

## 'By your side...'

A selection of poetry, prose and prayers

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Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd:  
therefore  
I can lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture:  
and  
lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul:  
and  
bring me forth 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; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:  
thou  
hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life:  
and  
I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was  
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
(Other readings may be chosen).**

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**Prayer of Commendation**

The commendation may be accompanied by making the sign of the cross on the forehead of the dying person, recalling his or her baptism onto Christ.

One of the following is used:

Almighty God,  
With whom do live the spirits of those who  
depart the Lord:  
We humbly commend the soul of your servant (Name)  
Our dear brother into your hands  
As into the hands of a faithful creator and  
most merciful Saviour.  
Forgive him all his sins and receive him to yourself;  
Through Jesus Christ your only Son, our Lord  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Go forth upon your journey from this world, O  
Christian soul,  
In the name of God the Father almighty who  
created you;  
In the name of Jesus Christ who suffered  
death for you;  
In the name of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies  
you;  
In communion with the blessed saints,  
And aided by angels and archangels  
And all the armies of the heavenly host.  
May your rest this day be in peace  
And your dwelling place in the heavenly  
Jerusalem.

**Amen.**

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**Nunc Dimittis – The Song of Simeon**

Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart  
in peace:  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation:  
which thou hast prepared before the face of  
all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to  
the Holy Spirit, as it was  
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the  
glory,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**