



We are here to help you create a unique card for your loved one, by supplying some sample designs and verses for you to choose from. Remember the samples in this brochure are just samples and we can incorporate your own verses and ideas to create your loved ones card. The cards will be thoughtfully designed, following your instructions and will be professionally printed on 350gm card. All our cards are finished with either a matt or gloss laminate. All you need to do is to choose your preferred card design, decide on the verses and text that you would like to use and personalise with your loved ones details. We can incorporate any images or text that you wish to use in the card, as you do not have to follow a standard or set design.

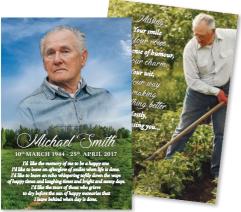
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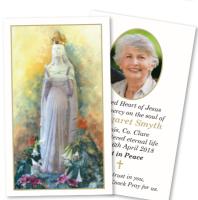
Fold-over Memorial Card

– most popular way of showing that your loving memories will always remain present for your loved one.





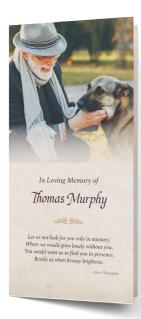




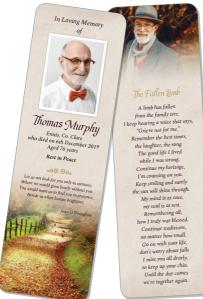


Bookmark & Wallet Card

- versatile keepsake which are very popular. Include a single image on this or many images of your loved one, whichever you prefer. Bookmark folder and wallet card folder can include slits for bookmarks and wallet cards.









May She Rest In Peace





go dancing,

go running home

Acknowledgement Card

perfect option to send a personal message to people to show how much you
appreciate their condolences. These can be a single card printed one or two sides
and there is also a foldover option if you wish to write a message.







The Wife and family of the late Michael O'Brien †

Thank you most sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy on our recent loss. Your kindness and support is very much appreciated.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Ennis, Co. Clare





In Grateful Appreciation

The family of the late

Inne O'Brien

(Née Smith)

thank you most sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

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Choosing your images

Digital Photos

- digital photos are always the best option. If sending in via email, please always send the original size of the photo (do not reduce for email).
- Make sure your photo is in focus for best results.





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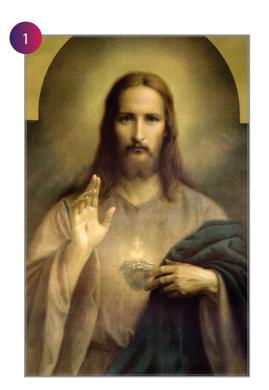
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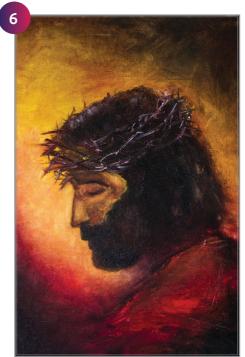


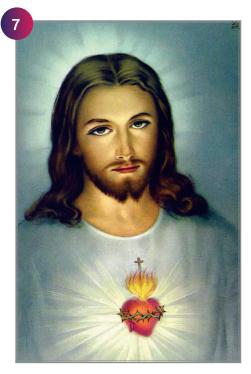


































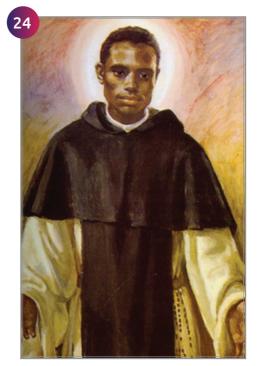




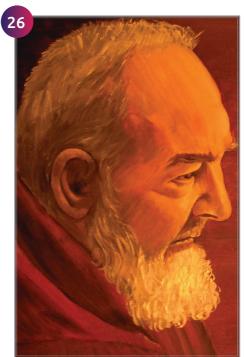


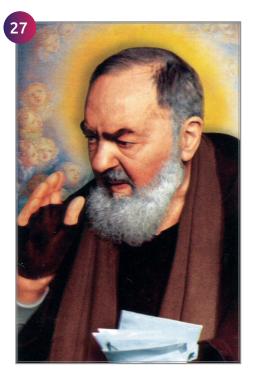


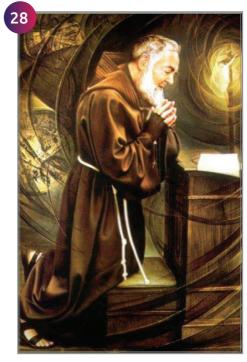






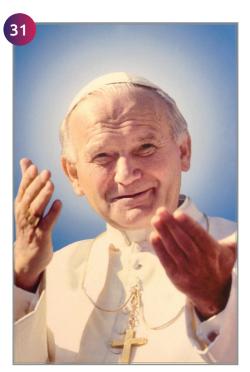










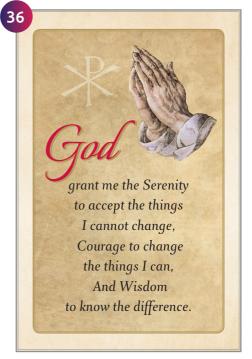








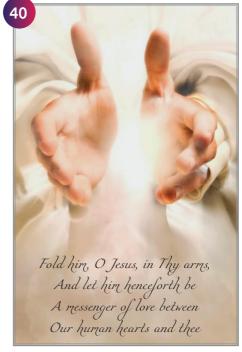




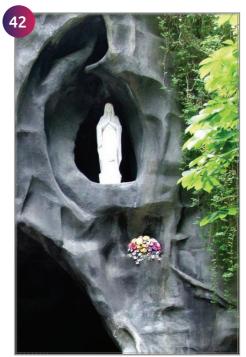




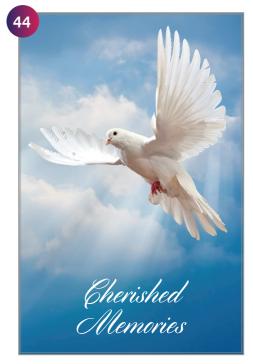




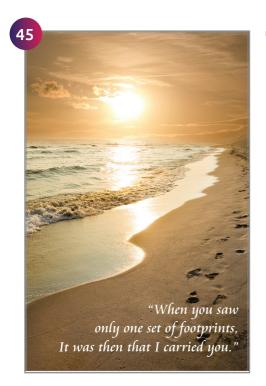






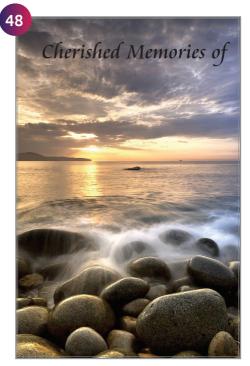




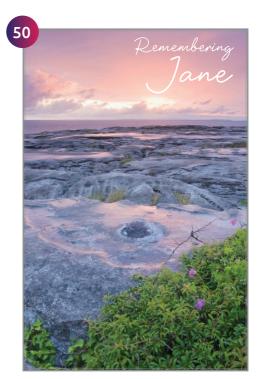


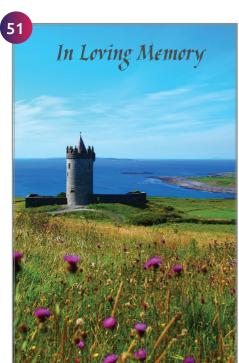


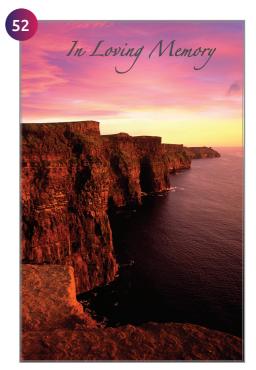


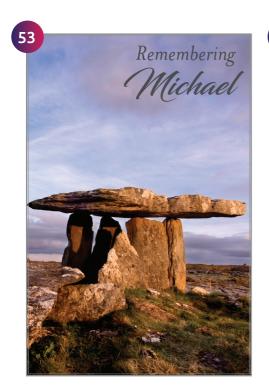


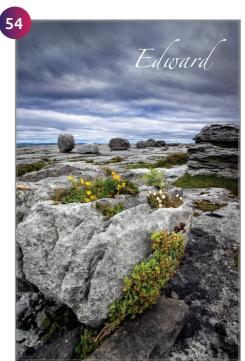


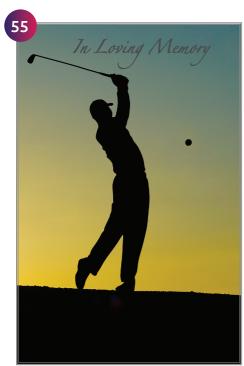


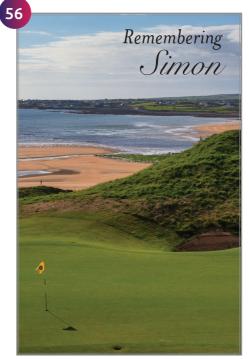


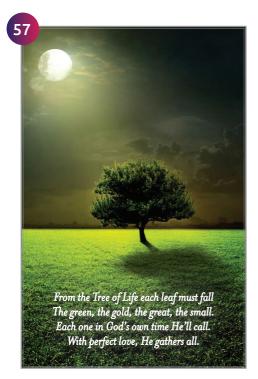


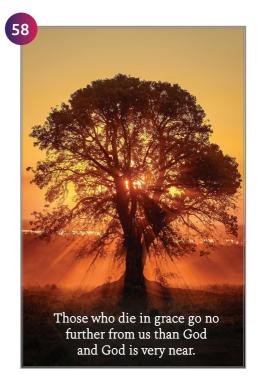


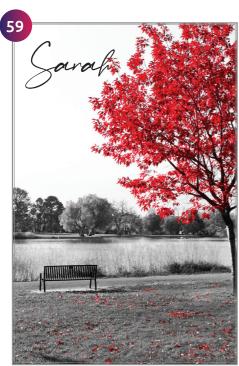








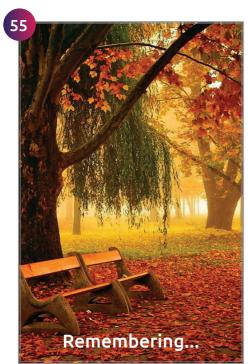


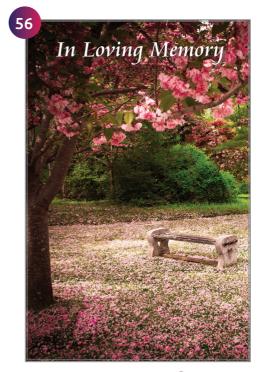










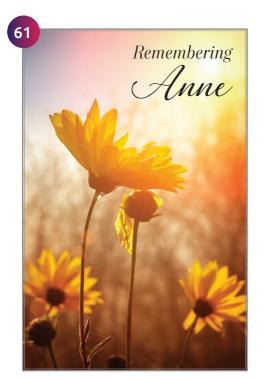


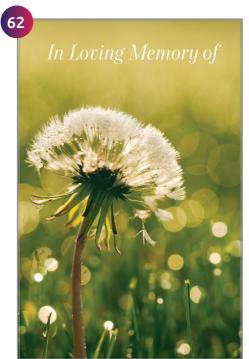


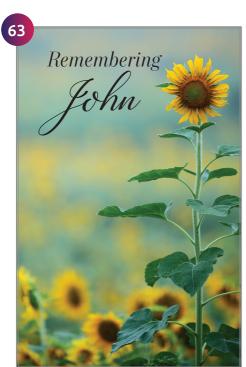






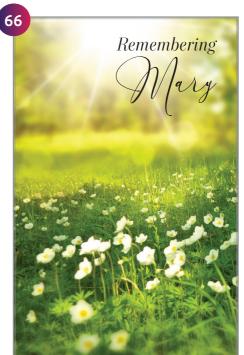




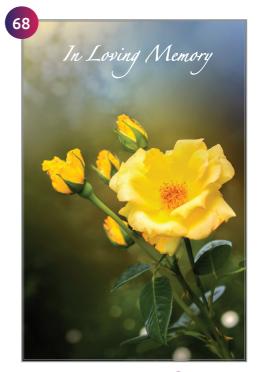


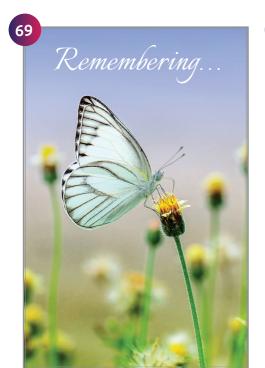


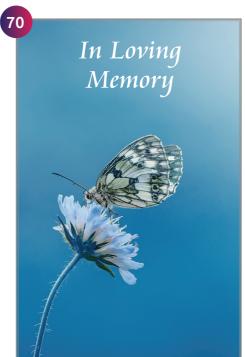


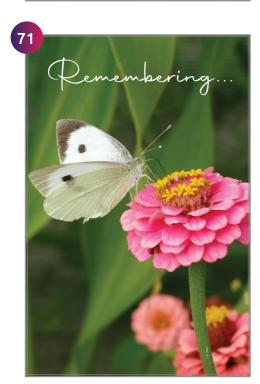




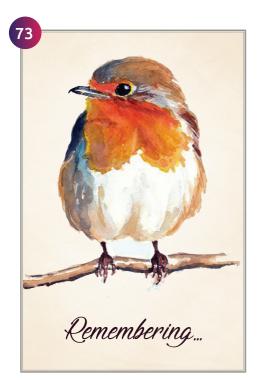


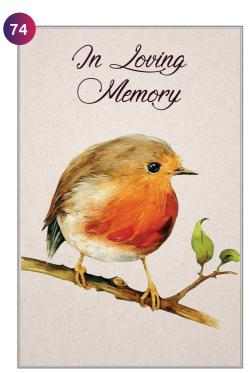


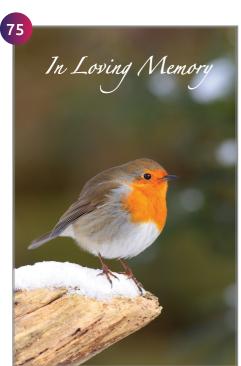


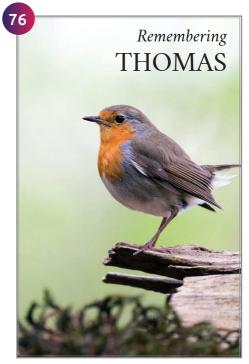


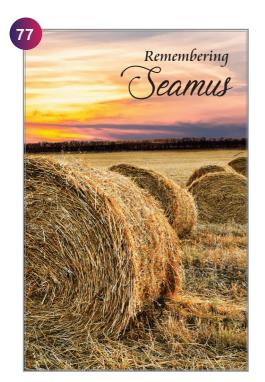




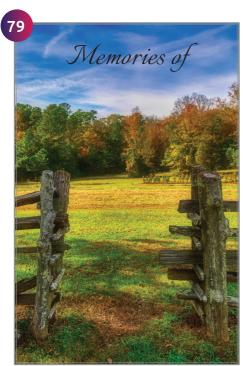


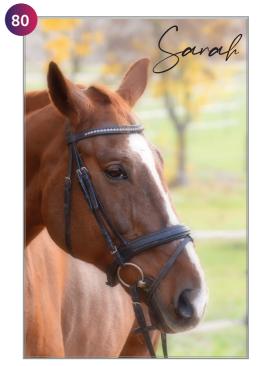


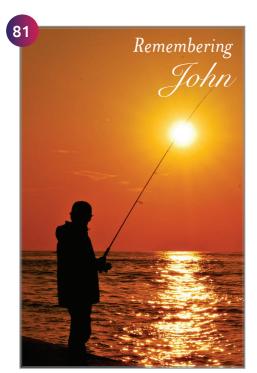




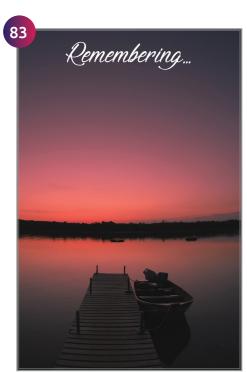
















Along The Road

Along the road to vesterday, That leads me straight to you, Are memories of happy days, Together we once knew. A silent grief that's in our hearts. No human eye can trace, For many a broken heart is hid. Behind a smiling face. A light is from our household gone, A voice we loved is still, A place is vacant in our home, That never can be filled. May the God of love and mercy, Care for our loved one who is gone. And bless with consolation, Those left to carry on. Lonely is the home without you. Life to us is not the same. All the world would be like heaven. If we could have you back again.

Lonely Is The Home

Lonely is the home without you, Life to us is not the same; All the world would be like Heaven, If we could have you back again. A light from our household gone, A voice we loved is still, A place is vacant in our home. That never can be filled. May the God of Love and Mercy. Care for our loved one who is gone, And bless with consolation, Those left to carry on. The happy hours we once enjoyed, How sweet their memory still, But death has left a vacant place. This world can never fill. How dearly we loved you, And prayed you might live, But Jesus just beckoned, And we had to give. God gave us strength to bear it, And courage to fight the blow, What it has meant to lose you, God alone will never know.

3

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. 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 as it ever was; there is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because lam out of your sight? lam 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.

4

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.



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.

Give Them Back

We give our loved ones back to God,
And just as He first gave them to us,
And did not lose them in the giving,
So we have not lost them in returning
Them to Him

For life is eternal, Love is immortal,
Death is only a horizon...
And a horizon is nothing but the
Limit of our earthly sight.

7

Miss Me But 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 ao. For this is a journey we all must take, And each must go alone. It's all a 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 sorrow in doing good deeds, Miss me but let me go.

8

Distance takes us far apart And darkness marks my today I have to keep remembering You're just a thought away When the world is too confusing And times are hard to bear I pull your precious meaning Your bright spirit from the air If I sometimes drift into A lonely state of mind I gather up the memories Of days we left behind And though you're not beside me I can tap into my heart And draw upon the warmth and love That lives when we're apart And with these fond reflections On the times when you were near I sense a little bit of what it's like to have you here.



10

The 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.

My Precious Child

There's not a day that passes That I don't sit and cry, And look to Heaven for a reason But still I don't know why.

Couldn't he have waited Another year or two, Until you were a little older And I'd had more time with you.

Forgive me, Lord, I then say, All these thoughts are wrong, There had to be a reason, And I know I must be strong.

You're in the arms of Jesus now And I know that you'll be fine, But I wish with all my heart, That those arms could be mine.

11

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 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.

12

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 in the night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.



Letting Go

The Angels gathered near your side, So very close to you, For they knew the pain and suffering That you were going through. I thought about so many things, As I held tightly to your hand, Oh, how I wished that you were strong And happy once again. But your eyes were looking homeward To that place beyond the sky, Where Jesus held His outstretched arms. It was time to say good-bye. I struggled with my selfish thoughts, For I wanted you to stay, So we could walk and talk again, Like we did.... just yesterday. But Jesus knew the answer And I knew you loved Him so. So I gave to you life's greatest gift, The aift of letting go.

A Message from Heaven

I am not so far from you, Just a little way beyond; Past the cares and past the pain, Far past my earthly bonds.

When you feel you miss me most,
As years go drifting by;
Each memory will prove to you,
That our love will never die.

For memories are but a touch, From the Father's gentle hand; To heal your pain and mend your hearts, To help you understand.

That while I left you far too soon, I did not leave alone; For the Father sent His angels, To gently take me home.

Take comfort when you think of me, Keep my love alive in your heart; And with the warmth of each memory, We will never be apart.

15

If not the words, they are but few. It's the loving memories we keep of you. Your happy ways and smiling face Loved and respected where ever you went, always grateful, thoughtful and kind. Beautiful memories you have left behind. We cannot bring the old days back when we were all together. But secret tears and loving thoughts will stay with us forever.

16

The Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree. I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me." Remember the best times. the laughter, the song. The good life I lived while I was strong. Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you. Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through. My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest. Remembering all, how I truly was blessed. Continue traditions, no matter how small. Go on with your life, don't worry about falls I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin. Until the day comes we're together again.



To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me. Let me go I have so many things to see and do. You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears, Be happy, we had so many years.

I gave you my love and you can only guess How much you gave to me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown But now it's time I traveled alone.

So grieve a while for me if grieve you must Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part So bless those memories in your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on So if you need me , call and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near with all my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and "Welcome You Home". 18

We thought of you with love today, But that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday, And days before that too.

We think of you in silence, We often speak your name; All we have now are memories, And your picture in a frame.

Your memory is our keepsake, With which we will never part; God has you in his keep, We have you in our heart.

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

19

A Letter From Heaven

I'm writing this from Heaven Where I dwell with God above Where there's no more tears or sadness There's just eternal love.

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

And when it's time for you to go From that body to be free Remember you're not going You are coming here to me. 20

They say there is a reason, They say that time will heal, But neither time or reason, Will change the way we feel. For no one knows the heartache, That lies behind our smiles. No one knows how many times, We have broken down and cried. We want to tell you something, So there won't be any doubt, You're so wonderful to think of. But so hard to be without. We cannot bring the old days back, When we were all together, The family chain is broken now, But memories live forever.



Mother,
Your voice learning to soothe
your new child
was the first home-sound
we heard before we could see.
Your young eyes gazing on us
was the first mirror where we glimpsed
what to be seen could mean.

Mother,

Your nearness filled the air an umbilical garden for all the seeds of longing that stirred in our infant hearts. You nurtured and fostered this space to root all our quietly gathering intensity that could grow nowhere else.

Mother,

Formed from the depts beneath your heart you know us from the inside out, no deeds or seas or others could ever erase that.

Another Leaf Has Fallen

Another leaf has fallen, another soul has gone.
But still we have God's promises, in every robin's song.
For he is in His heaven, and though He takes away, He always leaves to mortals, the bright sun's kindly ray.
He leaves the fragrant blossoms, and lovely forest, green.
And gives us new found comfort, when we on Him will lean

23

We thought of you today, but that was nothing new. We thought of you yesterday, and the day before that too.

We will think of you tomorrow, as we will our whole lives through, for the day we fail to think of you is the day God calls us too. 24

Eternal Light

Those we love must someday pass beyond our present sight...

Must leave us and the world we know without their radiant light.

But we know that like a candle their lovely light will surely shine to brighten up another place more perfect... more divine.

And in the realm of Heaven where they shine so warm and bright.

Our loved ones live forevermore in God's eternal light.



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. 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 face 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.

27

My Rosary

What comfort just to clasp it, My Rosary so dear; Each mystery brings fresh courage And drives away all fear. In prayer so oft repeated, Yet never growing old, I read the wondrous story. Of God's own love untold. Each chaplet forms a garland, To place at Mary's feet; Fair buds and full-bloom roses, Exhaling fragrance sweet. The Crucifix which crowns it Reminds me day by day, To bravely bear my crosses, Along earth's rugged way. I hope when life is ended. And death shall set me free Still twined around my fingers, My Rosary Beads shall be.

28

Without A Last Goodbye

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 memory 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.



No Farewells

No farewells were spoken, We did not say goodbye, You were gone before we knew, And only God knows why. They say there is a reason, They say that time will heal But neither time nor reason.

Will change the way we feel.

For no one knows the heartache,
That lies behind our smiles,
No one knows how many times,

We have broke down and cried.

Each time we look at your picture, You seem to smile and say, Don't be sad, but courage take, And love each other for my sake.

May the God of Love and Mercy, Care for dear (name) who has gone, And bless with consolation, We who are left to carry on. 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 As you slowly slipped away And though we loved you dearly We couldn't make you stay.

Your golden heart stopped beating Your tired hands put to rest God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

31

The Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that she/he spent alive on earth and now only those who loved her/him know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash. 32

"Do not be worried and upset,"

Jesus told them."

Believe in God

and believe also in me.

There are many rooms in

my Father's house,

and lam going to prepare

a place for you.

I would not tell

you this if it were not so.

And after I go and prepare

a place for you,

I will come back

and take you to myself,

so that you will be where lam".

St. John Ch: 14 v 1-4



Into the freedom of wind and sunshine We let you go Into the dance of the stars and the planets We let you go Into the wind's breath and the hands of the star maker We let you go We love you, we miss you, we want you to be happy Go safely, go dancing, go running home.

To those I left behind. some things I'd like to say, the day I had to leave you, When my life on earth was done: God picked me up and hugged me and said"I welcome you" When you walk down the street, and you've got me on your mind, I'll be walking in your footsteps only a step behind. And when you feel that gentle breeze or the sun upon your face that is me giving you a big hug or just a soft embrace. Just because I'm out of sight, remember I'm always with you morning, noon and night.

35

The Watcher

She always leaned to watch for us, Anxious if we were late. In winter by the window, In summer by the gate.

And though we mocked her tenderly, Who had such foolish care, The long way home would seem more safe Because she waited there.

Her thoughts were all so full of us. She never could forget! And so I think that where she is She must be watching yet.

Waiting till we come home to her, Anxious if we are late, Watching from Heaven's window, Leaning on Heaven's gate.

36

Going Home

Small and frail with a knowing smile, She said I'm going home. Don't weep, don't wail, don't mourn for me, You see, I'm going home. Of course I know you'll miss me... If I weren't so tired, I'd stay. But you see, my Lord has called me He came to light my way. I'm going home my dear ones, Someday you'll understand. I really must be going He's here to take my hand. Be kind to one another Love each and every day. Remember me, your Mother, And take the time to pray.





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.

When those we love go away, they never really leave us; they are with us now, wherever we are.

Those whom we have cherished, live on forever, for love wraps itself around the heart.

Although it's difficult now, someday beyond our tears and all the world's wrongs; beyond the clouds and all that we can see and touch, we shall all understand.

39

Beautiful things in this life are manifold it's true.

We count the stars by thousands, the birds and flowers too.

The sunsets and dawnings, rare beauties far and near, but all the wide world over, there's just one 'Mother Dear.'

40

There comes a time for all of us when we must say good-bye.
But faith and hope and love and trust,

Although the curtain falls at last, is that a cause to grieve?
The future's fairer than the past, if only we believe.

Trust in God's eternal care, so when the Master calls. Let's say that life is still more fair Although the curtain falls.



They say there is a reason, they say that time will heal. But neither time or reason, will change the way we feel. For no one knows the heartache that lies behind our smiles. No one knows how many times we have broken down and cried. We want to tell you something so there won't be any doubt. You're so wonderful to think of but so hard to be without.

There comes a time for all of us when we must say good-bye.
But faith and hope and love and trust, can never ever die.

Although the curtain falls at last, is that a cause to grieve?

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Trust in God's eternal care, so when the Master calls. Let's say that life is still more fair Although the curtain falls.

43

In tears we saw you sinking, and watched you pass away.
Our hearts were almost broken, we wanted you to stay.
But when we saw you sleeping, so peaceful, free from pain.
How could we wish you back with us, to suffer that again?
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you, the day God took you home.

44

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 we all must take and each must go alone. It's all a 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 sorrow in doing good deeds. Miss me but let me go.



A Mother's love is something that no one can explain, It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain, It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may For nothing can destroy it or take that love away. It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking, And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking. It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns. And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems. It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation, And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation. A many splendoured miracle man cannot understand And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

Close the Gate

For this farmer the memories are over. Lie down and rest your head Your time has been and struggled enough. Put the tractor in the shed. Years were not easy. many downright hard. But your faith in God transcended. Put away the tools and sleep in peace The fences have all been mended. Hang up your shovel, your work is now done.

47

Going home - I'm going home. Quiet like some still day I'm just going home. It's not far, just close by, Through an open door. Work all done, care laid by, going to look no more. Mother's there expecting me, Father's waiting too, Lots of folks gathered there, All the friends I knew. Morning star lights the way, restless dream all done. Shadows gone, break of day, real life just begun. There's no break, there's no end, just a-living on; Wide awake, with a smile, Going on and on. I'm just going home.

48

We sat beside your bedside,
Our hearts were crushed and sore,
We did our duty to the end,
'Til we could do no more.
In tears we watched you sinking,
We watched you fade away,
And though our hearts were breaking,
We knew you could not stay.
You left behind some aching hearts,
That loved you most sincere.
We never shall and never will,
Forget you, (name) dear.

For many years the family chain,
Was closely linked together,
But, O, that chain is broken now,
The main link gone forever.
The sunshine of our happy home,
Must always clouded be;
But thou O Lord has set this cross,
We bear it all for thee.



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.

You are more than a memory, silently kept, you are part of our lives, we will never forget.

No matter how life changes, no matter what we do, A special place within our hearts, is kept for both of you.

51

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.

52

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard his call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of the 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 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 heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.



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.

As I sit in Heaven

As I sit in heaven and watch you everyday, I try to let you know with signs I never went away.

I hear you when you're laughing, and watch you as you sleep. I even place my arms around you to calm you as you weep.

I see you wish the days away, begging to have me home. So I try to send you signs so you know you are not alone.

Don't feel guilty that you have life that was denied to me. Heaven is truly beautiful, just you wait and see.

So live your life, laugh again, enjoy yourself, be free. Then I know with every breath you take You'll be taking one for me.

55

You never said I'm leaving

You never said 'I'm leaving' You never said goodbye You were gone before I knew it, And only God knew why.

A million times I needed you,
A million times I cried
If Love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died

In Life I loved you dearly In death I love you still In my heart you hold a place, That no one could ever fill

It broke my heart to lose you, But you didn't go alone For part of me went with you, The day God took you home. 56

Don't remember me with sadness. Don't remember me with tears, Remember all the laughter, We've shared throughout the years. 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. So please don't be unhappy Just because I'm out of sight, Remember that I'm with you Each morning, noon and night.



Bridge of Love

There is a bridge of memory. From earth to heaven above. It keeps you always near us, it's called the bridge of love.

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

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. And past its golden door

Awaits the one who's now away;

Not lost, just gone before.

And in that home that lies beyond
The Master will prepare
A place for you; and when He calls
You'll meet your loved ones there.

59

Weep not for me though I am gone Into that gentle night, Grieve if you will, but not for long, Upon my sweet soul's flight. I am at peace, my soul is at rest. There is no need for tears. For with your love I was blessed For all those years. There is no pain, I suffer not, The fear now is all gone. Put now these things Out of your thoughts. In your memory I live on. Remember not my fight for breath. Remember not the strife. Please do not dwell upon my death, But celebrate my life.

60

Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed a dream. As I was walking along the beach with my Lord. Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, One belonging to me and one to my Lord. After the last scene of my life flashed before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that at many times along the path of my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints. This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said once I decided to follow you, You'd walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me." He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you Never, ever, during your trials and testings. When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried vou."



The Ship

What is dying
I am standing on the seashore,
a ship sails in the morning breeze
and starts for the ocean.
She is an object of beauty
and I stand watching her
till at last she fades on the horizon
and someone at my side says:
"She is gone."
Gone! Where

Gone from my sight that is all.
She is just as large in the masts,
hull and spars as she was when I saw her,
and just as able to bear
her load of living freight to its destination.
The diminished size and total loss of sight is in me,
not in her, and just at the moment
when someone at my side says,
"She is gone"

there are others who are watching her coming, and other voices take up a glad shout: "There she comes!" and that is dying.

Bishop Brent

If Flowers Grow In Heaven

If flowers grow in heaven Lord, then pick a bunch for me then place them in my mother's arms and tell her they're from me.

Tell her that I love and miss her and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for awhile.

63

If not the words,
they are but few.
It's the loving memories,
we keep of you.
Your happy ways and smiling face,
loved and respected every place.
Always grateful,
thoughtful and kind,
beautiful memories
you have left behind.
We cannot bring the old days back,
when we were all together.
But secret tears
and loving thoughts,

will stay with us forever.

64

Precious Gift

One gift, above all others God gives to us to treasure one that knows no time, no place and one gold cannot measure.

The precious, poignant, tender gift of memory that will keep our dear ones ever in our hearts although God gives them sleep.

It brings back long remembered things a song, a word, a smile and our world'sa better place because we had themfor awhile!





Remember Me

Remember me whenever you see a sunrise. Remember me whenever you see a star. Remember me whenever you see a rainbow, or woods in Autumn colours from afar. Remember me whenever you see roses, or seagulls sailing high in a sky of blue. Remember me whenever you see waves shining in the sun. Remember me and I'll be remembering you! Remember me whenever you see a tear drop or meadows still wet with morning dew. Remember me when you feel love growing in your heart and remember I'll be remembering you!

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree, The warmth of a summer sun. The calm of a quiet sea, The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night, The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight, The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed, The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need, Then God combined these qualities, And then there was nothing more to add He knew His masterpiece was complete, And so, He called it - Dad.

67

I can't repay the lessons
That you taught when I was small.
Or give you gift for gift
The daily treasures I recall...
I can't return encouragement
And loving words of praise.
In quite the way you did for me
Through all my childhood days.
But there is one gift that I can give,
It's all the love you've earned.
For love is what you always taught...
And love is what I learned.

68

Time has taken me from you,
Although not very far.

I'll be watching through the sunshine
And through the brightest star.
I'll be watching all of you,
From the heavens up above.
So take good care of each other
And carry all my love.

If you're ever wondering where I am,
here's where you can start.
Take a look inside yourself
Deep within your heart.

Short Verse Samples

A silent thought, a quiet prayer; For a special person in God's care. 2

We hold you close within our hearts
And there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again.

3

No matter how life changes No matter what we do A special place within our hearts Is always kept for you 4

All I ask is that you will remember me at Mass and Holy Communion.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

5

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. 6

Fold him, O Jesus, in Thy arms, And let him henceforth be A messenger of love between Our human hearts and thee.

7

Mother's there expecting me Father's waiting too Lots of folk gathered there All the friends I knew ... 8

"God has him in his keeping, We have him in our hearts".

9

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.

10

Treasured memories forever of you Today tomorrow and all life through.





You left us without a goodbye
Your end was sudden,
your thoughts unknown.
You left us memories,
we are proud to own.

Weep not for me my beloved ones My soul is overwhelmed with joy I am watching over you from on High.

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20

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

Those who die in grace go no further from us than God and God is very near.

As I journey toward life's sunset, mourning him who went before.
Faith assures me, I'll be with him, when I reach the other shore.

Peace is the serenity of the soul,
The tranquillity of the mind
And the simplicity of the heart.

Love crosses every horizon and entwines our hearts for an eternity.

Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his (her) soul.

Thou hast made us O Lord, for Thyself And our hearts shall find no rest Till they rest in Thee. St. Augustine He (She) has gone no further from us than to God; And God is very near. Let us not mourn their loss but rather Be grateful for having had them, Indeed for having them still.

17

19



Death cannot part us or distance divide, Each day of our lives, you walk by our side. 22

There's always a reason for living.
Though sad your heart may be.
There's always another horizon
Beyond the one you see.

23

Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and forever dear. 24

Along the road to yesterday that leads us straight to you, Are memories of happy days together we once knew.

25

Your resting place we visit We place some flowers with care. But no-one knows the heartache as we turn and leave you there. 26

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal

27

Weep not for me my beloved ones My soul is overwhelmed with joy I am watching over you from on High. 28

Jesus said:
"I am the light of the world.
He that follows me
shall not walk in darkness,
but shall have the light of life."

29

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. 30

Look at life with eyes that see, the good and not the bad. Cherish in your memory the glad times not the sad





Loved with a love beyond all telling, missed with a grief beyond all tears 32

It does not take a special day, For me to think of you, Each Mass I hear, each prayer I say, Is offered up for you.

33

A light from our household has gone, A voice we loved is stilled, A place is vacant in our home, That never can be filled 34

We can't have old days back
When we were all together.
But secret tears and loving thoughts
Will be with us forever.

35

In our hearts your memory lingers, Sweetly tender, fond and true, There is not a day, dear Mother (Father), That we do not think of you. 36

When a loved one becomes a memory That memory becomes a treasure.

37

Looking back with memories,
Upon the path you trod,
We bless the hours we had with you,
And leave the rest with God.

38

Always in our thoughts

Forever in our hearts

39

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

40

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.





Everyday in some small way Memories of you come our way. Though absent, you are always near Still missed, loved and always dear. 42

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

43

Mother
We remember you now with love,
your life from start to end
and we're just glad we had you
as our mother and our friend.

44

Our father kept a garden A garden of the heart He planted all good things That gave our lives a start.

45

Missed in the morning of everyday, Missed in the evening as light fades away, Missed in a thousand and one little ways, Around every corner a memory stays. 46

God saw the road was getting rough, The hill was hard to climb; He gently closed those loving eyes And whispered "Peace Be Thine."

47

From the Tree of Life each leaf must fall The green, the gold, the great, the small. Each one in God's own time He'll call. With perfect love, He gathers all. 48

"The Lord watch between you and me, when we are out of one another's sight."

– Genesis 31:49

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A bouquet of beautiful memories, sprayed with a million tears, wishing God could have spared you, if just for a few more years 50

A silent grief that's in our hearts, No human eye can trace; For many a broken heart is hid Beneath a smiling face







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