

Short Verses

A No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts,
Is always kept for you.

B *A silent thought, a quiet prayer;
For a special person in God's care.*

C "To live in the hearts of those
We love is not to die."

D Those who die in grace go no
Further from us than God,
And God is very near.

E 'We have loved her in life,
Let us not forget her in death.'

F *Deep are the memories,
Precious they stay;
No passing of time,
Can take them away.*

G *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon her,
And may her soul and all the souls of the
Faithful departed rest in peace.*

H Your life was one of thoughtful deeds,
A helping hand to others needs,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Wonderful memories you left behind.

I Your life touched so many others,
And will be remembered forever
more,
To leave the world a better place
Than it had been before.

J *Even though you're not around,
Love will overcome all bounds,
Pain and tears may fade away,
But memories will always stay.*

K *Loved with a love beyond
all telling,
Missed with a grief beyond all tears.*

L You gave us years of happiness,
Then sorrow came with tears,
You left us lovely memories,
We will treasure through the years.

M *Deep in our hearts your memory
Is kept, to love, to cherish,
And Never forget.*

N To us you were someone special,
Someone set apart,
Your memory will live forever,
Engraved within our hearts.

O *A daily thought, a silent tear,
A constant wish
that you were here.*

P *As each day dawns we think of you;
As each night falls we pray for you;
And throughout our lives no
matter where;
In our hearts you are always there.*

Selection of Verses & Prayers

1 *God grant me the
Serenity
to accept the things I
cannot change
Courage to
Change the things I can
and the Wisdom to
know the difference.*

2 *Along the road of
Suffering
You found a little lane;
That took you up
to heaven,
And ended all your pain.
You may be out of sight,
We may be worlds apart;
But you are always
in our prayers,
And forever in our
hearts.*

3 **God's Garden**
God looked around His garden
and saw an empty space,
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 only takes the best.
God knew you were in pain
and a cure was not to be,
So he closed your weary eyelids
and whispered come to me.
With tearful eyes we watched you
and saw you slip away,
Although we loved you dearly
we knew you could not stay.
It broke our hearts to lose you
but you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you
the day God called you home.

4 **After Glow**
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.

5 We lost a mother with a heart of gold,
How much we miss her can never be told,
She shared our troubles and helped us along,
If we follow her footsteps,
We will never go wrong.

What she suffered she told but few,
She did not deserve what she went through,
Tired and weary she made no fuss,
But tried so hard to stay with us.

We prayed for a miracle all in vain,
That God would make you well again.
But God knew best, we had to part,
It eased your pain but broke our hearts.

We cannot bring the old days back,
When we were all together,
The family chain is broken now,
But memories live forever.

She was a mother so very rare,
Content in her home and always there,
On earth she toiled, in heaven she rests,
God bless you Mother, you were one of the best.

6 *Letter from Heaven*

Now I am contented
that my life it was worthwhile,
Knowing as I passed along the way
I made somebody smile.

*When you are walking down the street
And you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps.
Only half a step behind..*

*And when you feel the gentle breeze
Or the wind upon your face.
That's me giving you a great big hug
Or just a soft embrace.*

*So please don't be unhappy
Just because I'm out of sight.
Remember that I'm with you.
Every morning, noon and night.*

17 *His Journey's Just Begun*

Don't think of him as gone away -
his journey's just begun.
Life holds so many facets -
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears.
In a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today.
How nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost -
And he was loved so much.

18 *Gone only from our Sight*

I am standing on the seashore. Suddenly a ship
at my side spreads her white sails to the
morning breeze, and starts out for the blue
ocean.

She is an object of beauty and strength,
and I stand and watch her until at length she is
only a ribbon of white cloud, just above where
sea and sky mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says: "There She's
gone", Gone where! Gone from my sight -
that is all.

She is just as large in mast and hull as she
was when she left my side, and just as able
to bear her load of living freight to the place of
destination.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her,
and just at the moment someone at my
side says: "There! She's gone!", there are
other glad voices ready to greet her with a
glad shout, "There She comes!".

And that is dying.

7 *Road to Eternity*

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

8 *You'll come across reminders
and once again they're there,
Something in a pocket
or that's slipped
right down a chair.*

*You'll break down and
you'll cry again
Clutching this treasure
you have found,
But maybe your loved one's
telling you
Don't worry I'm around.*

19 *There is no night without
A dawning,
No Winter without
A Spring,
And beyond death's
Dark Horizon
Our hearts once more
will sing -
For those who leave us for
A while, have only
Gone away
Out of a restless careworn
world,
Into a "Brighter Day"*

20 *We did not see you close your eyes,
We did not see you die,
All we knew was that you were gone,
Without a last goodbye,*

*It was a sudden parting,
Too bitter to forget,
Only those who loved you,
Are the ones who will never forget.*

*The happy hours we once enjoyed,
How sweet their memories still,
But death has left a vacant place,
This world can never fill.*

*Your life was one of kindly deeds,
A helping hand for others' needs,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Beautiful memories left behind.*

13

*God called your name
so softly,
That only you could hear;
And no one heard the
footsteps,
Of angels drawing near.
The golden gates stood open,
God saw you needed rest;
His garden must be
beautiful,
He only takes the best.*

14

You can only have one mother,
Patient, kind and true,
No other friend in all the world,
Will be the same as you.

When other friends forsake you,
To mother you will return,
For all her loving kindness,
She asks nothing in return.

As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.

Sweet Jesus take this message,
To our dear mother up above,
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.

25

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is a 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.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illuminated
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

26

Togetherness

Death is nothing at all - I have only slipped
away into the next room.

Whatever we were to each other, that we
are still. Call me by my old familiar name,
speak to me in the easy way which
you always used to.

Laugh as we always laughed
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be the household word
that it always was. Let it be spoken without
effort. Life means all that it ever meant.

It is the same that it ever was;
there is absolutely unbroken continuity.

Why should I be out of your mind
because I am out of your sight?
I am but waiting for you, for an interval,
somewhere very near, just around the corner.
All is well. Nothing is past; nothing is lost.
One brief moment and all will be as it was
before - only better, infinitely happier and
forever - we will all be one together
with Christ.

15

Softly in the morning,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand God offered you,
And quietly left us all.

The day you left us father,
Our hearts just broke in two.
The smallest part is still with us,
And the biggest part with you.

For the rest of our lives,
We will miss you father.
Our secret tears will flow.
Oh, how we really loved you,
No one will ever know.

We miss your smile, your joking ways,
We miss the things you used to say.
And when old times we do recall,
It's when we miss you most of all.

You were always there when we needed you.
No task too great or small,
With loving heart and willing hands,
For us you did it all.

Look around your garden Lord,
And when he turns and smiles,
Put your arms around him
And hold him for a while.

16

Prayer of 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;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in forgiving that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to
Eternal life.

St. Francis of Assisi

27

The Memorare

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

28

Miss Me - But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road,
And the sun has set on me,
I want no tears in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not too much,
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 we all must take,
And each must go it 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 that we know,
And bury your sorrows
in doing good deeds,
Miss me - but let me go.

21 I'm Free

Don't grieve for me now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at 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've 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 share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

22 No sacrifice would be too great,
No price too high to pay,
If only we could see you again,
If only for a day.

When last we looked upon your face,
We tried hard not to cry,
Instead, we bent over you,
And whispered you goodbye.

Our memories Daddy will never grow old,
They are locked in our hearts
in letters of gold,
Death cannot part us nor distance divide,
For each of our lives you are by our side.

We thank you God
and will always be glad,
For a better father this world has never had,
If we follow in his footsteps
we can never go wrong.

We can never forget him, we don't even try,
We just miss him more, as time goes by.

9
*We hold you close
within our hearts,
And there you shall remain,
To walk with us
throughout our lives,
Until we meet again.
So rest in peace
dear loved one,
And thanks for all
you've done,
We pray that God
has given you,
The crown you've
truly won.*

10 Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky floated scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, 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 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 would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you only see one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you".

23 It was a sudden parting,
Too bitter to forget,
Those who loved you dearly,
Are the ones who can't forget.

We often sit and think of you,
And think of how you died,
To think you could not say goodbye,
Before you closed your eyes.

The blow was hard, the shock severe,
To part with one we loved so dear,
Our loss is great, we'll not complain,
But trust in God to meet again.

Two tired eyes are sleeping,
Two willing hands are still,
The one who worked so hard for us,
Is resting at God's will.

Our family chain is broken,
Nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The links shall join again.

24
*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 glints
on snow,
I am the sunlight on
ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn's 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.*

11
*It does not take a
special day for us
to think of you,
a heart of gold that
won so many friends,
your care for others,
your smile, the kiss,
the welcome,
the willing hands,
Love and memories
never die, as each of us
remember you in our
own special way.*

12 "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 on 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!