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# Selected Memorial Card Verses for Funeral Services

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## **Hail Mary, Full of Grace**

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 death.  
Amen.

## **O Jesus! Creator of Heaven and earth**

O Jesus! Creator of Heaven and earth Whom nothing  
can encompass or limit, Thou Who dost enfold and  
hold all under Thy Loving Power, remember the very  
bitter pain Thou didst suffer when the Jews nailed Thy  
Sacred Hands and Feet to the Cross by blow after blow  
with big blunt nails, and not finding Thee in a pitiable  
enough state to satisfy their rage, they enlarged Thy  
Wounds, and added pain to pain, and with indescrib-  
able cruelty stretched Thy Body on the Cross, pulled  
Thee from all sides, thus dislocating Thy Limbs.  
I beg of Thee, O Jesus, by the memory of this most  
Loving suffering of the Cross, to grant me the grace to  
fear Thee and to love Thee. Amen.

## **God Grant me the Serenity**

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

## **Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!  
Hail Our life, our sweetness, and our hope  
To thee do we cry, poor banished  
children of Eve, to thee do we send  
up our sighs, mourning and weeping  
in this valley, of tears.

Turn, then, most gracious advocate,  
thine eyes of mercy toward us; and  
after this our exile show unto us the  
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus;  
O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary  
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God  
That we may be made worthy of the  
promises of Christ.

## **Christ be near at either hand**

Christ be near at either hand,  
Christ behind, before me stand.  
Christ with me where e'er I go,  
Christ around, above, below.  
Christ be in my heart and mind,  
Christ within my soul enshrined.  
Christ control my wayward heart,  
Christ abide and ne'er depart.  
Christ my life and only way,  
Christ my lantern night and day.  
Christ be my unchanging friend,  
Guide and shepherd to the end.

## **Each time we look at your picture**

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.

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## **O St. Joseph**

O St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most Loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen

## **O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy**

O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy upon me. 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 complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory. Amen.

## **Yesterday is History**

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift – that's why it's called the present.

## **Lord, make me an instrument of your peace**

Lord, make me an instrument of your 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;  
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.

## **I arise today**

I arise today  
Through a mighty strength,  
the invocation of the Trinity,  
Through the belief in the threeness,  
Through the confession  
of the oneness  
Of the Creator of Creation.

## **A bouquet of beautiful memories**

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



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## Our Lady of Knock

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to our 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 or lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the holy Mass. Pray for me now, and at the hour of my death. Amen.

## When tomorrow starts without me

When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, All filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry, The way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say.  
I know how much you love me, As much as I love you,  
And each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.  
But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand,  
That an Angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand,  
And said my place was ready, In Heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind,  
All those I dearly love. So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your hearts.

## 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.

## A rose once grew where all could see

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.

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## **Life is but a stopping place**

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

## **Love is Immortal**

Love is Immortal  
...For love is enduring  
And patient and kind,  
It judges all things,  
With the heart not the mind,  
And love can transform  
The most commonplace  
Into beauty and splendour,  
And sweetness and grace...

## **Hail, glorious Saint Patrick!**

Hail, glorious Saint Patrick!  
We honor thy name,  
tho' Erin may claim thee,  
the world knows thy fame.  
The faith of our fathers is our treasure, too.  
How holy the thought,  
that they learned it from you.  
Thru crosses and trials its fire burn bright,  
they show us the way, and the truth,  
and the light. Our love and devotion be ever like thine,  
our thought be of Jesus,  
our heart be His shrine.  
And when to the end of life's path  
we have trod,  
be near us great bishop,  
anointed of God.

## **If we could have a Lifetime Wish**

If we could have a Lifetime Wish,  
a dream that would come true,  
we'd pray to God with all our hearts  
for yesterday and you.  
A thousand words can't bring you back  
We know because we've tried.  
Neither will a thousand tears  
we know because we've cried.  
You left behind our broken hearts  
and happy memories too...  
but we never wanted memories;  
we only want you..



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## **O holy St. Anthony**

O holy St. Anthony, gentlest of saints, your love for God and charity for his creatures made you worthy while on earth to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me the favour I seek in this novena (State your intention). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle; even so, you are the saint of miracles. O gentle and loving Saint Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms, and thee gratitude of my heart will always be yours.

## **God grant me the serenity**

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.  
Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the  
pathway to peace;  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world  
as it is, not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His Will;  
That I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with Him  
Forever in the next.  
Amen.

## **The Lord is my shepherd**

The Lord is my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.  
My soul he doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill:  
For thou art with me, and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.  
My table thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint  
And my cup overflows.  
Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.

## **We little knew that morning**

We little knew that morning that  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly.  
In death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you.  
You did not go alone,  
for part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories.  
Your love is still our guide.  
And though we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one,  
the Chain will link again.

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## **Stay with me, Lord**

Stay with me, Lord, for it is You  
alone I look for, Your Love,  
Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart,  
Your Spirit, because I love You  
and ask no other reward but to love  
You more and more.  
With a firm love, I will love You  
with all my heart while on earth  
and continue to love You perfectly  
during all eternity.  
Amen.

## **May He support us all the day long**

May He support us all the day long  
till the shades 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 the last.

## **Humility and Reverence**

Humility and Reverence for the lord  
will make you both wise and honoured

## **May he rest in peace**

May he rest in peace dear Jesus in thy heavenly home  
above with the sacred heart of Jesus in his own eternal  
love

## **Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free**

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.  
I took His hand when I heard him call;  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I've now found peace at the end of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savoured much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all to brief;  
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now-He set me free

## **Guardian Angel from heaven so bright**

Guardian Angel from heaven so bright,  
watching beside me to lead me aright,  
fold thy wings round me,  
and guard me with love,  
softly sing songs to me of heaven above.  
Amen.



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## O Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
filled with infinite love,  
broken by my ingratitude,  
pierced by my sins, yet loving me still – accept the  
consecration that I make to You of all that I am and all  
that I have.

Take every faculty of my soul and body. Draw me, day  
by day, nearer and nearer to your Sacred Heart, and  
there, as I can bear the lesson, teach me Your blessed  
ways.

Amen.

## Footprints in the Sand

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 belong-  
ing 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 real-  
ly 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.

## Teach us, we pray

Teach us, we pray, humility of heart,  
so that we may be counted  
among the little ones of the Gospel  
to whom the Father promised to reveal  
the mysteries of His Kingdom.

Help us to pray without ceasing,  
certain that God knows what we need  
even before we ask Him.

Obtain for us the eyes of faith  
that will help us recognise in the poor and suffering,  
the very face of Jesus.

Sustain us in the hour of trouble and trial and,  
if we fall, let us experience the joy of the  
sacrament of forgiveness.

Grant us your tender devotion to Mary,  
mother of Jesus and our Mother.

Accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage  
toward the blessed Homeland, where we too,  
hope to arrive to contemplate forever  
the Glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## To you Saint Martin de Porres

To you Saint Martin de Porres we prayerfully lift up  
our hearts filled with serene confidence and devotion.  
Mindful of your unbounded and helpful charity to all  
levels of society and also of your meekness and hu-  
mility of heart, we offer our petitions to you. Pour out  
upon our families the precious gifts of your solicitous  
and generous intercession; show to the people of every  
race and every colour the paths of unity and of justice;  
implore from our Father in heaven the coming of his  
kingdom, so that through mutual benevolence in God  
men may increase the fruits of grace and merit the  
rewards of eternal life. Amen.

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## **Most merciful Father**

Most merciful Father,  
we commend our departed into Your hands.  
We are filled with the sure hope  
that our departed will rise again on the Last Day  
with all who have died in Christ.  
We thank You for all the good things  
You have given during our departed's earthly life.  
O Father, in Your great mercy,  
accept our prayer that the Gates of Paradise  
may be opened for Your servant.  
In our turn, may we, too,  
be comforted by the words of faith  
until we greet Christ in the glory  
and are united with You and our departed.

## **Soul of Christ sanctify me**

Soul of Christ sanctify me  
Body of Christ save me  
Blood of Christ fill me  
Water from the side of Christ wash me  
Passion of Christ strengthen me  
O good Jesus hear me  
Within your wounds hide me  
Allow me not to be separated from thee  
From the malicious enemy defend me  
In the hour of my death call me  
and bid me to come to thee  
That with your saints I may praise thee  
for ever and ever.

## **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 go.  
For this is a journey that 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 sorrows in doing good deeds.  
Miss Me – But Let me Go!

## **I'd like the memory of me...**

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 my life is done.



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## **Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary**

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

## **A silent grief that's in our hearts**

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

## **Angel of God, My guardian dear**

Angel of God, My guardian dear.  
To whom God's love commits me here.  
Ever this day be at my side  
To light and guard to rule and guide.  
Amen.

## **O you whom I have loved**

O you whom I have loved so much on earth, pray for  
me and live in such a manner that we may be re-unit-  
ed forever in a Blessed Eternity.

## **Death is nothing at all**

Death is nothing at all  
I have slipped away into the next room.  
I am I, and you are you.  
Whatever we were to each other, that, we still are.  
Call me by my old familiar name,  
speak to me in the easy way which you always used.  
Put no difference in your tone.  
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.  
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we en-  
joyed together.  
Pray, smile, think of me, pray for me.  
Let my name be ever the household word that it always  
was.  
Let it be spoken without effort.  
Without the trace of a shadow in it.  
Life means all that it ever meant.  
It is the same as it ever was.  
There is unbroken continuity.  
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?  
I am waiting for you, somewhere very near  
Just around the corner. All is well.

## **Fold him O Jesus, In Thine arms**

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

## **All I ask of you**

All I ask of you is that  
wherever you may be  
you will always remember me  
at the alter of God

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## **Don't think of him/her as gone away**

Don't think of him/her as gone away  
Her journey's just begun,  
Life holds so many facets,  
This earth is only one.  
Just think of her as resting,  
From the sorrow and the tears,  
In a place of warmth and comfort,  
Where there are no days and years.  
Think how she must be wishing,  
That we could know today,  
How nothing but our sadness,  
Can really pass away.  
And think of her as living,  
In the hearts of those she touched,  
For nothing loved is ever lost,  
And she was loved so much.

## **May He support us all the day long**

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till the shades lengthen  
and the evening comes  
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and the fever of life is over  
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may He give us a safe lodging  
and a holy rest  
and peace at the last.

## **A smile for all**

A smile for all, A heart of gold,  
One of the best, This world could hold.

## **I'm writing this from Heaven**

I'm writing this from Heaven  
Where I dwell with God above  
Where there's no more tears and 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.

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watching beside me to lead me aright,  
fold thy wings round me,  
and guard me with love,  
softly sing songs to me of heaven above.  
Amen.

## **Just a prayer from the family**

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.



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### **Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
I place all my trust in thee

### **If tears could build a stairway**

If tears could build a stairway,  
and memories were a lane,  
I would walk right up to heaven,  
And bring you home again.

### **Those who love don't go away**

Those who love don't go away,  
in our hearts they always stay

### **Those who die in grace**

Those who die in grace  
Go no further from us than God  
And God is very near

### **Now I lay me down to sleep**

Now I lay me down to sleep;  
I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep.  
If I should die before I wake,  
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take.

### **Always in our thoughts**

Always in our thoughts,  
Forever in our hearts

### **Pray for me**

Pray for me,  
as I will for thee,  
that we may all  
merrily meet in Heaven.

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