

# Words of Remembrance

QUOTES, POEMS, PRAYERS
& WORDS OF THANKS

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# Quotes

## LOVE & MEMORIES

1. When someone you love
becomes a memory,
the memory becomes a treasure.

2. In our memories
and in our hearts,
love lasts forever...

3. Beautiful memories silently kept,
of one that we loved and will never forget.

4. A special person, a special face,
someone we love and can't replace.
Never selfish, always kind,
these are the memories you left behind.

5. You left us beautiful memories,
your love is still our guide,
and though we cannot see you,
you're always by our side.

6. If memories bring you closer,
we are never far apart.
Not a day will I forget you,
you'll always be in my heart.

7. In our memories and in our hearts,
love lasts forever.

8. You left us peaceful memories,
your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.

9. Words are few, thoughts are deep,
memories of you, we will always keep.

10. Your life was a blessing,
your memory a treasure.
You are loved beyond words,
and missed beyond measure.

11. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

12. Still loved, still missed, still very dear.

13. 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.

14. Forever in our hearts.

15. In life we loved you dearly,
in death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a special place,
no one will ever fill.

16. As long as hearts remember,
as long as hearts still care.
We do not part with those we love,
they're with us everywhere.

17. To live in the hearts of those we love
is to never die.

18. Deep in our hearts a memory is kept,
of one we loved and shall never forget.

19. For all of us you gave your best,
now the time has come for you to rest.
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,
your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep.

20. A smile for all, a heart of gold.
The very best the world could hold.

21. Gone are the days we used to share
but in our hearts you're always there.
Never more than a thought away
loved and remembered every day.

22. Always loved, never forgotten, forever missed.

23. It's hard to forget someone
who gave you so much to remember.

24. Missing you always,
remembering you forever.

25. Let us always meet each other with a smile,
for the smile is the beginning of love.
Mother Teresa

26. Your life was love and labour,
your love for your family true.
You did your best for all of us,
we will always remember you.

27. Those we love remain with us,
for love itself lives on.
And cherished memories never fade,
because a loved one's gone.

28. How lucky I am to have something
that makes saying goodbye so hard.
Pooh, Winnie the Pooh

29. To the world you may be one person;
but to one person you may be the world.
Dr. Seuss

30. Gone is the face we love so dear,
gone is the voice we loved to hear.
Too far away for touch or speech,
but not too far for love to reach.

31. Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
still loved, still missed, and very dear.

32. Love you past the moon.
Miss you beyond the stars.

33. There are some people you will never forget
and some giggles you will always hear.

34. May the winds of love blow softly,
and whisper for you to hear.
That we'll always love and miss you,
and wish that you were here.

35. There are some who bring a light
so great to the world,
that even after they have gone,
the light remains.

36. Love is a bond
that death cannot part.
Gone from my arms
but forever in my heart.

37. I know a smile I would love to see,
a loving face so dear.
I know a hand I would love to hold,
a voice I long to hear.
I know a heart thoughtful and true,
I know them all, because I loved you.

38. People will forget what you said.
People will forget what you did.
But people will never forget
the way you made them feel.

## GARDENS

39. If I had a single flower
for every time I think of you,
I could walk forever in my garden.
Claudia Adrienne Grandi

40. You can no longer see me,
but please know that I am there.
I am the flowers in the garden,
I am the wind beneath your hair.
Sherry Rockhill

## COURAGE

41. She/He lived and loved
with kindness and courage.

42. Sweet is the sleep that ended the pain,
we would not wake you to suffer again.

43. A true hero isn't measured
by the size of his strength
but by the strength of his heart.
Zeus, Hercules

44. We never said goodbye to you,
but that was just as well.
We never could have said goodbye,
to one we loved so well.

45. Don't cry because it's over,
smile because it happened.
Dr.Seuss

## SPIRITUAL

46. Gone yet not forgotten,
although we are apart.
Your spirit lives within me,
forever in my heart.

47. A golden heart stopped beating,
hardworking hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

48. Your memory is a keepsake,
with which we will never part.
God has you in His keeping,
we have you in our hearts.

49. God saw you getting weary
and did what He thought best.
He put His arms around you
and took you home to rest.

50. It broke our hearts to loose you,
but you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.

51. No farewell words were spoken,
no time to say goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
and only God knows why.

52. Your painful days are over,
your sleepless nights are through.
For heaven has called an angel,
an angel as brave as you.

53. I will hold you in my heart
until I can hold you in heaven.

54. We know you'd be with us today
if heaven wasn't so far away.

55. Earth has one gentle soul less
and heaven has one angel more.

56. A great soul serves everyone all the time.
A great soul never dies.
It brings us together again and again.
Maya Angelou

57. At heaven's gates she will be waiting,
with that same sweet loving smile.
For she is gone before us,
Just a little while.

58. Just a prayer from the family who loved you,
just a memory fond and true.
In our hearts you will live forever,
because we thought the world of you.

59. If tears could build a stairway,
and memories were a lane.
I would walk right up to heaven,
and bring you home again.

60. I think of heaven as a garden
where I shall find again
those dear ones
who have made my world.
Minnie Aumonier

61. May the road rise up to meet you,
may the wind be ever at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
and the rain fall softly on your fields.
And until we meet again,
may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.
Irish Blessing

## GRIEF

62. Our hearts ache with sadness,
and tears still flow.
What it means to loose you,
no one will ever know.

63. Say not in grief: *"He is no more"*,
but live in thankfulness that he was.
Hebrew Proverb

64. I cannot bring the old days back,
your smile I cannot see.
I can only treasure the memories,
of days that used to be.

65. There is no need for tears,
I am at peace, my soul is at rest.
There is no pain, I suffer not,
for with your love, I was so blessed.

## PHILOSOPHICAL

66. In the end, it's not the years
in your life that count.
It's the life in your years.
Abraham Lincoln

67. There is nothing more beautiful
than someone who goes out of their way
to make life beautiful for others.
Mandy Hale

68. The best and most beautiful things in the world
cannot be seen or even touched – they must be
felt with the heart.
Helen Keller

69. Oh heart, if one should say to you
that the soul perishes like the body,
answer that the flower withers,
but the seed remains.
Kahlil Gibran

70. The best portion of a good man's life
His little, nameless, unremembered acts
Of kindness and of love.
Excerpt from
"Lines Composed a Few Miles Above Tintern Abbey"
by William Wordsworth

71. When you are sorrowful look again in your heart,
and you shall see that in truth you are weeping
for that which has been your delight.
Kahlil Gibran

72. We never understand how little we need
in this world until we know the loss of it.
James M. Barrie

73. What we have once enjoyed we can never lose;
all that we love deeply, becomes a part of us.
Helen Keller

74. What you leave behind is not what is engraved
in stone monuments, but what is woven into
the lives of others.
Pericles

75. The song is ended, but the melody lingers on...
Irving Berlin

## *Honouring...*

In Loving Memory of
**[Name]**

Celebrating the Life of
**[Name]**

Celebrating Treasured Memories of
**[Name]**

Remembering
**[Name]**

In Loving Remembrance of
**[Name]**

In Loving Remembrance & Gratitude

In Eternal Remembrance

Always Remembered

Fondly Remembered

A Life Remembered

Gone but Never Forgotten

Cherished in our Thoughts

Forever in our Thoughts

Eternally Missed

Forever Loved

Deeply Missed, Forever Loved

With Love and Memories

Always in our Hearts

Forever in our Hearts

Gone, but Always with Us

In Loving Honour

A Beautiful Life

An Exceptional Life

# Poems

## Her/His journey's just begun

Don't think of her as gone away,
Her journey's just begun.
Life holds so many facets,
This earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting,
From the sorrows and the tears.
In a place of warmth and comfort,
Where there are no days or years.

Think how she must be wishing,
That we could know today.
How nothing but our sadness,
Can really pass away.

And think of her as living,
In the hearts of those she touched.
For nothing loved is ever lost,
And she was loved so much.

## Remember

Remember me with a smile
now my life on this earth is done.
My dreams have all been fulfilled
and a new life has just begun.

Remember me with a smile
when grief may cause you to weep.
One day we will laugh once again
when our Heavenly meeting we keep.

Let's be thankful we shared precious love,
keep the memories warm for a while.
Let them bring peace to your heart
and remember me – with a smile.

## Until we meet again

We think about you always,
We talk about you still,
You have never been forgotten,
And you never will.

We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you will remain,
To walk and guide us through our lives,
Until we meet again.

## Let me go

When I come to the end of the road
and the sun has set for me.
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little – but not too long
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
miss me – but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take
and each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
a step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart,
go to the friends we know
and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
Miss me – but let me go.

Christina Rossetti

## Do not stand at my grave and weep

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 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.
I am not there, I did not die.

Mary Frye

## 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
When life is done.

Helen Lowrie Marshall

## Memories of the heart

Feel no guilt in laughter,
she knows how much you care.
Feel no sorrow in a smile,
that she's not here to share.

You cannot grieve forever,
she would not want you to.
She'd hope that you would carry on,
the way you always do.

So talk about the good times
and the ways you showed you cared.
The days you spent together,
all the happiness you shared.

Let the memories surround you:
A word someone may say,
will suddenly recapture
a time, an hour, a day.

That will bring her back as clearly,
as though she were still here.
And fill you with the feelings,
that she is always near.

For if you keep those memories
you will never be apart.
And she will live forever,
locked safe within your heart.

Jill Wolf

## Forever in my heart

Right now I'm in a different place
and though we seem apart,
I'm closer than I ever was
I'm there inside your heart.

I'm with you when you greet each day
and while the sun shines bright,
I'm there to share the sunsets too
I'm with you every night.

I'm with you when the times are good
to share a laugh or two,
and if a tear should start to fall
I'll still be there for you.

And when that day arrives
that we no longer are apart,
I'll smile and hold you close to me
forever in my heart.

## She/He is gone

You can shed tears that she is gone,
or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray
that she'll come back,
or you can open your eyes and see
all she's left.

Your heart can be empty
because you can't see her,
or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow
and live yesterday,
or you can be happy for tomorrow
because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she's gone,
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty
and turn your back,
or you can do what she'd want:
smile, open our eyes, love and go on.

David Harkins

## When I am gone

When I am gone, release me – let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you love, you can only guess,
how much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love each have shown
but now it is time I travelled alone.

So grieve awhile for me if grieve you must,
then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
so bless those memories within your heart.

I will not be far away, for life goes on,
so if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be near
and if you listen with your heart, you will hear,
all of my love around you, soft and clear.

Then when you must come this way alone,
I will greet you with a smile and "Welcome Home".

## 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 smile
and for my sake and in my name,
live on and do all the 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

## Our dear Dad

Although we are apart now
you're always in our hearts,
In every single thing we do
you play the biggest part.

When we have to make decisions
and we don't know what to do,
our thoughts, we find
will go right back to you.

We think of how you'd handle it
and try to work it out,
It's at times like this we'll really miss
having you about.

Not only for this reason
when things are going bad,
there's a million different reasons
why we'll miss you Dad.

## Wonderful mother

God made a wonderful mother,
a mother who never grows old.
He made her smile of the sunshine,
and He moulded her heart of pure gold.

In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
in her cheeks fair roses you see.
God made a wonderful mother,
and He gave that dear mother to me.

## To the new

They say it's a beautiful journey
from the old world to the new.
Someday we'll make that journey
which will lead us straight to you.

And when we reach that garden
in which there is no pain.
We'll put our arms around you
and never part again.

## I'm free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
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 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 savoured 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 hearts and peace to thee.

God wanted me now: He set me free.

## The broken chain

I little knew that morning,
God was going to call your name.
In life I loved you dearly,
in death I do the same.

It broke my heart to lose you,
you did not go alone.
For part of me went with you,
the day God called you home.

You left me beautiful memories,
your love is still my guide.
And though we cannot see you,
you're always at my side.

Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.

## Forever in our hearts

A million times we needed you,
a million times we cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
you never would have died.

In life we loved you dearly,
in death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place,
no one can ever fill.

A light from our household is gone,
a voice from our love is stilled.
A place in our vacant home,
which never can be filled.

Some may think you are forgotten,
though on earth you are no more.
But in our memory you are with us,
as you always were before.

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.

Your precious memories are for keepsakes,
with which we never part.
God has you safely in his keeping,
but we have you forever in our hearts.

## So Go and Run Free

So go and run free with the angels
Dance around the golden clouds,
For the Lord has chosen you to be with him
And we should feel nothing but proud.

Although he has taken you from us
And our pain a lifetime will last,
Your memory will never escape us
But make us glad for the time we did have.

Your face will always be hidden
Deep inside our hearts,
Each precious moment you gave us
Shall never, ever depart.

So go and run free with the angels
As they sing so tenderly,
And please be sure to tell them
To take good care of you for me.

## My angel

I had an angel here beside me
sent to Earth to help and guide me.
An angel always there for me
sent to love and care for me.

She did the things that angels should:
She taught me what was bad and good,
She gave me hope when no one cared,
She held my hand when I was scared,
She cheered me up when I was down
(She could make a smile from a frown),
She doctored me when I was sick,
and many another angel trick.

Today my angel earned her wings
her halo, harp and other things.
But today I'm lost and all alone
for today God called my angel home.

## I am still with you

If it seems that I am far away
On this empty and solemn day
Just open your heart and know it's true
That I am still right here with you.

If during the day things are going wrong
Please don't feel sad and alone.
Just open your heart and know it's true
That I am still right here with you.

When night time falls and the day is done
If you are feeling alone and sleep won't come
Just open your heart and know it's true
That I am still right here with you.

Close your eyes, and feel the warm embrace
Sleep peacefully in the wings of grace
If sadness finds you in the morning light
If you feel alone, don't give up trying
Hold this feather close and know it's true
That I am always here with you.

Julie Johnson

## Fond memories

There are some we meet in passing,
and forget as soon as they go.
There are some we remember with pleasure,
and feel honoured and privileged to know.

You were that kind of person,
who leaves beautiful memories behind.
And there will be many days which will bring,
fond memories to mind.

## Dear friends I go

Dear friends I go, but do not weep,
I've lived my life, so full and deep.
Throughout my life, I gave my best,
I earned my keep, I've earned my rest.

I never tried to be great or grand,
I tried to be a helping hand.
If I helped in a team, if I helped on my own,
it was more than repaid, by good family
and friends I have known.

And if I went the extra mile,
I did it with pleasure, it was all worthwhile.
If I brightened your path, then let it be,
a small contribution from my loved ones
and me.

Now sadly I leave you and travel alone,
through a mystic veil to the great unknown.
With such beautiful memories that will forever be,
the way that I hope you'll remember me.

## My mother's garden

My Mother kept a garden,
a garden of the heart.
She planted all the good things
that gave my life its start.

She turned me to the sunshine
and encouraged me to dream.
Fostering and nurturing
the seeds of self-esteem.

And when the winds and rains came
she protected me enough.
But not too much, she knew I'd need
to stand up strong and tough.

Her constant good example
always taught me right from wrong –
markers for my pathway
that will last a lifetime long.

I am my Mother's garden,
I am her legacy.
And I hope today she feels the love
reflected back from me.

## Memories of Grandad

The love we have for Grandad,
will never fade away.
We'll think of him, our special friend,
throughout each passing day.

We'll walk into the room,
and see his empty chair.
Although we know he's resting,
we'll feel his presence there.

The memories of his laughter,
his warm and loving smile.
His eyes so full of happiness,
his heart that of a child.

Memories are forever,
be they laughter or of tears.
Memories we will treasure,
through all the forthcoming years.

## Light

Some light up rooms with their laughter,
others brighten the world with a smile.
Many will make you feel happy,
by sitting nearby for a while.

Some folk can cheer up a cold day,
with just a few words or a glance.
Others can make things seem better,
if you just give them half of a chance.

But there are those whose whole life is a blessing,
not just a moment, a smile or a word.
They make all around them feel special,
no person ignored or unheard.

They give all they have and then give more,
while helping somebody get through.
It's not about thanks or for mention,
it's something that's in them they do.

And when it's time that they sadly must leave us,
we grieve ... but also we smile.
We give thanks that our lives were connected,
and were tucked in their heart for a while.

Pam Nelson

## I wrote your name

I wrote your name in the sand
but the waves washed it away.

I wrote your name in the sky
but the wind blew it away.

So I wrote your name in my heart
and that's where it will stay, always.

## Gone fishing

I've finished life's chores assigned to me,
so put me on a boat headed out to sea.
Please send along my fishing pole,
for I've been invited to the fishin' hole.

Where every day is a day to fish,
to fill your heart with every wish.
Don't worry, or feel sad for me,
I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.

We will miss each other for awhile,
But you will come and bring your smile.
That won't be long you will see,
Till we're together you and me.

To all of those that think of me,
Be happy as I go out to sea.
If others wonder why I'm missin',
Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'.

Dalmar Pepper

## Come along with me

God saw you getting tired,
and a cure was not to be.
So he put his arms around you,
and whispered, "Come along with me."

With tearful eyes we watched you,
slowly fade away.
Although we loved you dearly,
we knew you couldn't stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
working hands were put to rest.
God broke my heart to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

## The star

A light went out on earth for me
the day we said goodbye.
And on that day a star was born
the brightest in the sky.

Reaching through the darkness
with its rays of purest white.
Lighting up the heavens
as it once lit up my life.

With beams of love to heal
the broken heart you left behind.
Where always in my memory
your lovely star will shine.

## Poem of life

Life is but a stopping place,
a pause in what's to be.
A resting place along the road,
to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,
different paths along the way.
We all were meant to learn some things,
but never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place,
far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
for some the journey's slow.

And when the journey finally ends,
we'll claim a great reward.
And find an everlasting peace,
together with the Lord.

## The Golden Thread

I didn't really leave you; I was just one step ahead
Waiting here, with you in my heart
Clutching a golden thread.

That binds us both together, it shines and it reminds
That although the wait is painful
We'll be reunited in good time.

To spend eternity together, to keep each other close
To relive the joy that once we knew
And if god wills, who knows.

That golden thread will run unbroken,
shining throughout time
Forever there, to keep your heart
Firmly bound to mine.

Marc Lemezma

## There is no night without a dawning

There is no night without a dawning,
no winter without a spring.
And beyond the dark horizon,
our hearts will once more sing...

For those who leave us for a while,
have only gone away.
Out of a restless, care worn world,
into a brighter day.

Helen Steiner Rice

## The tide recedes

The tide recedes, but leaves behind
Bright seashells on the sand.
The sun goes down but gentle warmth
Still lingers on the land.

The music stops and yet it echoes on
In sweet refrain.
For every joy that passes,
Something beautiful remains.

Martha Vashti Pearson

## Farewell my friends

It was beautiful as long as it lasted,
the journey of my life,
I have no regrets whatsoever,
save the pain I'll leave behind.

Those dear hearts who love and care,
and the heavy with sleep ever moist eyes,
the smile in spite of a lump in the throat and the
strings pulling at the heart and soul.

The strong arms that held me up
when my own strength let me down,
each morsel that I was fed with was full of love.
At every turning of my life I came across good
friends, Friends who stood by me,
Even when the time raced me by.

Farewell farewell my friends,
I smile and bid you goodbye.
No, shed no tears, for I need them not,
all I need is your smile,
If you feel sad, do think of me,
for that's what I'll like,
when you live in the hearts of those you love,
remember then... you never die.

Gitanjali Ghei

## An old Irish blessing

May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.

May good and faithful friends be yours,
wherever you may roam.

May peace and plenty bless your world,
with joy that long endures.

May all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours!

## May the road rise up to meet you

May the road rise up to meet you,
may the wind be ever at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
and the rain fall softly on your fields.
And until we meet again, may God hold you
in the hollow of his hand.

Irish Blessing

## Life Well Lived

A life well lived is a precious gift
Of hope and strength and grace,
From someone who has made our world
A brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments, sweet and sad
With smiles and sometimes tears,
With friendships formed and good times shared
And laughter through the years.

A life well lived is a legacy
Of joy and pride and pleasure,
A living, lasting memory
Our grateful hearts will treasure.

## If I should go tomorrow

If I should go tomorrow,
it would never be goodbye.
For I have left my heart with you,
so don't you ever cry.

The love that's deep within me,
shall reach you from the stars.
You'll feel it from the heavens,
And it will heal the scars.

## My work is done

The cares of the world concern me no longer.
I have completed this life. My work is done,
the children of my heart grown.
My family is well on their journey and happy
and healthy in their pursuits...
I have loved much and well.

To those I leave behind, I hope I will remain
in their hearts as they will in mine...
Thank you for taking such good care of me
and all of you who have been my friends,
thank you for teaching me about life and about love.
Go in peace and in blessings for the day.

## Footprints in the sand

One night I dreamed I was walking
Along the beach with the Lord.
Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,
Other times there was only one.

This bothered me because I noticed
During the low periods of my life,
When I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat,
I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord,
"You promised me, Lord, that if I followed you,
You would walk with me always.
But I noticed during the most trying periods
Of my life there has only been one set
Of prints in the sand.

Why, when I needed you most,
Have you not been there for me?"

The Lord replied,
"The times when you have seen only one set
of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

## Look for me in rainbows

Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky.
In the morning sunrise when all the world is new,
Just look for me and love me, as you know
I loved you.

Time for me to leave you, I won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, high up in the sky.
In the evening sunset, when all the world is through,
Just look for me and love me, and I'll be
close to you.

It won't be forever, the day will come and then
My loving arms will hold you, when we meet again.

Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, shining in the sky.
Every waking moment, and all your whole
life through
Just look for me and love me, as you know
I loved you.

Just wish me to be near you,
And I'll be there with you.

Vicki Brown

## If...

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with triumph and disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on";

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run—
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

Rudyard Kipling

## My Country *(an excerpt)*

I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains,
Of ragged mountain ranges,
Of droughts and flooding rains.
I love her far horizons,
I love her jewel-sea,
Her beauty and her terror –
The wide brown land for me!

An opal-hearted country,
A wilful, lavish land –
All you who have not loved her,
You will not understand –
Though earth holds many splendours,
Wherever I may die,
I know to what brown country
My homing thoughts will fly.

Dorothea Mackellar

## Gone from my sight

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side, spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says,
"There, she is gone."

Gone where?
Gone from my sight. That is all.

She is just as large in mast, hull and spar as she was when she left my side. And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me – not in her.

And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone," there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying...

Henry Van Dyke

## This heritage

They are not dead,
Who leave us this great heritage
Of remembered joy.
They still live in our hearts,
In the happiness we knew,
In the dreams we shared.
They still breathe,
In the lingering fragrance windblown,
From their favourite flowers.
They still smile in the moonlight's silver
And laugh in the sunlight's sparkling gold.
They still speak in the echoes of words
We've heard them say again and again.
They still move, in the rhythm of waving grasses,
In the dance of the tossing branches.
They are not dead;
Their memory is warm in our hearts,
Comfort in our sorrow.
They are not apart from us, but a part of us
For love is eternal,
And those we love shall be with us
Throughout all eternity.

## I'll be there

There was no time to say goodbye
But this I ask – please do not cry
Remember me as you think best
The happy time – forget the rest.

Look for me and I'll be there
And you will find me everywhere
In the gentle touch of breeze
That cools the skin or swirls the leaves.

In the scent and colour of flowers
That gave to me such happy hours
On sunny days under sunny skies of blue
Just think of me, I'll be with you.

In winter when there's cloud or mist
The rain will give to you my kiss
As wood smoke lingers in the air
Look for me and I'll be there.

Where seagulls cry above the sea
And surf rolls in so endlessly
Among towering trees that soar above
In all these things that I once loved

Look for me and I'll be there
You'll feel my presence everywhere.

## Let us be contented

Let us be contented with what has happened and be thankful for all that we have been spared.

Let us accept the natural order of things in which we move.

Let us reconcile ourselves to the mysterious rhythm of our destinies, such as they must be in this world of space and time.

Let us treasure our joys but not bewail our sorrows. The glory of light cannot exist without its shadows. Life is a whole, and good and ill must be accepted together.

The journey has been enjoyable and well worth making once.

Winston Churchill

## Remember me

Remember me with smiles not tears,
For all the joy through all the years.
Recall the closeness that was ours,
A love as "sweet" as fragrant flowers.

Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain,
We'll see each other once again.
I am at peace...try to believe,
It was my time...I had to leave.

But "what a view", I have from here,
I see your face, I feel you near.
I follow you throughout the day,
You're not alone along the way.

And when God calls you...you will be,
Right by my side...right here with me.
Till then, I'll wait by heaven's door,
We'll be united...evermore!

## Life and love

Life is not measured by how long he lived.
It's in the adventures, the love and the
laughs he had.

It's in the memories made and the stories shared.
It's in the friends, the family, and those
who cared.

Find him in all those things and once more,
Look to your hearts, where his life and love
is forever stored.

## The measure of a man

Not how did he die, but how did he live,
Not what did he gain, but what did he give.
These are the things that measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Not what was his station, but had he a heart,
And how did he play his own special part.
Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear.

Not what was his Church nor what was his creed,
But had he defended those really in need.
These are the things that measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

## 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 wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark nor ever eagle flew—
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

By John Gillespie Magee Jr.

## A poem about Alzheimer's

Do not ask me to remember.
Don't try to make me understand.
Let me rest and know you're with me.
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.

I'm confused beyond your concept.
I am sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you
To be with me at all cost.

Do not lose your patience with me.
Do not scold or curse or cry.
I can't help the way I'm acting,
Can't be different 'though I try.

Just remember that I need you,
That the best of me is gone.
Please don't fail to stand beside me,
Love-me 'till my life is done.

## Journey to the Dreamtime

In memory's embrace, we find our way,
with tears and laughter, day by day.
In unity we stand, in sorrow or glee,
bound by a bond, that forever will be.

So let us mourn, but also rejoice,
for in this passage, we find our voice.
To honour the journey, to sing and mend,
a life well-lived, now begins again.

# Prayers

## 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 and ever.
Amen.

## 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.

## 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.

## Guardian Angel

Guardian Angel from heaven so bright,
Watching beside me to lead me aright,
Fold thy wings round me, and guard me with love,
Softly sing songs to me of heaven above.

I pray that you will have the blessing of being consoled. May you know in your soul that there is no need to be afraid. When your time comes, may you be given every blessing and shelter that you need.

May there be a beautiful welcome for you in the home that you are going to. You are not going somewhere strange. You are going back to the home that you never left.

## The Blessing of St. Francis of Assisi

The Lord bless you and keep you.
May He show His face to you and have mercy.
May He turn His countenance to you and
give you peace.
The Lord bless you!

## Amazing Grace

Almighty God, in your great love
You crafted us by your hand
And breathed life into us by your Spirit.
Although we became a rebellious people,
You did not abandon us to our sin.
In your tender mercy you sent your Son
To restore in us your image.
In obedience to your will
He gave up his life for us,
Bearing in his body our sins on the cross.
By your mighty power
You raised him from the grave
And exalted him to the throne of glory.
Rejoicing in his victory
And trusting in your promise
To make alive all who turn to Christ,
We commend to your mercy
And we join with all your faithful people
And the whole company of heaven
In the one unending song of praise:
Glory and wisdom and honour
Be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen.

## 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.

## 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.

## Catholic Prayer

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.

## 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 cried.
If love could only have saved you
You would've never died.

The Lord be with you and may you
rest in peace.

# TRANSLATION EXAMPLES

(Italian)

Sempre gentile, amoroso e bravo
Hai lasciato indietro una bella memoria;
Nella sollecitudine di Dio,
Rimarrai sempre con amore
nei nostri cuori.

(English)

Always gentle, loving and kind,
What beautiful memories
you left behind.
In God's care you rest above.
In our hearts you rest with love.

(Italian)

Un cuore d'oro si e' fermato,
Due occhi sorridenti si sono chiusi,
Il Signore ha spezzato I nostri cuori,
Lei prende sempre il migliore.

(English)

A heart of gold stopped beating,
Two smiling eyes at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove,
He only takes the best.

## The Lord's Prayer

(Italian)

Padre nostro, che sei nei cieli,
sia santificato il tuo nome,
venga il tuo regno,
sia fatta la tua volontà
come in cielo così in terra.
Dacci oggi il nostro pane quotidiano,
e rimetti a noi i nostri debiti
come noi li rimettiamo ai nostri debitori,
e non ci indurre in tentazione,
ma liberaci dal male.
Amen.

# Words of Thanks

1. Our family would like to thank you for attending the funeral service today.
   It is a comfort to know that we are surrounded by the love and thoughts of family and friends, who join with us as we reflect, pay tribute and share our memories of **[Name]**.

2. Thank you for attending the service today, and for your kindness and support.
   It is such a comfort to know we are surrounded by the love and thoughts of relatives, friends and community as we reflect, pay tribute and share memories of **[Name]**.

3. Our entire family deeply appreciates the love and support we have received during this time. We extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for joining us to remember and honour **[Name's]** life.

4. Heartfelt thanks.
   We deeply appreciate and acknowledge your kind expressions of sympathy.
   Your support during our time of loss will always be remembered.

5. We wish to warmly thank you for your comforting words and genuine acts of kindness at this time.

6. Thank you for your love and support at this sad time.

7. We are sincerely grateful to family and friends who have given us support and comfort during this time of loss.

8. Our family wishes to extend our sincere appreciation for all your thoughts and prayers.

9. **[Name's]** family would like to thank you for attending the funeral service today.
   Words cannot express how grateful we are for your generous support, kind words, thoughts and prayers.

10. The greatest comfort during our sorrow was the expressions of sympathy conveyed to us in so many ways. We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and thank you most sincerely.

11. During our time of sorrow, we learnt how much you all really mean to us. Thank you for your kindness and sympathy, at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

12. Our family acknowledges with grateful appreciation, your kind expression of sympathy.

13. Thank you all for being a special part of **[Name's]** life. She treasured her relationships with you all.

14. Thank you for your love and support in attending **[Name's]** funeral service today.

15. Thank you for the stories and memories you shared. They truly helped our family and highlighted what a special person **[Name]** was.

16. The family of **[Name]** wishes to thank you most sincerely for your expressions of kindness and sympathy.

17. The family would like to thank you for your attendance today.
    Your expressions of sympathy and love shown to us all at this time, are very much appreciated.

18. Thank you for being here with us today.
    The family thanks everyone for all the love and sympathy during this time of sadness.
    It has been greatly appreciated.

19. Thank you.
    The many kind expressions of sympathy conveyed to us following the loss of our beloved husband, father, father-in-law and pop have been of great comfort to us.
    We deeply appreciate your love and support at this time and thank you all most sincerely.

20. Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or quietly showed you care.
Perhaps you sent us beautiful flowers,
if so, we saw them there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
that any friend 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 your part.

## BOOKMARK-SPECIFIC

21. When, from time to time
you see this in your books,
please remember **[Name]**,
his/her beautiful smile,
and love of nature.

Thank you for the love and
thoughts shown to us as we
reflect, pay tribute and share
our memories of **[Name]**.

22. **[Name]** was a person with
a beautiful spirit. She/he will
always be loved and fondly
remembered.

When, from time to time
you see this in your books,
please remember her/him
with a smile.

23. **[Name]** was a generous man/woman
with a heart of gold, and he/she saw
a new friend in anyone he/she met.

When, from time to time you
see this in your books, please
remember him with a smile.

## INVITATION TO A WAKE OR GATHERING

1. Please join the family after the service for light refreshments in the condolence lounge.

2. Please join us in the condolence lounge for refreshments.
We also warmly invite you to **Venue, Location, from #am/#pm** to further celebrate **[Name's]** amazing life.

3. At the conclusion of the service you are invited to share refreshments in the condolence lounge.

4. Following the service family and friends are invited for refreshments at 123 Wake Street, Perth, to continue to share memories of **[Name]**.

5. Following the service, family and friends are invited to share memories of **[Name's]** life at 123 Wake Street, Perth.

6. Following the service please join the family in further remembering the life of **[Name]** at 123 Wake Street, Perth.

7. We warmly invite you to gather at 123 Wake Street, Perth, for light refreshments at the conclusion of the service, to continue the celebration of **[Name's]** life.

8. You are invited to the Celebration of **[Name's]** life following the service at 123 Wake Street, Perth.

9. Please join us in further celebrating **[Name's]** life at 123 Wake Street, Perth.

10. Following the Burial Service you are warmly invited to join the family for light refreshments at the **Chapel Name, Location, #am-#pm**.

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