, can't always
be a saint.
I've had to work most Sundays, and at times my
talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent, because the
world is awfully rough.
But, I never took a penny, that wasn't mine to
keep...
Though I worked a lot of overtime, when the
bills just got too steep.
And I never passed a cry for help, though at
times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God, forgive me, I've wept
unmanly tears.
I know I don't deserve a place, among the people
here.
They never wanted me around, except to calm
their fears.
If you've a place for me here, Lord, it needn't be
so grand.
I never expected or had too much, but if you
don't, I'll understand."
There was a silence all around the throne, where
the saints had often trod.
As the soldier waited quietly, for the judgement
of his God.
"Step forward now, you soldier, you've borne
your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets, you've
done your time in Hell."

