

PRAYER CARD SELECTIONS

 $\triangleleft$ "For A LIFE Worth Celebrating" **CREMATION PLANS BURIAL PLANS** LIFETRIBUTES SPECIAL SERVICES Prayer Cards Caskets Vaults Urns Flowers Thumbies ® Payment Terms Anointed One **Holy Family** Madonna Mother & Child Mother Mary Angel Hug Good Shepherd Fatima Madonna 2 Infant of **Praying Hands** Sacred Heart St. Anthony St. Francis Veteran Prague







St. Joseph



Ocean Cross

















St. Theresa



### Nature Themed Cards





## Other Designs



Sailing



Cherub



Nurse



Serenity



USMC



**Precious Child** 



Red Sox



**Patriots** 



Irish Blessing



**Greive Not** 



Grieve 2



Irish II



Shamrock Blessing



Celtic Cross



Mountain Flag



Flag Eagle



Flag



Golf



Way, Truth & Life



St. Michael



**Custom Pink** 



**Custom Blue** 

Religious

Nature

Custom

#### 23rd Psalm

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#### Afterglow

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

## Most Selected Verses

#### I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free; I took His hand when I heard Him call; I turned my back and left it all. If my parting has left a void; then fill it with remembered joy. My life's been full, I savored much; good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss; ah yes, these things, I too, will miss. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief; don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your hearts and share with me; God wanted me now, He set me free.

#### If Tears Could Build A Stairwell

If tears could build a stairwell and memories were a lane, I would walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again. No farewell words were spoken, no time to say good-bye...

You were gone before I knew it, and only God knows why.

My heart still aches in sadness and secret tears still flow, What it means to lose you no one will ever know.

#### Safely Home

I am home in heaven, dear ones; oh, so happy and so bright!

There is a perfect joy and beauty in the 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!

#### Broken Chain

We little knew 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 the 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 by 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.

#### May You Walk In Sunshine

May you always walk in sunshine and God's around you flow, for the happiness you gave us, no one will ever know.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, a part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

A million times we needed you, a million times we've cried.

If love could only have saved you, you never would have died.

#### Blessed are mothers

Blessed are mothers...who did without for us, they shall be rewarded. Blessed are mothers...who lost sleep when we were sick, they shall find rest. Blessed are mothers...who taught us how to pray, they shall share God's Kingdom. Blessed are mothers...who comforted us, they shall be comforted. Blessed are mothers...who taught us right from wrong, they shall know justice. Blessed are mothers...who showed us by example the Christian life, they shall live forever. Blessed are mothers...who shared with us the meaning of peace, they shall know peace. Blessed are mothers...who taught us the importance of loving God and each other, they shall see God.

#### God Looked Around His Garden

God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down
upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting
rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids

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#### A Beautiful Life

A beautiful Life that came to an end, he died as he lived, everyone's friend. In our hearts a memory will always be kept, of one that we loved, and will never forget.

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#### Alzheimer's Prayer

Dear God,

Hear the prayers they cannot pray.
Listen to the songs they cannot sing. Comfort them with the scriptures they cannot read. Reward the faith they cannot express. Cheer them by visitors they do not recognize. Encourage them by children they have forgotten.

Let them feel the love of the companion they can no longer call by name. Grant them you peace in the mysterious place where they have gone away from us. Do not forsake them in their desert of

they can no longer call by name. Grant them you peace in the mysterious place where they have gone away from us. Do not forsake them in their desert of forgetfulness and total dependency. Abide with them until that glorious moment when you take them into your eternal presence where their memory will be restored and they can again sing your praises. And they will walk again with dignity, and they

will talk again with clarity, and they will know all things even as they are! Amen

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#### Angels 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 the Angels
receive you, and may you with
the once poor Lazarus, have rest
everlasting. Amen

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

#### Be So Strong

Be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. Talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet. Make all your friends feel there is something special in them. Look at the sunny side of everything. Think only of the best, work only for the best, and expect only the best. Be as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own. Forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. Give everyone a smile. Spend so much time improving yourself that you have no time left to criticize others. Be too big for worry and too noble for anger.

## The Beatitudes (Matt. 5:3 - 10)

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

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#### 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

#### Crossing The Bar

Sunset and evening star, And one clear call from 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 and 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 no sadness of farewell, When I embark; For tho' 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.

#### Days Without End

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

#### Do Not Stand

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

#### **Footprints**

One night a man had a dream. In it he was walking along a 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 final scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back, at the footprints in the sand.

He noticed many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints, and realized that they came at the hardest and saddest times of his life. Bothered about this; he questioned the Lord saying, "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 burdensome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why that when I needed you the most you would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My dear 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."

#### Footsteps

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

#### Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. 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 tearfull 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.

#### Golf

God, What is my fascination with

I am not there, I did not die.

this game? Is it the outdoors the green fairways, the blue skies, the lakes and trees, the feel of the breeze across my face? Is it the friends with whom I play — their companionship, their encouragement, the conversation between holes, the silence as we wait our turn? Is it the game — the balance between grace and skill and power, the striving for perfection. the loft of the ball, the precision of the putt? Or is it all of these, and in these, meditations about all of life harmony, friendship, balance, and, every once in awhile, the perfect shot and a glorious 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.

#### Hand of God

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

#### High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings; Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth Of sun-split clouds and done a hundred things You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung My eager craft through footless halls of air. Up, up the long delirious, burning blue, I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace Where never lark, or even eagle flew— And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod The high untresspassed sanctity of space, Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

#### 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!

#### I said a prayer for you today

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 be near you At the start of each new day; To grant you health and blessings And friends to share your way! I asked for happiness for you In all things great and small. But it was for his loving care I prayed the most of all!

#### Im 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 place at the 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 the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much; Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch. Perhaps my time seems all to brief: Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share

#### 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.

#### John 14: 1-3

Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go and prepare a place for you?

And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

John 14: 1-3

#### Let Us Pray

Almighty God, through the death of Your Son on the cross, you have overcome death for us.

Through his burial and resurrection from the dead you have made the grave a holy place and restored to us eternal life. We pray for those who died believing in Jesus and are buried with him in the hope of rising again.

God of the living and the dead, may those who faithfully believed in you on earth praise you forever in the joy of heaven.

> We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Life

Life is not the breathes you take, but the moments that take your breath away.

#### Lord's Prayer

with me, God wanted me now,

He set me free.

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.

#### Lord Support Us

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

Amen.

#### Loved Her

Father we entrust our sister to your mercy.
You loved her greatly in this life: now that she is freed from all its cares, give her happiness and peace for ever.
Welcome her now into paradise where there will be no more sorrow, no more weeping or pain, but only peace and joy with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

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#### Memorare

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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.

#### 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 you 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 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.

#### Music

Music has moments
of rapturous sound
And intervals of rest.
It thrills the heart
with its majesty
And soothes it when suppressed.

Life too has ringing, throbbing tones And muted, silent keys, Yet both are merged at the Master's touch Into living symphonies.

#### O Gentlest Heart

O gentlest heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls, have mercy on the soul of thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgement but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O Merciful Saviour, send Thy Angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen

#### O'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 Iivest and reignest
World without end.
Amen.

#### Our Lady of Lourdes

Amen

O Immaculate Virgin Mary, other of Mercy, you are the refuge of sinners, the health of the sick, and the comfort of the afflicted. You know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. By your appearance at the Grotto of Lourdes you made it a privileged sanctuary where your favors are given to people streaming to it from the whole world. Over the years countless sufferers have obtained the cure for their infirmities -- whether of soul, mind, or body. Therefore I come to you with limitless confidence to implore your motherly intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. Through gratitude for Your favors, I will endeavor to imitate Your virtues, that I may one day share in Your glory. Amen.

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

O Mother of Perpetual Help, we call upon your most powerful name. Your very name inspires confidence and hope. May it always be on our lips, especially in time of temptation and at the hour of our death. Blessed Lady, help us whenever we call on you. Let us not be content with merely pronouncing your name. May our daily lives proclaim that you are our Mother and our Perpetual Help. Amen.

#### Peace My Heart

Peace, my heart, let the time for the parting be sweet.

Let it not be a death but completeness. Let love melt into memory and pain into songs. Let the flight through the sky end in the folding of the wings over the nest.

Let the last touch of your hands be gentle like the flower of the night. Stand still, O Beautiful End, for a moment, and say your last words in silence. I bow to you and hold up my lamp to light you on your way.

#### **Perhaps**

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

#### Poem for Thy Living

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

#### Prayer for the Dead

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust. Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen

#### Prayer for those in Service

O God, we beseech Thee, watch over those exposed to the horrors of war and to the spiritual dangers of a soldier's, a sailor's or an airman's life. Give them such a strong faith that no human respect may ever lead them to deny it or fear to practice it. Do Thou, by Thy grace, fortify them against the contagion of bad example, that, being preserved from vice, and serving Thee faithfully, they may be ready to meet death wherever it may happen, through Christ our Lord. Sacred Heart! Inspire them with sorrow for sin, and grant them pardon. Mother of God! Be with them on the battlefield, and, if they should be called to make the supreme sacrifice, obtain for them that they may die in the grace of Thy Divine Son. St. Joseph, pray for them. May their guardian angels protect them! Amen.

#### Prayer To St. Jude

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

#### Precious Gift

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

Jessie H. Fairweather

#### 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 shallneither 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 timeforth, and even for evermore.

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#### Resurrection Prayer

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for

us who have recourse to thee.

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.

#### Romans 14:7-8

None of us lives unto himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord So then whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. Romans 14:7-8

#### Safely Home

I am home in heaven, dear ones; oh, so happy and so bright! There is a perfect joy and beauty in the 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 remainethyou 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!

#### Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him Forever in the next. Amen.

--Reinhold Niebuhr

#### St. Anthony

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

#### St. Augustine

Love never disappears for death is a non-event. I have merely retired to the room next door. You and I are the same; what we were for each other, we still are. Speak to me as you always have, do not use a different tone, do not be sad. Continue to laugh at what made us laugh. Smile and think of me. Life means what is has always meant. The link is not severed. Why should I be out of your soul if I am out of your sight? I will wait for you, I am not here, but just on the other side of this path. You see, all is well.

#### St. Francis

Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred. let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master; grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand: to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

## St. Joseph Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so

strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerfull intercession, and obtain for me from Your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through 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; I 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 me. This prayer was found in the fiftieth year of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In 1505 it was sent from the Pope to Emperor Charles when he was going into battle. Whoever shall read this prayer or hear it or keep it about themselves, shall never die a sudden death, or be drowned, nor shall poison take effect on them; neither shall they fall into the hands of the enemy, or shall be burned in any fire or shall be overpowered in battle. Say for nine mornings for anything you may desire. It has never been known to fail, so

be sure you really want what you ask.

#### St. Michael

Defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly house, By the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits Who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Amen.

#### St. Patrick

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 fervant thanks for the zeal and charity which have been to thousands the source of blessings so invaluable. Ask for all who dwell in this land and the land of thy labors, the precious light of Faith, and beg for us on whom its glorious rays have long since beamed, the grace to regulate our lives by its

sacred maxims.

#### St. Therese

- St. Augustine

Ever consoling troubled souls with Heavenly Graces, In your unfailing intercession I place my confident trust.

From the Heart of our Blessed Saviour petition these Blessings of which I stand in greatest need.

Shower upon me your promised Roses of Virtue and Grace, dear St. Therese, so that swiftly advancing in sanctity and in perfect love of neighbor, I may someday receive the Crown of Life Eternal.

Amen

#### Take Home

You never said you were leaving,

You never said goodbye. You were gone before i knew it, And only god knew why. A million times I needed you, A million times I've cryed. If love alone could have saved vou. You never would have died. In life I loved you dearly, In death I love you still. In my heart, You hold a place that no one could ever fill. It broke my heart to lose you, But you didn't go alone. A part of me went with you, The day God took you home.

#### **Taps**

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

#### The Angels Light

The angel's light
It shined on him
Releasing of all thought of sin
To the golden gates he stared
Never again to shed a tear.
Although it's so damn hard
to let go.
He'll always be a part of
my soul.
There's no more pain and
anger to see.
Just remember the end sets us
all free.

#### 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 vourself 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."

#### Too Little Time

I still find each day too short for all the thoughts
I want to think, all the walks
I want to take, all the books
I want to read, and all the friends
I want to see.
The longer I live the more my mind dwells upon the beauty and the wonder of the world.

#### Treasured Seasons

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.

#### Turn Again to Life

If I should die and leave you here awhile, Be not like others, sore undone, who keep Long vigil by the silent dust and weep.

For my sake turn again to life and smile, Nerving thy heart and trembling hand to do That which will comfort other souls than thine; Complete these dear unfinished tasks of mine, And I, Perchance, may therein comfort you.

#### We Give Them Back

We give them back to you, O

Lord, who first gave them to us; yet as you did not lose them in the giving, so we do not lose them by their return . . .

For what is yours is ours also, if we belong to you. Love is unending, and the boundary of this mortal life is but a horizon, and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight. Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see more clearly .

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

#### When Curtians Fall

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.

#### When I Must Leave

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

#### When Tomorrow Starts

When tomorrow starts without me. And I'm not there to see. If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry. The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me. Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind All those I dearly love.

#### PORTUGUESE: 23rd Psalm

O Senhor é meu pastor: nada me falta. Leva-me a descansar em verdes prados, conduz-me às águas refrescantes e reconforta a minha alma Ele me guia por sendas direitas por amor do seu nome. Ainda que tenha de andar por vales tenebrosos não temerei nenhum mal, porque Vós estais comigo: o vosso cajado e o vosso báculo me enchem de confiança. Para mim preparais a mesa, à vista dos seus adversários; com óleo me perfumais a cabeça e o meu cálice transborda. A bondade e a graça hão

-de acompanhar-me todos os días da minha vida e habitarei na casa do Senhor para todo o sempre. Justo e compassivo é o Senhor, o nosso Deus é misericordioso. O Senhor guarda os simples: Estava sem forças e o Senhor salvou-me. Volta, minha alma, ao teu descanso, porque o Senhor foi bom para contigo. Livrou-me da morte a minha alma, das lágrimas os meus olhos, da queda os meus pés. Andarei na presença do Senhor, sobre a terra dos vivos.

#### PORTUGUESE: HAIL MARY

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

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

Amém.

# Orações em

#### PORTUGUESE - St. Anthony

Com o Santos dar descanso, ó Cristo, as almas dos teus servos, onde não é nem doença, nem pranto, nem gemidos, mas a vida duradoura. Tu és imortal apenas a arte, quem já criou e criou o homem. Para sair da terra que nós mortais foram feitos, e à terra havemos de voltar novamente. como tu mandaste quando Fizeste o homem, dizendo-me: Porque tu és a terra, e sobre a terra tu deve retornar. Quer, também, todos nós, mortais, nosso caminho, fazendo do nosso fúnebre da canção: Aleluia, Aleluia, Aleluia

#### PORTUGUESE: Footprints Prayer (FEMALE)

Uma noite eu tive um sonho... Sonhei que estava andando na praia com o Senhor e através do céu, passavam cenas da minha vida.Para cada cena que passava, percebi que eram deixados dois pares de pegadas na areia: um era meu e o outro era do Senhor. Quando a última cena passou diante de nós, olhei para trás, para as pegadas na areia e notei que muitas vezes, no caminho da minha vida, havia apenas um par de pegadas na areia. Notei também que isso aconteceu nos momentos mais difíceis e angustiosos do meu viver. Isso me aborreceu deveras e perguntei então ao Senhor: - Senhor, Tu me disseste que, uma vez que resolvi te seguir, Tu andarias sempre comigo, em todo o caminho. Contudo, notei que durante as maiores atribulações do meu viver, havia apenas um par de pegadas na areia. Não compreendo porque nas horas em que eu mais necessitava de Ti, Tu me deixaste sozinho. O Senhor me respondeu: - Minha querida filha. Jamais eu te deixaria nas horas de provas e de sofrimento. Quando viste, na areia, apenas um par de pegadas, eram as minhas. Foi exatamente aí que eu te carreguei nos braços.

#### PORTUGUESE:

Oração ao Senhor Santo Cristo

Ó bom e amantíssimo Jesus, que por amor das nossas almas quisestes ser açoitado, coroado de espinhos e considerado

como rei de comédia no Pretório de Pilatos, dando-nos o exemplo máximo de humildade, fazei que atraídos pela Vossa face adorável, não tenhamos outro pensamento que não seja para Vos louvar, outro desejo que não seja o Vosso amor.

Fazei, Senhor, que a nossa vida seja sempre iluminada pelos clarões da Vossa Sagrada Paixão, a fim de, nas contrariedades, sentirmos a Vossa força, nas aflições, a Vossa consolação, nas dores o Vosso refrigério, nas tristezas, a

Vossa alegria, chegando assim incólumes ao Vosso Reino Eterno. Amém.

#### Portuguese Male

O bondoso Coracao de Jesus, sempre presente no Santissimo Sacramento do Altar, consumindo-se Amor pelas Santas almas do purgatorio, tende piedade da alma do vosso servo. Nao sejais severo no vosso julgamento para com ele e perdoai-lhe os seus pecados pela vosso infinita bondade. Pai Nosso...Ave maria... Que a sua alma e as almas do todos os fieis defuntos descansem em paz.

#### PORTUGESE - Lords Prayer

Pai-Nosso que estais no Céu; santificado seja o Vosso Nome; venha a nós o Vosso reino; seja feita a Vosso vontade assim na Terra como no Céu. O pão nosso de cada dia nos dai hoje; perdoai-nos as nossas ofensas, assim como nós perdoamos a quem nos tem ofendido; e não nos deixeis cair em tentação; mas livrainos do mal. Amen.

#### Portuguese O Senhor

O Senhor e' Meu pastor nada me falta. EmVerdes prados me faz descansar, e conduz-me 'as 'aguas refrescantes. Reconforta a minha alma, gui-me pelos caminhos rectos, por amor do Seu Nome. Mesmo que atravesse os vales sombrios, nenhum mal temerei, porque estais comigo; o Vosso bastao e o Vosso Cajado dao-me conforto. Preparais-me um banquete frente aos meus advesarios. Ungis com oleo a minha cabeca e a meinha taca transborda. A grace e a bondade hao-de Acompanhars-me todos dias da minha vida. A minha morada sera´ a casa do Senhor ao longo dos meus dias.

#### Firefighters Prayer

When I'm called to duty God wherever flames may rage give me strength to save a life whatever be its age Help me to 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 to 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 neighbor and protect his property And if according to your will I have to lose my life bless with your protecting hand my children and my wife.

#### Golfer's Psalm

The Lord is my Greens Keeper, I shall not want. He maketh me to walk down green fairways. He leadeth me beside the quiet ponds. He restores my drive. He leadeth my cart fro link to link for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the sand traps and water hazards: I shall fear no evil: for Thou are with me. Thy nine iron and Thy sand wedge, they comfort me. Thou preparest the greens before me in the presence of my competition. Thou annointest my head with sunscreen. My ball rolls into the cup. Surely Birdies and Eagles shall follow me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the 19th Hole of the Lord forever.

#### CHILDREN Childs Prayer to Mary

Dear Mother of Jesus, look down upon me As I say my prayers slowly at my mother's knee. I love thee, O Lady and please willest thou bring All little children To Jesus our King.

#### Be So Strong

Be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. Talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet. Make all your friends feel there is something special in them. Look at the sunny side of everything. Think only of the best, work only for the best, and expect only the best. Be as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own. Forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. Give everyone a smile. Spend so much time improving yourself that you have no time left to criticize others. Be too big for worry and too noble for anger.

#### Firefighters' Prayer

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

Amen.

## CHILDREN Bless This Little Child

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

Lord, bless this little child today.

#### CHILDREN - Let Us Pray

Unique Prayer Selections

Almighty and most merciful God who, when little children born again of water depart this mortal life, dost forthwith, without any desert of other, 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.

#### Beulah Land

O Beulah Land, sweet
Beulah Land,
As on thy highest mount I stand,
I look away across the sea,
Where mansions are
prepared for me,
And view the shining glory shore,
My heav'n, my home forevermore!

#### **BALLOON RELEASE**

Don't weep at my grave, for I am not there. I have a date with a balloon, to dance in the air. I'll be singing in the sunshine, wild and free, playing tag with the wind, while I'm waiting for thee. As you release this balloon in honor of me, know that I'm with you and will always be. Hold a hand, say a prayer, close your eyes and see me there. Although you May feel a bit torn apart, please know that I'll be forever in your heart. Now fly away balloon as high as you can go, I'm right there with you more than you know!