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23rd Psalm

The Lord is My Shepherd: I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures:
He leads me besides the still waters.
He restores my soul:
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
for His name sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil: For you are with me:
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies:
You anoint my head with oil: My cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.....

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one. I'd like
To leave an Afterglow of
Smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo...
Whispering softly down the
Ways of happy times and
Laughing times and bright
And sunny days. I'd like
The tears of those who
Grieve to dry before the
Sun of happy memories
That I leave behind when
Day is done.

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.

Blessed Sacrament/Gentlest Heart of Jesus

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

Cardinal Newman Prayer

May God protect you all the
day long till the shadows
lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over and your
work is done.
Then in His mercy
may He grant you a safe lodging,
and a holy rest and peace at last
-Amen

God Saw You Getting Tired

God saw you getting tired,
and a cure was not to be.
So he put his arms around you
and whispered
"come to ME".
With tearful eyes we watched you,
and saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly,
we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

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Death Is Nothing At All

Death is nothing at all,
I have only slipped into the next room.
I am I and you are you
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.
Call me by my old familiar name,
Speak to me in the easy way which you always used,
Put no difference in your tone,
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed at the little
jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word
that it always was.
Let it be spoken without effect,
without the trace of shadow on it.
Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was,
there is unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of
sight?
I am waiting for you, for an interval,
somewhere very near,
Just around the corner. All is well.

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.

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.

God saw you getting weary

God saw you getting weary.
He did what He thought best,
He put His arms around you, and said,
"Come and rest," He opened up His Golden
Gate on that heartbreaking day, and with
His arms around you, you gently slipped away.
It broke our hearts to lose you, you did
Not go alone. A part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

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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."

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!

Prayer of St. Francis

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

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.
Oh Mother of the Word incarnate!
Despise not my petitions, but, in
Thy mercy, hear and answer me.
Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

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Remember Me

To the living, I am gone,
To the sorrowful, I will never return,
To the angry, I was cheated,
But to the happy, I am at peace,
And to the faithful, I have never left.
I cannot speak, but I can listen.
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.
So as you stand upon a shore
Gazing at a beautiful sea-
As you look upon a flower
and admire its simplicity-
Remember me.
Remember me in your heart:
Your thoughts, and your memories,
Of the times we loved,
The times we cried,
The times we fought,
The times we laughed.
For if you always think of me,
I will never have gone.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God has laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard His 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 the peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys-
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh 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 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.

Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can
and the wisdom to
know the difference
Grant me patience
with the changes that take time,
An appreciation of all that I have,
Tolerance of those with different struggles,
And the strength to get up and try again -
ONE DAY AT A TIME

We Little Knew

We little knew that morning,
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,
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful 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.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary
Hail Mary, full of grace.
Our 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.

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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!
-Helen Steiner Rice