



Popular Poems, Prayers, Bible Verses, & Acknowledgements

These following pages contain some of the more commonly selected card and folder verses used by our client families. A more extensive selection is available and can be obtained by contacting your Funeral Director.

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Poems

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one
I'd like to leave an after glow
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.

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

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 glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the mornings hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there, I did not die.

Farewell Prayer

Thank you Lord for seeing how weary I am,
and letting me rest. The pain is gone;
the peace is beautiful, Your love surrounds me.
I have fought the good fight (I think) and
somehow now at this stage,
no matter what the outcome,
I feel I have won.

My Homily - 'For everything there is a season.'

I want my family to move on with their lives,
and realize everything is for a reason.
Have no regrets.
Everybody did everything they could.
I love you all and will still be with you.

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 of
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 precious, 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."

Getting Tired

God saw he was getting tired
 and a cure was not to be,
 so He put His arms around him
 and whispered, "Come with me."
 With tearful eyes we watched
 him suffer and saw him fade away.
 Although we loved him dearly,
 we could not make him stay.
 A golden heart stopped beating,
 hard working hands to rest.
 We love you,
 you were the very best.

God Hath Not Promised

God hath not promised
 Skies always blue.
 Flower-strewn pathways
 All our lives through;
 God hath not promised
 Sun without rain
 Joy without sorrow,
 Peace without pain.
 But God hath promised
 Strength for the day,
 Rest for the labor,
 Light for the way,
 Grace for the trials,
 Help from above,
 Unfailing sympathy,
 Undying love . . .

God's 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 knew that you were suffering,
 He knew that you were in pain,
 He knew that you would never
 Get well on earth again.
 He saw the road was getting rough,
 And the hills were hard to climb,
 So He closed your weary eyelids,
 And whispered, "Peace be thine".

It broke our hearts to lose you,
 But you didn't go alone,
 For part of us went with you,
 The day God called you home.

Safely Home

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!

Together with the Lord

Life is but a stopping place,
 a pause in what's to be,
 a resting place along the road
 to sweet eternity.
 We all have different journeys,
 different paths along the way.
 We all were meant to learn some things,
 but never meant to stay . . .
 Our destination is a place
 far greater than we know.
 For some, the journey quicker,
 for some the journey's slow.
 And when the journey finally ends,
 we'll claim a great reward,
 and find everlasting peace,
 together with the Lord.

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!

Prayers

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.

Hail Mary - Spanish

Dios te salve Maria.
Llena eres de gracia
El Señor es contigo
bendita eres entre todas
las mujeres
bandito es el fruto de tu
vientre Jesus.
Santa Maria Madre de dios
ruega por nosotros los pecadores
ahora y en la hora de
nuestro muerte.
Amen.

In God's Protection

In God's protection and gracious mercy we leave you,
may He bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
and give you peace and light and joy forevermore.

Irish Blessing

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

Make Me An Instrument

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

through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen

Memorare

Remember . . .

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

O Divine Master

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 received
It is in pardoning that we
Are pardoned
It is in dying that we are born
To eternal life.

O Gentlest Heart of Jesus

O Gentlest heart of Jesus,
ever present in the Blessed Sacrament,
ever consumed with burning love for
the poor captive souls in Purgatory
have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant.
Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some
drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the
devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Savior send the
angels to conduct thy departed servant to a place of
refreshment, light and peace. Amen.
May the souls of all the faithful depart,

Prayer of Saint Francis - Spanish

Oh, Señor, hazme un instrumento de Tu Paz .
Donde hay odio, que lleve yo el Amor.
Donde haya ofensa, que lleve yo el Perdón.
Donde haya discordia, que lleve yo la Unión.
Donde haya duda, que lleve yo la Fe.
Donde haya error, que lleve yo la Verdad.
Donde haya desesperación, que lleve yo la Alegría.
Donde haya tinieblas, que lleve yo la Luz.
Oh, Maestro, haced que yo no busque tanto ser
consolado, sino consolar;
ser comprendido, sino comprender;
ser amado, como amar.
Porque es: Dando , que se recibe;
Perdonando, que se es perdonado;
Muriendo, que se resucita a la Vida Eterna.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

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

Serenity

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.

As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,
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

The Lord's Prayer - Protestant

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

The Lord's Prayer – Catholic

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

The Lord's Prayer – Spanish

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
sanctificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino. Sea hecha tu voluntad,
como en el cielo, así también en
la tierra.
Danos hoy nuestro pan cotidiano.
Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como
también nosotros perdonamos á
nuestros deudores.
Y no nos metas en tentación, mas
libranos del mal:
Porque tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la
gloria, por todos los siglos.
Amén.

Together with the Lord

Life is but a stopping place,
a pause in what's to be,
a resting place along the road
to sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
different paths along the way.
We all were meant to learn some things,
but never meant to stay . . .
Our destination is a place
far greater than we know.
For some, the journey quicker,
for some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
we'll claim a great reward,
and find everlasting peace,
together with the Lord.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not
want. He maketh me to lie down in
green pastures; He leadeth me beside
still waters. He restoreth my soul; He

leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake; Yea, though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art
with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they
comfort me; Thou preparest a table
before me in the presence of mine
enemies; Thou anointest my head with
oil, my cup runneth over. Surely
goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life, and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord, forever.

Psalm 23 - Spanish
En Memoria De

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything and a season
for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones
and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time
to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.
- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

I Corinthians 13:4-7, 13

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 the truth.
It always protects,
always trusts, always hopes,

Jehová es mi pastor; nada me faltará. En
lugares de delicados pastos me hará
acer: Junto á aguas de reposo me
pastoreará. Confortará mi alma;
Guiárame por sendas de justicia por
amor de su nombre. Aunque ande en
valle de sombra de muerte, No temeré
mal alguno; porque tú estarás conmigo:
Tu vara y tu cayado me infundirán
aliento. Aderezarás mesa delante de mí
en presencia de mis angustiadores:
Ungiste me cabeza con aceite; mi copa
está rebosando. Ciertamente el bien y la
misericordia me seguirán todos los días
de mi vida: Y en la casa de Jehová
moraré por largos días.

Verses

always perseveres.
And now these three remain,
faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is Love . . .
- I Corinthians 13:4-7, 13

Psalm 121

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.
- Psalm 121:1-2

John 14:1-3

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.
- John 14:1-3

John 3:16-17

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.
For God sent not his Son into the world
to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.
-John 3:16-17

Acknowledgements

All include "The Family Of" unless otherwise directed

Acknowledging with sincere thanks...

Acknowledging
with sincere thanks
your kind and
thoughtful expression
of sympathy

During A Time (Landscape)

During a time like this we realize
how much our friends and relatives
really mean to us
Your expression of sympathy
will always be remembered

During a time...

During a time
like this
we realize how much
our friends and relatives
really mean to us
Your expression
of sympathy will always
be remembered

Good Friends

A friendly smile
A casual touch,
These are the things
That mean so much;
To know you are with us
In our time of sorrow,
Sharing our prayers
Today and tomorrow.
God gives us comfort
In the form of good friends,
May His peace be with you,
His love never ends.

Gratefully Acknowledging

Gratefully acknowledging
and thanking you
for your kind
expression of
sympathy

Perhaps you sent...

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As only friends could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.

Thank You ...Sharing

Thank you sincerely
for sharing our sorrow.
Your thoughtfulness is
appreciated and will
always be treasured.

Thank You ...Kindness

Thank you sincerely
for your thoughtful kindness
at a time when
it was deeply appreciated

Your Kind Expression

Your kind expression of sympathy
is deeply appreciated
and gratefully acknowledged

Typestyle Choices

Type size will be dictated by verse length and card choice

Baskerville

Your kindness and sympathy
are more deeply appreciated than
any words of thanks can ever express.

Copperplate

YOUR KINDNESS AND
SYMPATHY
ARE MORE DEEPLY
APPRECIATED THAN

Engravers

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SYMPATHY
ARE MORE DEEPLY
APPRECIATED THAN

Phyllis

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