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.

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.

There is no light 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".

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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.

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Our hearts once more will sing -
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Remembering
Everybody loves to be remembered,
But if we want to be remembered,
we have a duty also to remember.
Memory is a powerful thing,
Wrongly used it can bring death rather than life.
Rightly used it is a form of immortality:
It keeps the past alive. Those we remember never die:
They continue to walk with and talk with us.
Their influence is still felt among us.
There is nothing stronger or more helpful than a good remembrance.
Mother, we want you to know that we haven't forgotten you. We remember you, and your memory most definitely brings life to us today:
May it also assure us of life for you, that eternal life Christ came to earth to give to us.

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.

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

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

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and would never leave you. But death has left a vacant place, this world can never fill.

Footprints of 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
One brief moment and all will be as it was before - only better, infinitely happier and forever - we will all be one together in Christ.
May He support us all the day long until the shadows lengthen and the 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 last.

**Prayer Code: 110**

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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 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 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.

**Prayer Code: 113**

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O Jesus in Thy infinite mercy and through the prayers of the Blessed Mother of Sorrows, have compassion on the poor suffering souls in Purgatory, Oh! bring comfort to them in their pains, shorten their exile, and conduct them finally into Thy Heavenly Kingdom, where with Thy Saints and Angels they shall praise and glorify Thee for all eternity.

**Prayer Code: 114**

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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.

**Prayer Code: 117**

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You can only have one mother, Patient, kind and true,
No other friend in 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.
As we look upon her picture, Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine, And a smile for one and all.
Sweet Jesus take this message, To our dear mother up above,
Tell her how we miss her, And give her all our love.

**Prayer Code: 118**

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MEMORIAL CARD PRAYERS

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.

Prayer Code: 119

Safely Home
I am home in Heaven, dear one; Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over; Every stormy cloud upended; I am now at peace forever.
Safely home in Heaven at last.
Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oft 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 no doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so sorely;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
To cheer by thy presence,
Now hear me, St. Joseph
To grant my petitions, Whatever they be.

Prayer Code: 120

Prayer to St. Thérèse
O glorious Saint Thérèse, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I implore your Miraculous Intercession.
So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "Prodigy of Miracles... the Greatest Saint of Modern Times."
Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention specifics here) and to carry out your promises of spending Heaven doing good upon the earth...of letting fall from Heaven a Shower of roses.
Henceforth, dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea "to be made known everywhere" and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you.
Amen.

Prayer Code: 121

Prayer Code: 122

Prayer to St. Joseph
Oh, guard and protect me, St. Joseph, each day As onward I journey To Heaven, I pray.
I ask, when I'm dying That thou wilt be there. To cheer by thy presence, To aid by thy prayer.
Now hear me, St. Joseph I count upon thee To grant my petitions, Whatever they be.

Prayer Code: 123

Prayer Code: 124

Prayer of Saint Patrick
Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, and in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Prayer Code: 125

Prayer to St. Anthony
O glorious St. Anthony; safe refuge of the afflicted and distressed. Who by miraculous revelation has directed all those who seek aid to come to Thy altar with the promise that whosoever visits it for nine consecutive Tuesdays, and there piously invokes Thee, will feel the power of Thy intercession. I, a poor sinner, encouraged by this promise, come to Thee, O powerful Saint, and with a firm hope I implore Thy aid, Thy protection, Thy counsel and Thy blessing. Obtain for me, I beseech Thee, my request in this necessity. But if it should be opposed to the will of God and the welfare of my soul, obtain for me such other graces as shall be conducive of my salvation.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer Code: 126

Novena to St. Brigid
O Glorious St. Brigid, Patroness of Ireland and Mother of the Churches, protect the Irish Church and preserve the true Faith in every Irish heart, at home and abroad. Obtain for us the grace to walk faithfully in the path of Christian perfection during life, and so to secure a holy and happy death, with life everlasting, in thy blessed company, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer Code: 127

A light from our household gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled.
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 the strength to bear it,
And courage to fight the blow;
What it has meant to us to lose you,
God alone will never know.
May the God of love and mercy,
Care for our loved one who is gone;
And bless with consolation,
Those left to carry on.
Our Lady of Knock

I come to thee, my Mother,
To lay before thy feet,
My bitter hours and sweet.

O take them, Mother Mary,
And change water into wine,
For you, your Son at Cana,
Though poor and small my offering,
Speak to your Son for me,
I know 'tis dear to thee.

and so, my Mother Mary,
I lay before thy feet,
My fears, my hopes, my longings,
Those who on earth were only ordinary Christians, become good; those who were good become sublime.
**VERSES NO 201**

Saint Anthony’s Blessing
Behold, the Cross of the Lord! Begone, all evil powers! The Lion of the tribe of Judah, The Root of David, has conquered! Alleluia, Alleluia!

**VERSES NO 202**

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

**VERSES NO 203**

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

**VERSES NO 204**

Fold him O Jesus in Thine arms and let him henceforth be a messenger of love between our human hearts and Thee.

**VERSES NO 205**

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

**VERSES NO 206**

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

**VERSES NO 207**

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

**VERSES NO 208**

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him and may his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**VERSES NO 209**

Deep in our hearts your memory is kept To love, to cherish, and never forget.

**VERSES NO 210**

To live in the hearts of those who love is not to die.

**VERSES NO 211**

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.

**VERSES NO 212**

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.