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**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 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.

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**23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm**

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.  
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.

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**The Lord's Prayer**

Our father which 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 debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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**Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

Lord, make me an instrument  
of your peace.  
Where there is hatred,  
let me show 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 pardoning  
that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are  
born to eternal life.  
Amen.

**God Hath Not Promised**

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

**FOOTPRINTS**

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

**Safely Home**

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.  
All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.  
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.  
When your work is all completed,  
He will gently call you Home;  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,  
Oh the joy to see you come!

**When I must leave you**

When I must leave you  
For a little while  
Please do not grieve  
and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you  
through the years.  
But start out bravely  
With a gallant smile;  
And for my sake  
and in my name,  
Live on and do all things  
the same,  
Feed not your loneliness  
on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour  
in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand  
in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn  
will comfort you  
And hold you near;  
And never, never  
be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting  
for you in the sky!

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**Reflections**

Early in the morning  
awakening the sun  
Again as dusk is moving in  
with night skies soon to come

Familiar place is sought to touch  
the soul with solitude  
Reflecting on Life's seasons  
with Heartfelt gratitude

In midst of waters peaceful  
memories fill the mind  
Of laughter, love and family  
forever ties the bind

Though sorrow sometimes visits  
blessings come to rest  
Each time that we remember  
the times that we loved best

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**A Note to You**

Life is like a vapor  
On the side where you remain  
Forever is where time goes on  
Filled with joyful, timeless days

I am quite alive, you see  
And waiting here for you  
So, please live your life with joy and love  
Until you are timeless too

We will laugh again together  
When life will have no end  
No, this is not goodbye at all  
It is, I will see you then.

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**Forever Touch**

Each life leaves a unique legacy  
Embossed upon our hearts  
A touch that lingers on and on  
When time has come to part

Memories like fingerprints  
Leave a special place  
Knitted to the people  
That time cannot erase

They live forever in our hearts  
As time continues on  
In memories of days gone by  
We still shared a special bond

That bond cannot be broken  
Even death can't separate  
A touch that live forever  
Time cannot erase.

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**Memories Eternal**

Precious are the memories  
Displaying smiles and tears  
Placed lovingly in albums  
Passed down throughout the years

Quickly all the days go by  
And time cannot erase  
Love shining from the faces  
On every treasured page

Traits through generations  
Reflected still today  
A unique smile, a sound of voice  
The way that you prayed

When the final page is turned  
Still destiny goes on  
To make eternal memories  
When this life is done

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**Beyond the Meadow**

Just beyond the meadow  
I found my forever home  
A simple place of beauty  
Where only love grows

It blooms because of you  
And all the memories we share  
You made a world of difference  
Just because you cared

Look out the window often  
and continue to plant those seeds because  
Love lives Forever  
in the Beauty that Abounds

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**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.

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**O Gentlest Heart of Jesus**

O' gentlest heart of Jesus,  
Ever present in the Blessed Sacrament,  
Ever consumed with burning love,  
For the poor captive souls,  
Have mercy on the soul,  
for thy departed servant.  
Be not severe in Thy judgment,  
But let some drops of Thy Precious Blood,  
fall upon the devouring flames,  
and Thou O' Merciful Saviour,  
send Thy Angels to conduct,  
Thy departed servant to a place,  
of refreshment light and peace.  
Amen.

May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Merciful Jesus grant eternal rest.

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**Serenity Prayer**

God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the things  
I cannot change,  
the courage to change  
the things I can,  
and the wisdom to  
know the difference

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**Irish Blessing**

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

**18**

**Meet Me in the Stars**

You aren't that far away.  
Just meet me in the stars.  
I saw you twinkling at me.  
I know just where you are.

Distance can never steal  
A lifetime of our love.  
It is when it is the darkest  
The stars appear above.

So shine ever so brightly.  
Let me know you still care.  
Meet me in the stars  
And I will find you there.

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**One More Day**

I close my eyes and wish  
For just one more day,  
To see you one more time,  
And ask you to stay.

I'd hold you in my arms  
Long enough to let you know,  
Just what you meant to me  
And how much I love you so.

You are always in my dreams  
But I want to hug you for real.  
I wish heaven could give you back.  
That is exactly how I feel.

Just one more day with you,  
I'd share a part of my soul.  
I'd tell you how I love you  
And then I'd let you go.

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