

GORMLEY

— MEMORIALS —

Personalised Luxury Cards | Religious or Scenic Luxury Cards



The Dark Hedges, Co. Antrim

At Gormley Memorials we provide our customers with a range of uniquely designed cards, providing a lasting memory of their loved ones.

We have provided a selection of Religious and Scenic designs within this book but we believe that creating a unique personalised memory is essential and that is why we also provide our design services to create a more personal memory.

All Gormley Memorial Cards are expertly designed and finished to the highest standards.

We use the latest in digital printing solutions ensuring that all images and photos are perfectly re-produced. The Memorial Cards are printed on a heavy Silk Card and finished with a high quality gloss laminate giving them both a quality feel and a long lasting protection.

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3 Steps to Creating Your Cards:



1. Choose Card(s) & Style 2. Choose Verse 3. Select Photograph(s) OR Design your own unique card using our **CityGold** service. Create your own background style.
2. Use your own text or verse 3. Select Photograph(s)

Help with Ordering - If you would like personal assistance, please ring & we can go through the order with you.

Delivery: Once you have checked & approved the layout, your cards will be delivered within a few days.

Choosing your Photograph:

We select the image of your loved one from a photograph and super-impose it onto a background of your choice. When sending group photographs, please indicate your loved one by lightly marking the back of the photograph with an “X”. We can remove other people in the image.

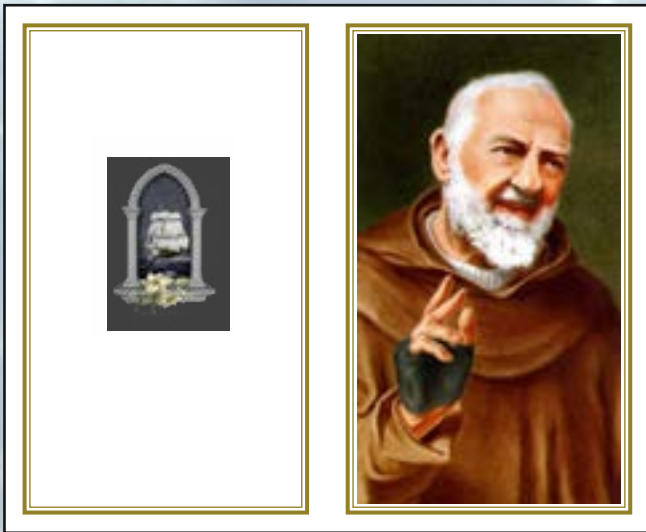
It is important when choosing your photograph(s) to pay close attention to the quality of the image. If possible, choose a close-up photograph. If you are not sure which photograph to use, we would be happy for you to send us more than one and we will advise you on which photo is likely to reproduce most clearly.

Email images should be at least 300dpi. Please call us if you have any queries. You may have your photograph in different styles and effects which are below.

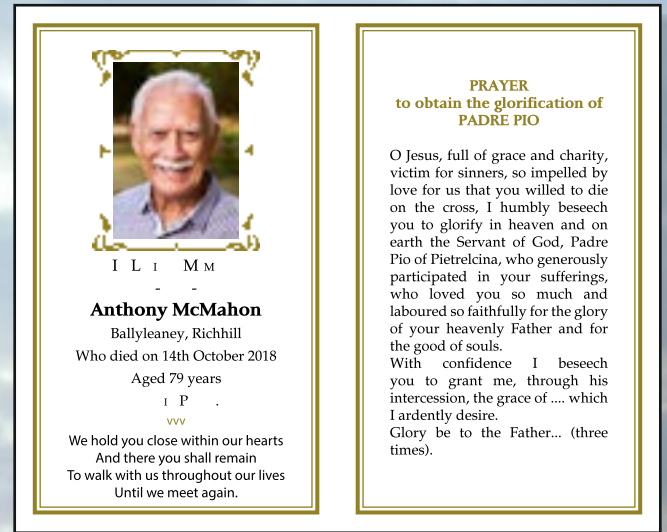
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citysilver

CitySilver is our popular range of quality In Memoriam cards. These Cards are available in single card format or folded. They come with 1 photograph of the deceased and a choice of religious or nature themed pictures. All cards are finished with a luxury gloss laminate coating.



Cover & back layout from City Silver Range



Inside layout from City Silver Range



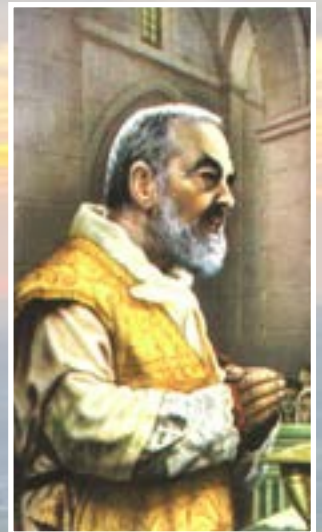
551 Sacred Heart of Jesus



552 Sacred Heart of Mary



553 Miraculous Medals



554 Saint Pio



556 Our Lady of the Rosary



557 Our Lady of Knock



558 Our Lady of Lourdes
and Saint Bernadette



559 Divine Mercy

Memorial Cards



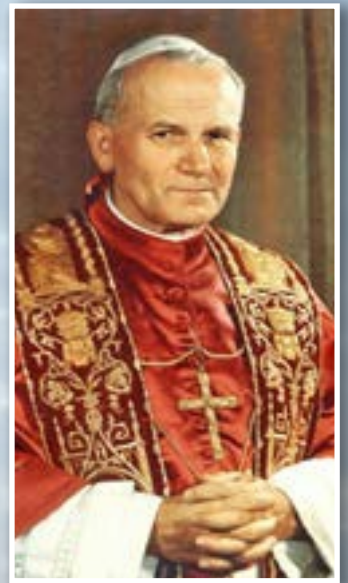
560 The Holy Family



561 Our Lady



562 Perpetual Help



563 Pope John Paul II



564 Our Lord



565 Saint Anne



566 Saint Martin



567 Saint Patrick



568 Saint Anthony



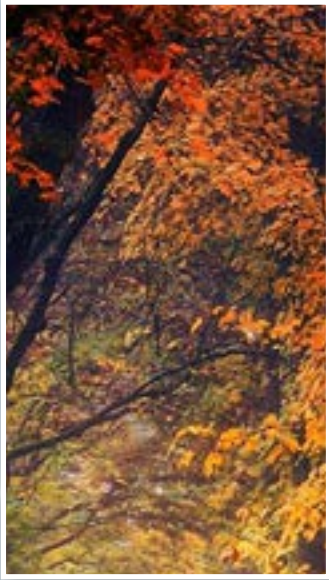
569 Saint Francis



570 Saint Joseph



571 Saint Thérèse



586 Autumn Avenue



573 Lakeside Boat



586 Wooded Lane



585 Bread & Fish



576 Yellow Rose



577 Footprints



587 The Golf Course



579 Evening Glow



580 Guardian Angels



581 Riverside Path



582 Serenity Prayer



583 Chalice

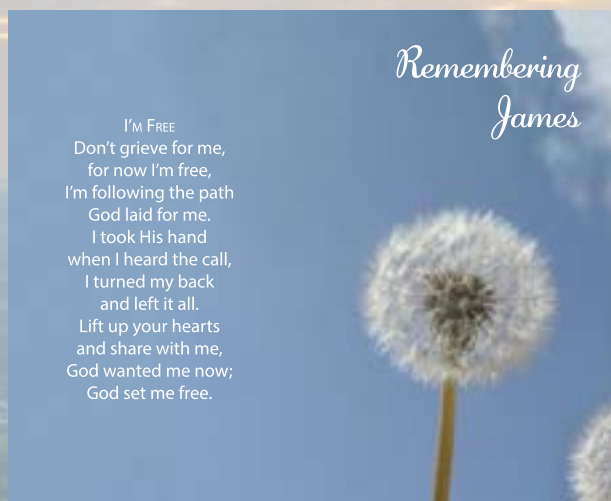
City Senses Memorial Cards



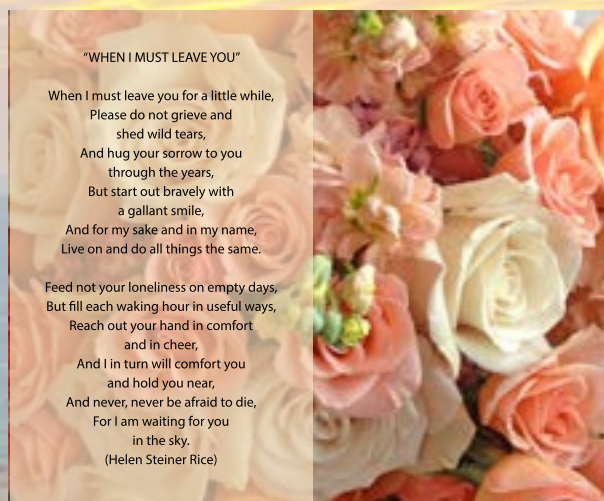
CitySenses offers you a contemporary range of images and effects that can be used for our Memorial Cards, Bookmarks and Acknowledgement Cards.



Memorial Cards in this range measure 70mm x 115mm (when folded) and allow for any verse from our range. You may choose one of your own at a small charge. One photograph is used in this range, if more are wanted please look at the **CityGold** customised range. Texts shown on sample images are only to give you an idea of how the card might look and may be changed as desired.



N101



N102



N103



N104



N105

An aching heart is but a stepping stone
To greater joy than you've ever known,
For things that cause the heart to ache
Until you think that it must break,
Become the strength by which we climb
To higher heights that are sublime,
And feel the radiance of God's smiles

For God has chosen you because,
With all your weaknesses and flaws,
He feels that you are worthy of
The greatness of His wondrous love.
So welcome every stumbling block
And every thorn and jagged rock;
For each one is a steppingstone

To God, who wants you for His own,
For discipline in daily duty
Will shape your life for deeper beauty;
And as you grow in strength and grace,
The clearer you can see God's face;
And on the steppingstones of strife,
You reach at last eternal life.



N106

Forget
me not...



N107



N108



N109

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



N110

THE MEMORARE

Remember O most gracious
Virgin Mary, that never was
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 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.



N111



Remembering
Name

*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 *Sone Away*
Out of a restless
careworn world
into a brighter day.*

N112

City Senses Memorial Cards



N113



N114



N130



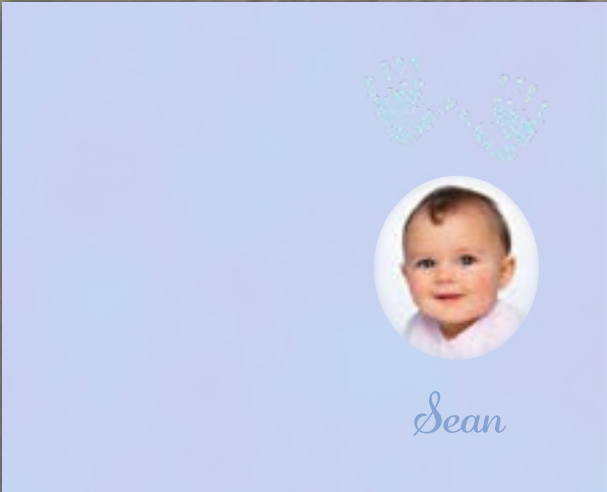
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N118



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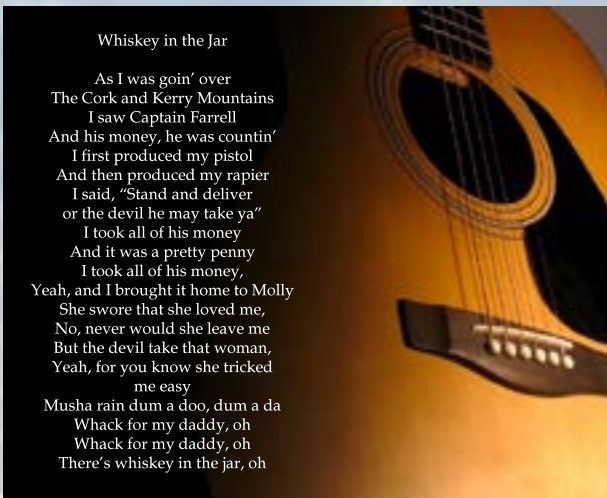
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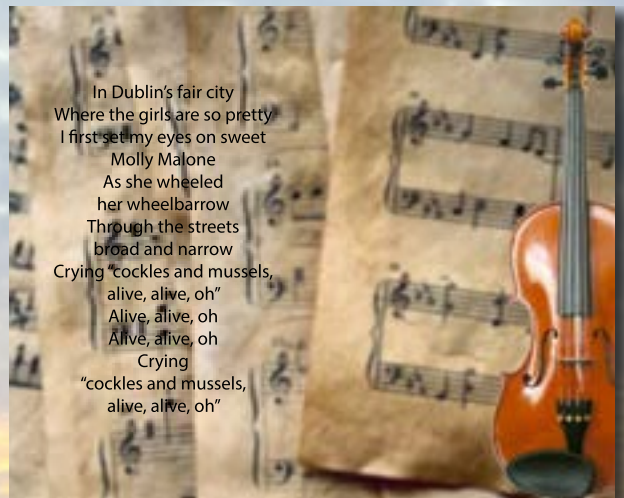
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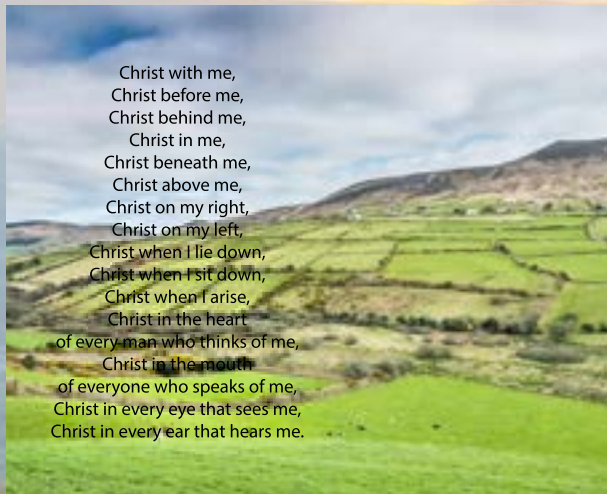
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N125



N126



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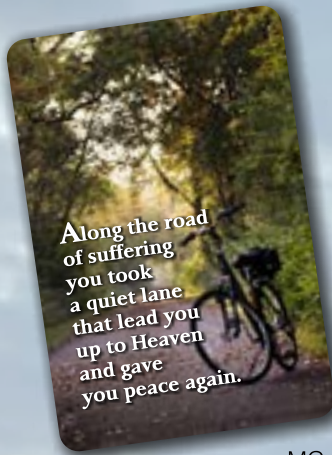
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Memento Cards

Memento Cards



MC 857
Bike on a Lane



Our memento cards, size 55mm x 85mm (Credit Card size) are an ideal keepsake in remembrance of a loved one. They can be designed entirely to your own specifications, using photography supplied by you or a host of backgrounds from our **CitySilver** or **CitySenses** ranges. A favourite flower, scene or hobby can all depict a cherished memory and convey the real person behind their photo. We recommend that you supply us with up to 4 good quality photographs of the deceased, 1 for the front of the card and the others can be used in a montage style effect on the back. A short verse works well on the front whilst a longer verse can be chosen for the reverse side.



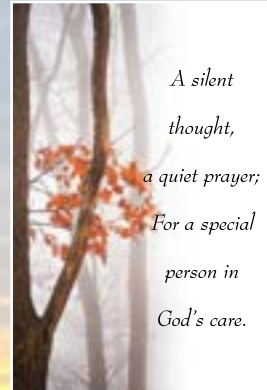
Memento Layout
on front



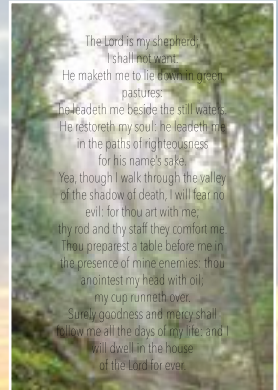
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Pink Rose



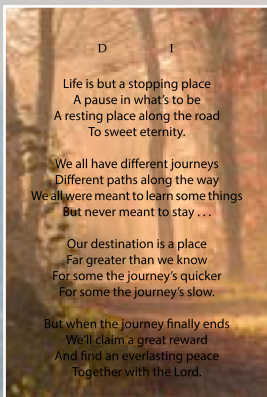
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Wild Flowers



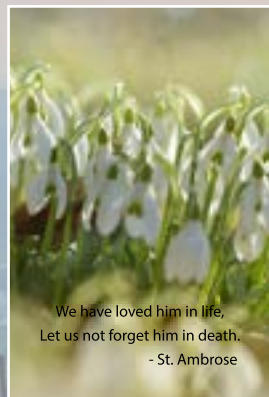
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Autumn Leaves



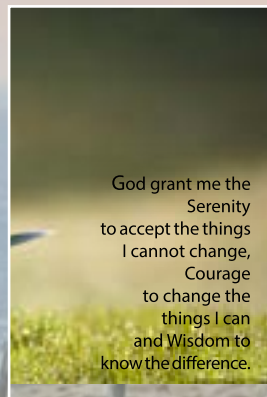
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Sunbeams



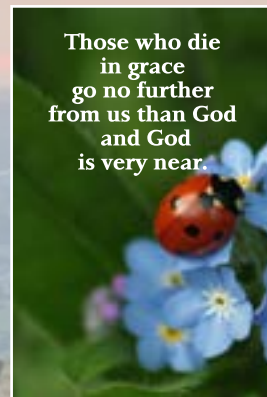
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Autumn Lane



MC 839
Snowdrops



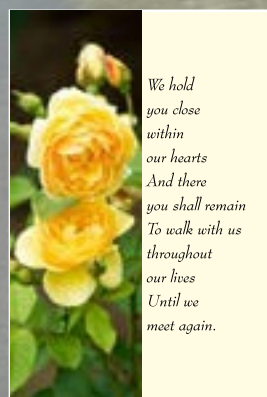
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Daffodil



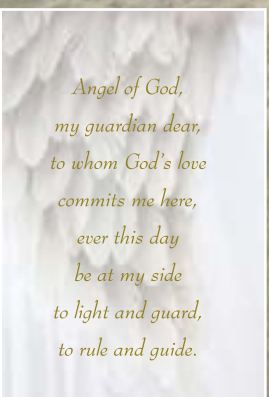
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Ladybird



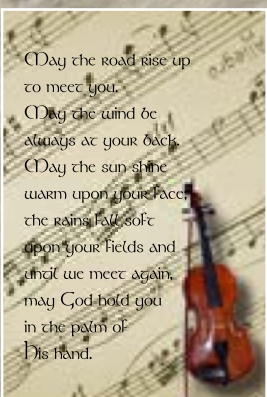
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Fuchsia



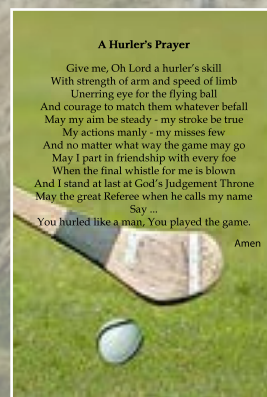
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Yellow Roses



MC 844
Angel's Wing



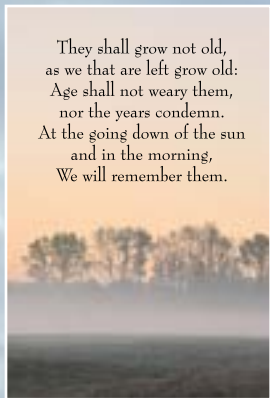
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Music and Fiddle



MC 846
Hurley

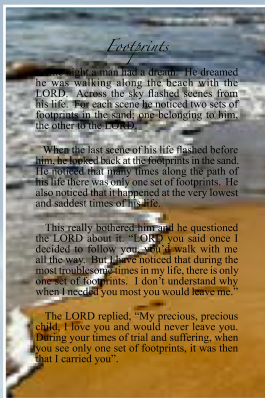


MC 847
Football



They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
We will remember them.

MC 848
Sunrise



Footprints

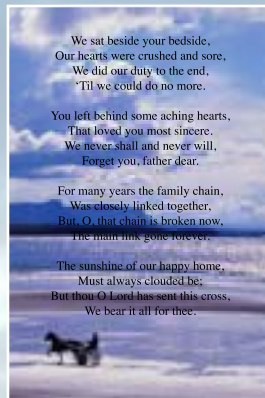
One night, a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky, flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, the other to the LORD.

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, I'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 need 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 see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

MC 849
Footprints



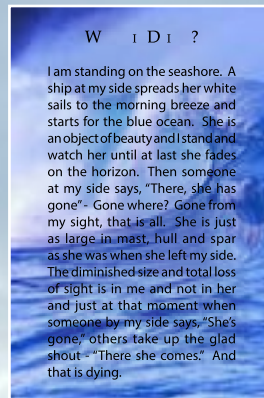
We sat beside your bedside,
Our hearts were crushed and sore,
We did our duty to the end,
'Til we could do no more.

You left behind some aching hearts,
That loved you most sincere,
We never shall and never will,
Forget you, father 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 sent this cross,
We bear it all for thee.

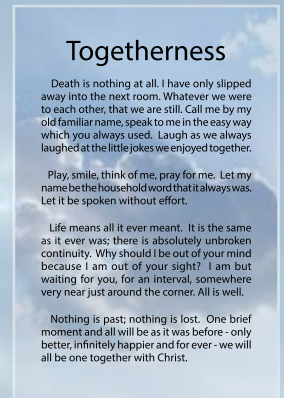
MC 823
Quiet Beach



W I D I ?

I am standing on the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and I stand and watch her until at last she fades on the horizon. Then someone at my side says, "There, she has 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. The diminished size and total loss of sight is in me and not in her and just at that moment when someone by my side says, "She's gone," others take up the glad shout - "There she comes." And that is dying.

MC 825
Waves



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 always was. Let it be spoken without effort.

Life means all 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 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 for ever - we will all be one together with Christ.

MC 830
Clouds



Remembering
Joe

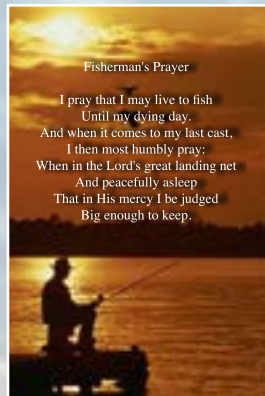
MC 850
By the Lake



All I ask is that whenever you may be, you always remember me to the Holy Communion and at the foot of the Altar.

- St. Monica

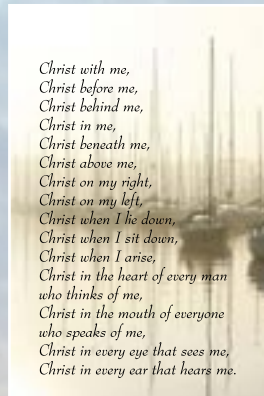
MC 821
Waterfall



Fisherman's Prayer

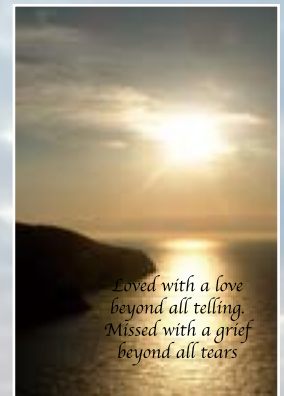
I pray that I may live to fish
Until my dying day,
And when it comes to my last cast,
I then most humbly pray:
When in the Lord's great landing net
And peacefully asleep
That in His mercy I be judged
Big enough to keep.

MC 851
A Quiet Moment



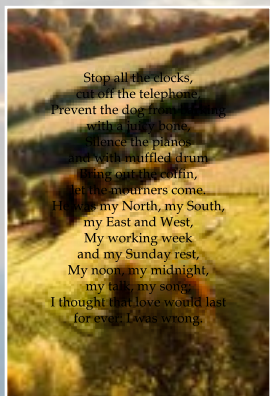
Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

MC 852
Safely Moored



Loved with a love
beyond all telling.
Missed with a grief
beyond all tears

MC 833
Evening Glow



Stop all the clocks,
Turn off the telephone,
Prevent the dog from barking
with a furrowed brow,
Silence the piano
and with muffled drum
bring out the coffin,
So that the mourners come,
Hush my North, my South,
my East and West,
My working week
and my Sunday rest,
My noon, my midnight,
my love, my song,
I thought that love would last
for ever - I was wrong.

MC 853
Contry Fields



They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason,
Will change the way we feel.

MC 854
Cattle at Pasture



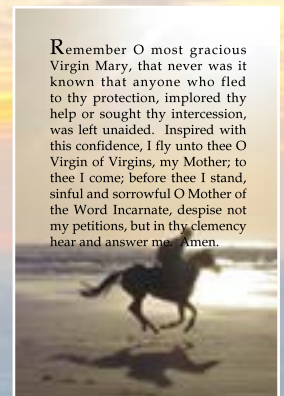
God,
grant me the *Serenity*
to accept the things
I cannot change . . .
Courage
to change the things I can and
Wisdom
to know the difference.

MC 855
The Harvest



Eternal rest, grant unto him,
O Lord
and let perpetual light
shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.

MC 856
Working Hands at Rest



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 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.

MC 832
At the Gallop

Bookmarks and Memento Wallets



The Ideal Keepsake
Present your
memento card or
bookmark in a wallet
that will protect your
card for generations
to come.



Bookmarks

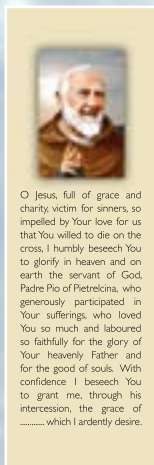
All our bookmarks are high quality and laminated. They measure 170mm x 56mm. Please choose from an image displayed here or we can adapt any other image from the brochure. You may choose any verse from our Verses Section, or provide us with one of your own. The reverse of each bookmark will match with the front. We can also supply envelopes to match the bookmark - just let us know when ordering if required.



Layout for back of bookmark



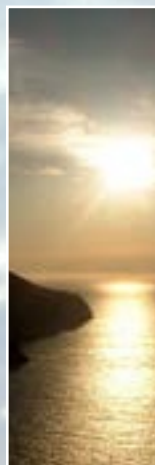
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Autumn
Leaves



BM 622
Saint Pio



BM 623
Serenity



BM 624
Evening Glow



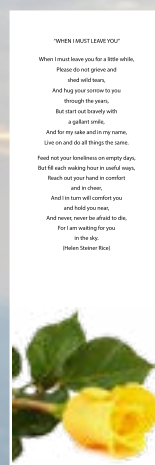
BM 625
Sun Beams



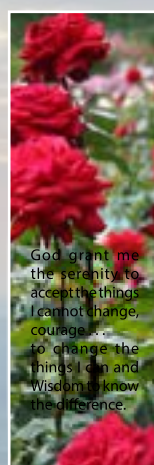
BM 626
Lake Sunset



BM 627
Lakeside



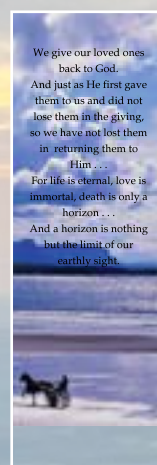
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Yellow Rose



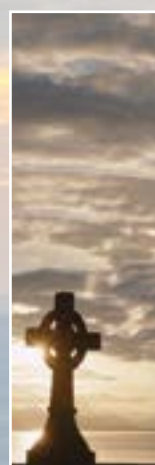
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Red Roses



SB 722
Stone Bridge



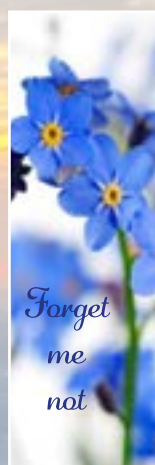
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Trap on Beach



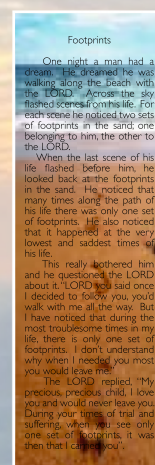
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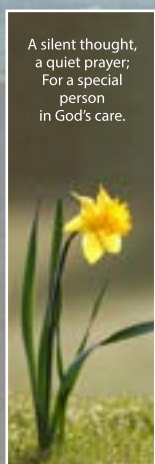
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Rose Bush



SB 729
Forget Me Not



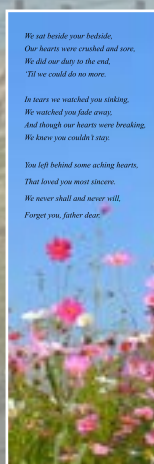
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Footprints



SB 730
Daffodil



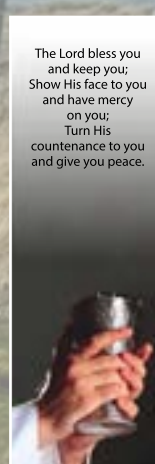
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Dark Pink
Rose



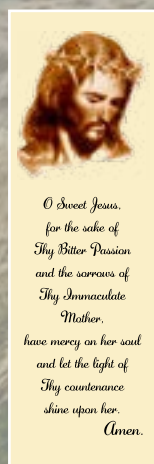
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Wild Flowers



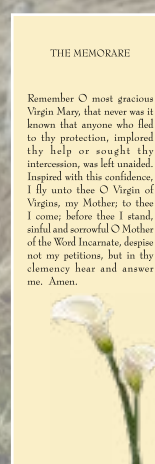
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Jesus I trust
in You



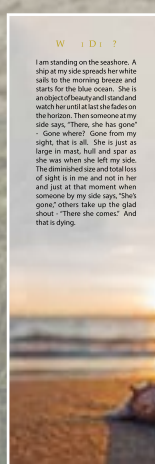
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Holy
Communion



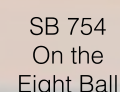
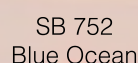
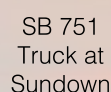
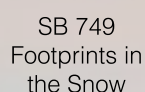
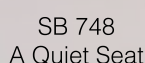
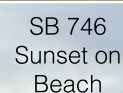
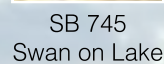
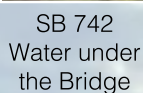
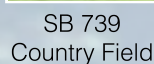
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Gather photographs from: Birth - Early years - Holy Communion - School - Teenage years - University - Work - Marriage - Family life - Home and garden - Hobbies - Sport - Later years. We will montage these images to make a lasting memory of your loved one. We can also make an Acknowledgement card to match if desired.

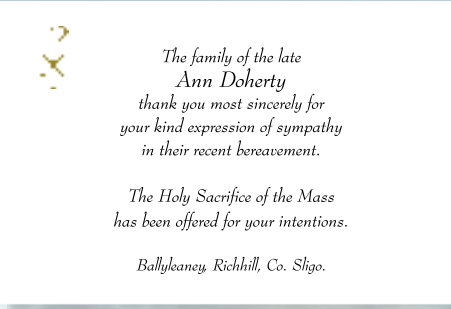
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Acknowledgement Cards & Letters

Acknowledgement Cards

Choose an acknowledgement card to complement your memorial card or bookmark. Cards are available in single card or folded format. Envelopes included.



Example of text layout for acknowledgement cards

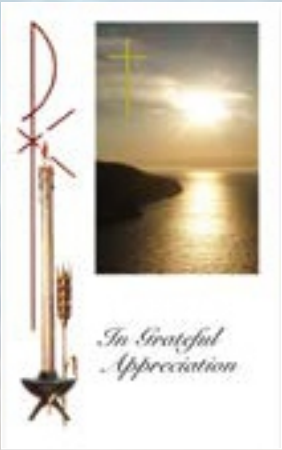


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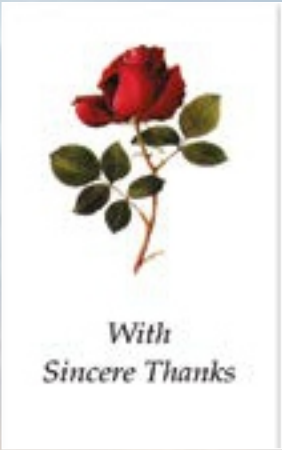


AC2 - Front - Praying Hands folded or single

Any image from our card range may be used with AC3 Acknowledgement



AC3 - Front - Sunset



AC5 - Front - Rose

This is a single acknowledgement card to complement your memorial card or bookmark. Reverse of card may include a photograph of your loved one if wished and a transparency of your chosen image from our range shown or from this brochure. Envelopes included with all acknowledgment cards.



Reverse side layout



ACS205 - Front - Lilies



ACS206 - Front - Autumn Leaves



ACS206 - Front - Lakeside Boat



ACS207 - Front - Blossom

Create a unique customised acknowledgement card to match your memorial cards or bookmarks using images supplied by you.



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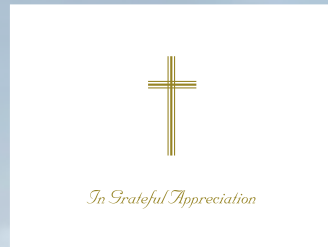


Memorial Stationery

A5 Acknowledgement Notes



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Reverse side of Ack



ACX 6 - Fuchsia



ACX 5 - Roses



ACX 7 - Poppy



ACX 8 - Daffodils



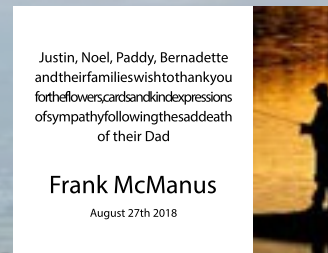
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ACX 10 - Countryside



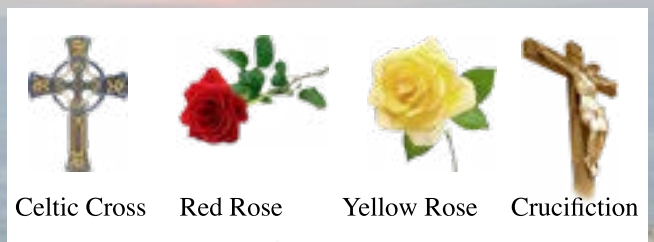
ACX 11 - At the Match



ACX 12 - Fishing at Sunset



An excellent expression of thanks, we can produce A5 Thank You notes, personalised with a photograph of the deceased with your chosen wording. Suggested wordings are included in our Ordering Guide for your guidance. These wordings can be altered to meet your requirements at no extra cost. You may choose different designs from the range below.



Celtic Cross Red Rose Yellow Rose Crucifixion

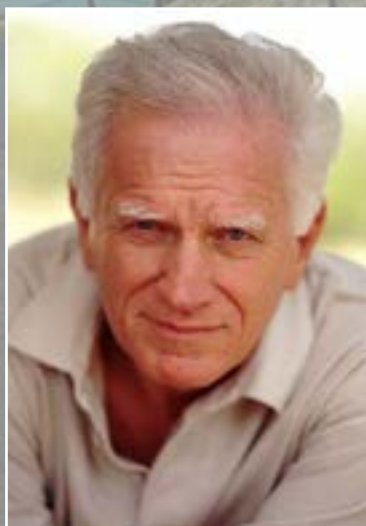


Photo Enlargements

We have the facility to produce high quality photo enlargements up to A4 in size. We can add a verse to this for you. Use the original photo or a background of your choice.



Key Rings

Keep a remembrance of your loved one nearby with a keyring fob. Which can be made to match your memorial on reverse.

Verses

Choose from our selection of well known verses (V1 - V33). If you would prefer your own individual text, please send it along with your order and we will include it in your cards. (See price list & order form). Any of these verses (S1 - S12), or your own text may also be printed on the back of the cards. You can include a picture from our range or you may prefer one of your own instead.

S1 *Oh! you whom I have loved in life, pray for me and live in such a manner that we may be re-united for ever in a Blessed Eternity.*
- St. Bonaventure.

S2 *Fold him, O Jesus, in Thine arms
And let him henceforth be
A messenger of love between
Our human hearts and Thee.*

S3 *We hold you close within our hearts
And there you shall remain
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again.*

S4 *"All I ask is that wherever you may be, you will always remember me at Holy Communion and at the foot of the Altar." - St. Monica*

S5 *Those who die in grace
go no further from us than God
and God is very near.*

S6 *O Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

S7 *Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place all my trust in Thee.*

S8 *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace, Amen.*

S9 *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.*

S10 *Just a prayer from the family who loved you
Just a memory, fond and true
In our hearts you will live for ever
Because we thought the world of you.*

S11 *"We have loved her in life, let us not forget her in death." - St. Ambrose*

S12 *O Sweet Jesus, for the sake of Thy Bitter Passion and the sorrows of Thy Immaculate Mother, have mercy on his soul and let the light of Thy countenance shine upon him. Amen.*

V1 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 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 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 for ever - we will all be one together with Christ.

V2 *May she rest in peace, dear Jesus,
In Thy heavenly home above,
With The Sacred Heart of Jesus,
In his own eternal love.
Along the road to yesterday,
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.*

V3



*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 broken down and cried.*

*Gone from home that smiling face,
Those cheerful, happy days,
The heart that won so many friends,
In bygone, happy days.*

*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.*

V4 PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

O Ever Immaculate Virgin Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; deign to cast on me a look of pity. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence, to implore your maternal intercession.

Obtain, O Loving Mother, the grant of my requests. Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day see your glory.

Amen.

V5 PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

O God, the creator and redeemer of all faithful, grant to the souls of thy servants departed, the full remission of their sins, that through pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

"All I ask is that wherever you may be, you will remember me at Holy Communion and at the foot of the Altar."

- St. Monica.

V6 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

V7

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 for ever;
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.

When the work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home,
Oh! the rapture of that meeting,
Oh! the joy to see you come.

V8

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 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.

Hear, we beseech thee, O Lord, our
prayers, which we humbly address
to thy mercy, that the soul of thy
servant, which thou hast called out
of this world, may be received into
the region of light and peace, and
be numbered amongst the blessed.
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

V9

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 couldn't stay.

You left behind some aching hearts,
That loved you most sincere.
We never shall and never will,
Forget you, father 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 sent this cross,
We bear it all for thee.

V10

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 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.

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 ever know.

V11

*Gone from our home that smiling face,
The cheerful happy ways,
The heart that won so many friends,
In bygone happy days.*

*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.
In dreams we see her smiling face,
And kiss her tender brow,
But in our aching hearts we know,
We have no mother now.*

*The voice is now silent, the heart now cold,
The smile and the welcome that met us of old,
We miss her and mourn her in sorrow unseen,
And dwell on the memory of days that have been.*

*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, mother dear.*

V12

We lost a father with a heart of gold,
How much we miss him, can never be told.
He shared our troubles and helped us along.

If we follow his footsteps,
we can never go wrong.

We miss you from your fireside chair,
Your loving smile and gentle air.
Your vacant place, no one can fill,
We miss you father and always will.

He was a father so very rare,
Content in his home and always there.
On earth he toiled, in heaven he rests,
God bless you father,
You were one of the best.

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.

O Sweet Jesus, for the sake of Thy Bitter Passion
and the sorrows of Thy Immaculate Mother,
have mercy on his soul; and let the light of Thy
Countenance shine upon him. - Amen.

V13

"WHEN I MUST LEAVE YOU"

When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and
shed wild tears,
And hug your sorrow to you
through the years,
But start out bravely with
a gallant smile,
And for my sake and in my name,
Live on and do all things the same.

Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort
and in cheer,
And I in turn will comfort you
and hold you near,
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you
in the sky.

(Helen Steiner Rice)

V14

A bouquet of beautiful memories,
Sprayed with a million tears,
Wishing God could have spared you,
If just for a few more years.

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

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

May she rest in peace, dear Jesus,
In Thy heavenly home above,
With the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
In His own eternal love.

Along the road to yesterday,
That leads us 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,
Beneath a smiling face.

V15

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,
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 see only one set of footprints, it was then
that I carried you".

V16 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 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.

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You can only have one mother;
Patient, kind and true.
No other friend in all the world,
Will be the same to you.
When other friends forsake you,
To mother you will return,
For all her loving kindness,
She asks nothing in return.
When 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.

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

V17 GOD'S LENT CHILD.
"I'll lend you for a little while, a child of mine God said, for you to love him while he lives, and mourn for when he's dead. It may be six or seven years, or forty-two or three, But will you, till I call him back, take care of him for me? He'll bring his charms to gladden you and should his stay be brief, you'll always have his memories as a solace for your grief. I cannot promise he will stay, since all from earth return, but there are lessons taught below I want this child to learn.
I've looked this whole world over in my search for teachers true, and from the folks that crowd life's lane, I have chosen you." "Now will you give him all your love nor think the labour vain, or hate me when I come to take this lent child back again? I fancied that I heard him say, "Dear Lord, Thy will be done", for all the joys Thy child will bring, the risk of grief we'll run. We'll shelter him with tenderness, we'll love him while we may, and for the happiness we've known forever grateful stay. But should the Angels come for him much sooner than we've planned, we'll have the bitter grief that comes and try to understand."

V18 PRAYER
To obtain the glorification of
SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA
O Jesus, full of grace and charity, victim for sinners, so impelled by Your love for us that You willed to die on the cross, I humbly beseech You to glorify in heaven and on earth the servant of God, Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, who generously participated in Your sufferings, who loved You so much and laboured so faithfully for the glory of Your heavenly Father and for the good of souls.
With confidence I beseech You to grant me, through his intercession, the grace of which I ardently desire.

Glory be to the Father.....
(three times).

V19 It was a sudden parting,
Too bitter to forget,
Those who loved you dearly,
Are the ones who can't forget.
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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.
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Your life was one of kindly deeds,
A helping hand for others needs,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Beautiful memories left behind.
-+-
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.
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Two tired eyes are sleeping,
Two willing hands are still,
The one who worked so hard for us,
Is resting at God's will.
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Our family chain is broken,
Nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The links shall join again.

V20 *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.*

V21 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.

V22 Distance takes us far apart
And darkens my today.
I have to keep remembering -
You're just a thought away.

When the world is too confusing,
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.

V23 *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.*

V24 *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 tears 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 must all 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 sorrow
In doing good things,
Miss me, but let me go. . .*

V25

May He support us
all the day long till the
shades lengthen and
evening comes and the
busy world is hushed and
the fever of life is over
and our work is done:
then in His mercy may
He give us a safe lodging
and a Holy rest and
peace at the last.

Cardinal Newman.

V26

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 the 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 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; God set me free.

V27



*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.*

V28

WE GIVE OUR LOVED
ONES BACK TO GOD.

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.

V29

PRAYER TO OUR
LADY OF KNOCK

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland,
you gave hope to your people in a time
of distress, and comforted them in sorrow.
You have inspired countless pilgrims to
pray with confidence to your Divine Son,
remembering His promise: "Ask and you
shall receive, seek and you shall find."
Help me to remember that we are all
pilgrims on the road to heaven, fill me
with love and concern for my brothers
and sisters in Christ, especially those who
live with me.
Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or
depressed. Teach me how to take part
ever more reverently in the Holy Mass.
Give me a greater love of Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and
at the hour of my death. Amen.

Our Lady of Knock, pray for us.

V30

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 mother,
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 mother.
Our secret tears still 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 then 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 she turns and smiles,
Put your arms around her;
And hold her for a while.

V31

*The Rose Beyond the Wall*

*A rose once grew where all could see
Sheltered beside a garden wall
And as the days passed swiftly by
It spread its branches straight and tall.*

*One day a beam of light shone through
A crevice that had opened wide
The rose bent gently toward its warmth
Then passed beyond to the other side.*

*Now you who deeply feel its loss
Be comforted - the rose blooms there-
Its beauty even greater now
Nurtured by God's own loving care.*

V32

TO THOSE I LOVE
AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME

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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 in tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave to you my love, 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 travelled on alone.
So grieve awhile 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 the memories within 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;
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
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 a
"WELCOME HOME"

V33



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.**