

*“Whispers
of
Love”*

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Poems, Prayers & Pictures
By Olive Borland

Foreword

I again want to thank Almighty God for what I consider to be His “Whispers of Love” that continue to flood my mind.

I hope my thoughts will give comfort, peace, guidance and strength to all who read and I pray many will allow God to lead, guide and direct them in the days and years ahead.

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Whispers of Love

Whispers of Love from heaven above
Speak to this heart of mine
And tell me of the gift that cost
The life that was Divine!

The gift of my salvation
Was bought upon a tree
By the lovely Son of God
Who died on Calvary!

I thank Him that He whispers still
And that for good, and not for ill
May I ever attentive be
To the one who speaks to me.

John 10 :4 & Romans 8:23

A Word of Gratitude

Lord, my heart is filled with gratitude,
With thankfulness and praise,
Today as I look around me
I see your goodness in many ways.

I see your beauty in the mountains
The valleys and the sea;
I see your creatures grazing
In the fields in front of me!

I hear the melodic cheerful song
Of the birds that soar on high
You created these beautiful creatures
That we see high in the sky.

Just now I saw the happy farmer
Cutting silage in his field
Only a few short months ago
He couldn't have envisaged such a yield.

You, our God are reminding us
That we can rely on you
You have kept so many promises
And you will keep the remainder too.

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Genesis 8:22

“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will not cease.”

Hidden Beauty

Yesterday was so dull and drear
Through torrents of rain, we could barely peer
But to-day the sun is shining bright
My, what a truly spectacular sight!

The sea sparkles so, so blue
The boats sail by with their crews
The children play on golden sand
The waves lap and ebb near to land.

The wonder of seeing fields so green
Where flocks of sheep and cows are seen
The wonder of mountains so, so high
They appear to be trying to reach the sky

The wonder of beautiful birds in flight
My, what a truly spectacular sight
They make one want to stretch and fly
And survey all with a birds eye.

What a difference when the sun appears
Yesterday was so drab and cheerless
We were then barely aware
That all this beauty was hidden there!

God offers His Son as our light
He can reveal beauty hid from sight
God has so much for us to see
Only in Christ can we see clearly.

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Thoughts while in my Garden

When sitting in my garden,
It is now plain to see
Plants, flowers, bushes, and trees
Growing so, so vigorously!

They create a pretty picture
They are a lovely sight
They would lift the heart of anyone
who would cast their gaze aright.

This didn't happen by accident
It didn't happen by chance
Nor did it happen by planning
Or by taking a dreamy nightly stance!

I had to take some action
Dig, sow, plant, water and weed
Because of sweat, toil and time
I have flowers and abundant seeds.

Now the scene is not all perfect
There are weeds here and there
I need to work another hour or two
Or the seeds will spread everywhere.

There is a message here for everyone
In all aspects of physical and spiritual life
If we don't take action and give action time
We can't expect miracles to solve our plight.

Are we where God intended us to be?

The heads of corn stand straight and tall
Amid the barley field
They look so odd, they look a fraud
Despite their prolific yield.

I don't think it was intended
That they should be growing there
The seed must have been sown
When the farmer was unaware?

It's not as if the seed itself
Was poor or bad or rare
It is just that in the barley field
It should not be growing there.

We are the spiritual harvest
Of the Farmer up on high
Are we growing where He wants us?
Or does He sadly watch and sigh?

Are we like Jonah with his plans
Intent on our own way
Instead of listening to God's voice,
Have we too stubbornly strayed?

Thoughts While Weeding

As I began to weed my garden where weeds weren't hard to find
Thoughts of satisfaction soon started coming to my mind.
As bucket after bucket was filled and cleared soil I began to see
I now saw space for flowers where weeds used to be.
I found flowers that were hidden from the eye of passers by
Because they had been encroached by weeds that caused some to die
Some looked weak and feeble; some were flat upon the ground
They had been deprived of sunlight to keep them healthy, strong and sound.
Our lives, like my garden need the "light" of God's own SON
Shining in recesses and corners that we keep hidden from everyone!
God our heavenly gardener is better able to weed than you or me
I know it gives Him great satisfaction to leave lives clean where sin used to be
He's not worried whether the sins are many or whether they're big or small
Whether they are few or far between but He grieves that we sin at all
God's Word tells us sin is banned from His heavenly garden and home
If we're wise we'll allow Him to weed while on this earth we live and roam.

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Please Take Note

When reclining in my garden
Recalling time spent there
Yes, thirty and forty years ago
I became acutely aware
That in another few years
I will be admiring a garden fair
Where no weeding will need doing
Because there will be no weeds there.

Time passes very quickly
So please take time while you may
To consider the fact of death
That will one day come our way
Only those who have trusted Jesus
Will view this garden with me
And I hope to meet you there
So we can celebrate eternally.

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“God is Able”

When I look at the beauty around me
It is apparent all was created with care
With skill, with vision and knowledge
The evidence is seen everywhere.

I believe no human has the ability
To conceive, to create and maintain
The vast accumulation of intricacy
That was woven by God and remains.

God created minute particles in detail
That has confused the mind of man
Who have spent years trying to decipher
God’s ability but they rarely can.

God has the ability to do as He wishes
He is not limited like you and like me
Although we sinfully disobeyed Him
If we trust Jesus, He can set us free.

Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us
When we in time leave this earthly race
I hope like me, you can’t wait to see
The wonder of that amazing place!

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On line

God, our Creator

God inscribed His signature on creation
From the first day He creation began
Examine what you wish in fine detail
You will find there the mark of His hand.

Many sceptics discredit this fact
Not wishing to acknowledge our God
Many have worked their entire lifetime
Trying to prove that God is a fraud!

But scientists have never been able to prove
This world was derived from a bang.
Scientific research has never disproved
God's Word of Truth and it never can.

Take note, I believe this one fact is true
Science can never disprove God's Word to you
If you too believe what I say is true
Then you ought to seek God's Will in life for you.

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Come see beautiful Mulroy Bay.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
My mouth is filled with praise
For the men who did such a great job
Alongside beautiful Mulroy Bay!

We who travel around Kerrykeel
Are thrilled we can now see
The beauty that was hidden from view
By rubbish, weeds, bushes and trees.

I believe no matter where we travel,
No matter where we roam,
We'll never see more beautiful sights
Other than along this road that leads to home!

Of course you may say I'm biased
And I admit that may be true
But why not come and see for yourself
If there's truth in what I'm saying to you!

Mulroy Bay is located in County Donegal, Ireland

Workers for Jesus

As workers together for Jesus
Let us labour 'till setting sun
Jesus himself said, "Labour,
the latter days have already begun." corrections

He says the fields are ripe unto harvest
But the labourers they are few.
If you my friend love the Saviour
Then He has a job for you.

There is no unemployment with Jesus
There is plenty of work to do
Just let Him know you are available
He will have a job that will suit you.

We do not need to be learned
We only need to know
The love of Jesus Christ within
Then His Spirit will overflow.

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“Light”

I spot with my eye light in the sky
I see it right now shining up on high
A golden light after a dark night
My, what a beautiful, beautiful sight!

God created this light to put to flight
The intense darkness of the night
He saw earth's plight, that it needed light
So He created the sun to aid our sight.

God's creation of the universe
Showed His ability, power and might
But when He created mankind
He reached creations height.

But sadly man became sinful
In our sinless Creators sight
God knew our human souls
Are as dark as dark as night.

That's why He sent His only Son
Who said, “I am the light for you.”
Now like the clouds, we must open our hearts
And let the light of the Lord shine through.

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The Robin

The little robin redbreast
That sits on the garden fence
Is such a common phenomenon
That we rarely cast a glance!

Yet this chubby little bird
Of brown, white and red
Is a really beautiful creature
It surely must be said.

When it opens up its beak
And sings its tuneful song
It can cheer the heart of anyone
Who is sad before very long!

We can be so preoccupied
Day after passing day
That we overlook the blessings
That God sends our way.

He says we are more precious
Than the birds of the air
Yet he also holds these creatures
In His divine loving care!

Please go with me today

Heavenly Father, please go with me today
Help me to love you and walk in Your way
Help me to follow your divine plan
For I love to be led by your divine hand.

An Observation

Soil left unattended
Gets hard, stubborn and stiff
Weeds left unhindered
Are almost impossible to shift!

So it is in life,
Our hearts get hard within
Tangled and smothered
By what is known as sin.

God's Bounty

We thank God for the bounty
Of flowers, fruit and grain
That reminds us of His faithfulness
To us this year again.

We thank Him for our children
With talents by the score
We know they too are gifts
Sent from heavens store!

Prayer

Lord, You speak on so many days
About so many things, in so many ways
Help me to know what you have to say
Help me to walk with you day after day.

Many Lessons

Lord, you have so much to teach us
As we travel on life's way
So many, many lessons
With every passing day!

I now see the necessity
Of sifting out the sand
In order for you to build my life
In the manner, you have planned.

Trustworthy Promises

Thank You for your promises
On which we can depend
I know you are the God who is faithful
To keep them to the end!

When we see your rainbow
Expand o'er hill and dale
We know we can trust your promises,
They will never, ever fail.

Harvest

Harvest a time of plenty, a time of food and grain
A time of ripened apples, a time of sultry rain!

A time when the bushes are laden to the ground
With juicy fruits in plenty of red and black and brown!

The corn and the barley all rustle in the breeze
Along comes the farmer and cuts it with ease.

Potatoes in the drills are bursting out the soil
They are ready for the picking not now a job of toil.

We thank God for the bounty that He on us bestows
Now man can do the planting but God makes it grow.

We thank Him for the gifts that are ours for the asking
Salvation of our souls and life everlasting!

But like any farmer that has fruit on his trees
God expects His children to come and say please.

When the heavenly reaper comes to reap and to glean
Will you be wheat or tares on that final harvest scene?

Go raibh maith agat m'athair

Go raibh maith agat my Father
For placing me in this land
Go raibh maith agat my Father
For good neighbours on every hand
Go raibh maith agat my Father
For the beauty of this place
Where I was born and live my life
I could not have chosen a better space
I'm thankful for the freedom
To say, feel, think and do
Whatever you put on my mind
As I give praise and glory to you
Lord, I have begun to realise
Although this land belongs to you
You have allowed us to dwell here
As we live our lives through
May our lives give you pleasure
While we live in this place
May there be love, peace and joy
Clearly visible on every face
May I now say, "Slán Lord"
As I take my leave of you
I know I'll hear 'Céad Míle Fáilte'
Every time I come to you
I'm also delighted and excited
Because 'Tiocfaidh ár Lá'
I will go to dwell with you
In heaven by and by!

My prayer for Ireland

“Blessed be the peacemakers,”

Our Saviour was heard to say
So we would do well to take heed
And seek to live peaceably.

*“ ‘Love the Lord your God
with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your strength
and with all your mind’;
and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’*

Was God’s wise instruction
In Luke chapter 10 verse 27

I pray the people in our land
Will pay heed in this our day
And not let the fruits of peace
Slip from our land again away.

We know the devil is devious,
He is out to steal, kill and destroy
So we need to be on our guard
If we want God’s blessings to enjoy!

May God give wisdom and discernment
To those in leadership I pray
So that all who live on this beautiful isle
Can live in peace, friendship and harmony!

Matthew 5 v 8

Blessed be the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God.

Luke 10 v 27

He (Jesus) answered: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind;’ and ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick is commemorated
In the annals of time
He is held in high esteem
In Irish hearts and minds
Patrick was not a citizen
Of our beautiful island home
He was captured abroad by pirates
To herd sheep on Slemish Mountain!

During his six years in captivity
He often spoke to God in prayer
On one occasion through a dream
God told him to escape from there.
It is believed he fled to Wales,
Then to France where he became a priest
‘twas there in a dream he heard the Irish
Calling him his steps to retrace!

Patrick believed this dream was of God
So he was obedient to his Master’s voice
On return he taught the pagan Irish
From God’s precious, divine Word of Truth.
As a result many put their trust in Jesus
Whose blood was shed to set sinners free
Then the Good News of the gospel spread
To many areas of the world thankfully.

Patrick used the three leafed shamrock
To teach about God; the Three in One
God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
He told how God wants us to have a relationship with Him.
He taught about God the Father; the creator and sustainer of man,
About Jesus, God’s Son who died to redeem us from our sin

About the Holy Spirit who leads us to Jesus in repentance and faith
And then leads us all the way to heaven, our eternal resting place.

“Speak Lord”.

“Lord speak to me this day I pray
Help me to hear what you have to say
Cleanse me from ought that displeases Thee
Causing you to withdraw Your Spirit from me
Cleanse my lips with your live coal
Cleanse my heart and make me whole
Cleanse my mind and set me free
to hear Your Spirit speaking to me.”

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The Patience of God

The One who sow's a seedling
With love and tender care
Will wait with expectant patience
To see it flourish there.

Be Wise

It is so difficult in this our day
When life is so busy in every way
To take time to worship and pray,
To listen and hear what God has to say.

Physical food cannot feed the soul,
We need spiritual food to keep us whole
So we ought to be wise while yet there is time
To nourish our souls as well as our minds!

You have promised

No matter how undeserving we may be
You have promised Dear Lord you will set us free
To live a life that pleases Thee
if we repent of our sin and trust in Thee.

He Loved Me

I am so very happy
And I'll tell you the reason why
I have a wonderful Saviour
Who loved me enough to die
Not because He was old,
Feeble or infirm
But just because He loved me,
So in turn I now love Him.

My Lord!

My Lord is so good and so kind
My Lord is so powerful and great
My Lord is so holy and mighty
That it is hard to find words to relate
Just what a wonderful Saviour

I have found in Christ, Jesus my Lord
You can read all about Him
In the pages of His own Holy Word
But better still you can know Him
You can meet Him and know His grace
Then you too will be singing
As you go from place to place.

God wants us to pay attention to His Words!

God gives divine instructions
To all who trust in Him
And we would do well to pay heed
If we want to be blessed by Him!

God's Words are all important.
Words both big and small
Now I invite you to consider
The little word called "**all**."

God used the word "**all**" many a time
So we would be wise to take note
Because God doesn't use words lightly
And He is not known to joke.

He says, "***Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul and with all your strength
and with all your mind***" and
love your neighbour as yourself."

"I think God wants us to pay attention."
"What do you think yourself?"

***In all your ways acknowledge Him
and He will direct your paths.***
Is what we're told in Proverbs 3 verse 6
And God is well able for the task.

All things work together for good

for those who love the Lord.”

We would do well to note this verse
Because God has never broken His Word!

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Saint Paul was well able to say
Because he had put God Word to the test
He had proved God as his strength and stay.

God's Instruction Book

God has given an Instruction Book
For your life and mine
We ought to read it every day
Not just from time to time.

We need to study it personally
Not just listen to what others say
About what they read within its pages
As they study it occasionally.

God's Word is spiritual food
Given to sustain souls and minds
We ignore it at our peril
If we want healthy spiritual lives!

We need to discern its truths
It's not just recorded history
It is the Living Word of God
He wants to speak to us personally.

Our bodies will never be nourished
If another person eats our food
Why should we expect our souls to grow?
If we don't read God's Word as we should.

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“God’s Word”

God’s Word is the Word of Life
That speaks to this heart of mine
It was written by men and women
But its author was divine.

God, the blessed the Holy Spirit
Inspired scribes to write
His divine instructions for man
Whom He created to have eternal life!

God’s Word is the Word of Truth
That has stood the tests of time
It is God’s precious guide book
For your sinful life and mine!

If we’re wise we will read The Bible
We will put into practice what it says
If we don’t obey its instructions
We will regret it all our days.

It tells how man disobeyed God
And became snared in Satan’s trap of sin
But it also tells us God sent His Son
To redeem all who trust in Him.

The wise study God’s instruction book
While they may and while they can
All who disregard God’s conditional guarantee
Will spend eternity far, far from Him!

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God's Treasure Trove

God's Word is like a treasure trove through every verse and line
There hidden gems and promises stand the test of time
Promises and blessings for all who care to read
Precious; precious promises for all who see their spiritual need.

Precious, precious promises as fresh as the morning dew
Although made hundreds of years ago still relevant for me and you
Unlike the promises of man on which we can't depend
God assures us He will keep His promises beyond life's journeys end.

Jesus promises all who trust in Him will have Eternal Life,
What an amazing promise in this world of sin and strife..
"Though your sins are like scarlet they shall be as white as snow,"
We will not get a promise like that no matter where else we go.

"Come unto me all you who are weary and I will give you rest,"
Is the promise He gives to those who in this world are stressed
"I will never leave you or forsake you," He was also heard to say;
What wonderful promises for you or me to hear on any day.

"I know the plans I have for you, plans for good and not for ill,"
How wonderful to have a Saviour who loves us and always will.
He said, ***"I go to prepare a place for you, and I will come again,
There we will dwell together beyond life's journeys end."***

God's Eternal Guarantee

We should read, study and learn
What God in His Word has to say?
About how we should live our lives
On earth day after passing day!

He, our Almighty Creator
Has created for us a plan
And we would do well to take note
While we may and while we can.

We ignore God's Word at our peril
Because He has given a guarantee
That those who obey His instructions
Will be rewarded eternally!

But like any guarantee
His will become null and void
Then we'll have only ourselves to blame
When we bear the judgement of God!

Man's guarantees are temporal
God made His with an eternal plan
We can either dwell with God in heaven
Or to hell be eternally banned.

So I implore you, study God's Word
And trust in Jesus, God's own Son
He willingly gave His sinless life
To purchase redemption for everyone!

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The Bible is the Word of God

Because the Bible is the Word of God
We should read it every day
We shouldn't read it like a story book
Rather discern what God has to say.

While it was written by many scribes
It was inspired by God who is divine
So its truth we need to read and heed
As it is His guidebook for mankind.

On God's Word we need to focus
We need to allow it to enrich our mind
We need to seek God's divine will
While we still have the ability and time.

We need to discern what God was saying
To those, He was speaking to in their day
Then question what to us He is saying
About how we should live our lives His way!

God says His Word is the Word of Truth
Take note, His Son Jesus was heard to say
***“Heaven and earth will pass away
but my words are here to stay.”***

Luke 21:33 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

We need to Pay Heed!

We need to pay heed to what God in His Word has to say
If we don't want to be held to account on judgement day
 We ignore God's divine instructions at our peril
So take heed because on judgement day we'll have no referral
 Many on our day are stubbornly going their own way
Deliberately ignoring what God in His Word has to say
 But God has never, ever broken a promise yet
And we would do well to take note least we regret it
 It is God's divine wish to bless and not to condemn,
 His instructions were given for the good of man
 But He also gave mankind the freedom of choice
So the ball is in our court but we'd do well to heed His voice.

Seek God's Will & Way

If we seek to do God's divine Will
In our time and in our way
We may say the wrong things
To the wrong people daily!

A radio or a television
Must be tuned to a station
To communicate effectively
To people in every nation!

We must seek God's forgiveness
Having trusted in His Son
If He is to communicate with us
And direct us as we work for Him.

God's Word, our Spiritual Food

We as Christians need to be aware of the trap
Of only reading about where other people are spiritually at;
Rather than reading what God in His Precious Word has to say
To ourselves as we live our lives here on earth day by day.

God says His Word is the very Bread of Life;
As necessary to sustain our souls as food is to sustain physical life;
You and I know we won't live long if we cease to eat food
Yet we neglect to be sustained by God's Word as we should.

Prayer

Guide and direct me, guard and protect me,
This now dear Lord I pray.
Please help me never to stray from you
Throughout my earthly days!

A Prayer of Dependence on God

Be my guard and be my guide
Be the One who will never leave my side
Be my help and strength too
I am so glad I can rely on you
Be my comfort and my stay
Never let me drift away
Be my shelter from the storm
You are The Rock I can rely upon.

*Something
everybody needs to know*

Jesus the sinless Son of God
Gave His life on Calvary's Tree
So that sinners who put their trust in Him
Can be from sin set free!

A Bridge like no other

My Saviour formed a bridge
Across a chasm deep and wide
So that if we trust in Him
We can reach the other side.

He formed it with His body
Nailed upon the tree
Nothing else could bridge the span
Between a righteous God and me!

Jesus alone was sinless
In thought, word and deed
That is why His life and death
Can meet every sinners need.

This world has mighty bridges
Across rivers deep and wide
We must place our trust in them
If we are to reach the other side!

Man has made these bridges
Of timber, steel and stone
But Jesus wonderful bridge
Was made of sinless flesh and bone!

Gordon Wallace

The Correct Key

The key of a Mitsubishi van
Won't start a Seat Car
When it won't turn the ignition
We know we won't get far.

If our aimed for destination
Is way beyond our view
We won't ever get there
If we expect this car to get us through!

When the correct key is inserted
We still won't get too far
Until the key is turned,
We will have no power to start the car.

If our destination is heaven
Only Jesus can get us in
He is the only key
God will accept in place of sin.

When we trust Him as Saviour
God the Spirit comes to dwell
He then gives us strength to live,
To conquer sin, death and hell!

When at last we travel on
Beyond this scene of time
We will hear our Saviour say
"Come on in, I know you are mine."

A true Fact

There is no earthly road we can travel
That will lead either you or me
To the rewards that were brought by our Saviour
Who died to set sinners free!

My Prayer

Lord I dedicate
my mind,
my heart,
my hands
and my mouth
May they bring glory to You
wherever I am,
whenever I can
and with whoever I happen to be.

Take Note!

We don't have time to be angry
We don't have time to be cross
We don't have time to grumble
For much precious time will be lost

Time passes by so, so quickly
We blink and it's almost gone
It disappears like a puff of smoke
We are old before very long.

We need to spend time wisely
We need to value each day
We ought to help people we meet
As we live life from day to day.

We ought to love, help and comfort
People who are in distress
If we share with them the love of God
Then our own souls will be blessed.

The Journey of Life

I handed the keys of my life
To one who is a better driver than me
He knows every bend on the road
And every pothole He can clearly see
He is not concerned about the traffic
Or the road signs along the way
He knows when to stop at the lights
And how to take off again carefully
He knows when to take the exit
To the left or to the right
He knows what is happening along the way
Nothing is hidden from His sight
He taught me much on the slipways of life
Through sickness, sadness, pain and the like
He taught me that my focus ought to be
More upon Him and less on me
He taught me about His healing ability and might
As we travelled through dark tunnels into the light
He has enough food for the journey
So we will never hunger or thirst
And we'll have time to look at the scenery
The beautiful views He created for us
He knows when to give someone a lift
He can meet folk's needs along the way
He wants me to help meet those needs
And enable that person to have a brighter day
Of course, He has room in the back
For family members who care to ride
As His stretched limo has the capacity
To carry all to His Father's side
He has already paid for the fuel
That day on Calvary's cruel tree
He knows there is enough fuel in the tank
To take us all the way to eternity!

Gordan

The prayer of my heart

Dear Lord, please lead, guide and direct me
In everything I say, think and do
Help me to give praise, honour and glory
In every circumstance dear Lord to You!

Thank You for Your blessed Holy Spirit
That comforts, strengthens and keeps
Help me to dwell in Your Divine Will
Every day whether awake or asleep!

Please, oh please dear Lord, help people to see
What you want them to know through thoughts you give me
Help me to understand Your Word as I read
So that I can help others who are in spiritual need.

Please give me wisdom and discernment each day
As I meet people who need you on earth's pathway
Take from me anything that would hinder or hurt
The people I meet whom you love so much.

Take from me arrogance, hypocrisy and pride
And anything else that should not dwell inside
Please show me clearly how you see me
And enable me to live as I ought daily.

Take from me thoughtlessness and selfishness I pray
Help me to show your love to all who pass my way
Lord I desire nothing but to dwell in Your Will
May Your Holy Spirit enable me Your Will to fulfil!

God asks us to commit our all to Him

God asks us to not just put our toe in the water
In regard to our relationship with Him
He asks us to commit ourselves completely,
He knows only then will we know peace with Him.

God asks us to love Him with all our hearts,
With all our souls, with all our minds,
With all our strength and our neighbour as ourselves
Then we'll know peace with Him and within as well.

God wants us to know peace with our neighbour
This was our heavenly Father's original plan
Before Adam and Eve, our fore-bearers sinned
And broke mankind's relationship with Him.

God tells us to commit our all, He says hold nothing back
If we give Him control, He'll make sure we nothing lack
He has a purpose and plan for us much better than we know
The wise give Him the keys because He knows the way to go.

The Gap Within

People are trying everything
To fill the gap within
Things like alcohol, drugs and sex
Hoping to fill the gap with fun
But God, the one who made us
Knows that nothing can satisfy
But His love within our hearts
And I'll tell you the reason why.

It's because that is the way He made us
With a vacuum only He can fill
So He sent Jesus; His divine Son
To carry out His will.
You see we chose to do our thing
And go our stubborn way
But our God couldn't look on sin
And someone had to pay.

So Jesus died on Calvary's Cross
To break the bonds of sin
He took our sin upon Himself
To give us peace within
God asks us to put our trust in Jesus,
Turn our backs on sin and shame
Then He will send the Comforter,
The Holy Spirit is His name.

God asks us to Forgive

One day we'll leave this scene of time
You and I know that this is true
But how we go and where we go
Is largely up to me and you!

We can leave this world with harmony
Between us, our family and friends
Or we can leave it with animosity
If we don't take time to make amends.

If relationships remain broken
This is not part of God's will and plan
God commands us to forgive one another
Or we won't receive forgiveness from His hand.

When teaching the disciples The Lord's Prayer
One condition God's Son did make
We must try to make amends
Or one day we will regret our mistake.

We all need to seek God's forgiveness
His mercy, love and grace
If we're wise we'll do so immediately
Before we meet our Judge face to face!

Matt. 6 v 14 & 15

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

God requires trust in His Son's Sacrifice

Many people in our world today
Aim to wash the stain of sin away
But soap and water will never suffice
God requires trust in His Son's sacrifice.

God's Word tells us there is no other way
We can stand cleansed on judgement day
Jesus blood was shed as a sacrifice for sin
Forgiveness can be gained by trusting in Him.

Trusting means acknowledging sin within
Repenting and placing our trust in God's Son
If we turn from self and live His way
We will dwell in heaven with Him one day.

When cleansing and peace then reign within
We should give thanks, praise and glory to Him
Knowing of ourselves there is nothing we can do
Other than let others know they can be cleansed too.

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On the 25th of December many will celebrate

On the 25th of December two thousand and sixteen
Many will celebrate the birth of their Saviour and King
Jesus birth was recorded as was your birth and mine
Taking note of His parents, place of birth, date and time
These details are required while we live on this earth
As when going to school, getting a job, or taking a husband or wife
God had these details recorded since time began
So He could record the history and movement of man
But take note, God says, because we were born in trespasses and sin
We must be born again if we are to live eternally with Him
That is why Jesus was born both human and divine
He who knew no sin was born to bear your sin and mine
We are told we must accept the gift of redemption and grace
If we are to receive forgiveness ere we meet God face to face
Our rebirth God will then record in the annals of time
As on judgement day books will be opened to seek your name and mine
Many will then hear the blessed voice of their Creator God
Say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter the joy of your Lord."
But we're told the multitudes that stand that day in the queue
Will hear, "Depart from me, I never knew you."

Happy Christmas Everybody

Once again we will have the opportunity to say
We wish a Happy Christmas to everybody
As on the 25th of December, we celebrate the birth
Of Jesus Christ, God's Son who was born on earth
While Jesus was human He was also divine
God planned this so He could relate to your life and mine
Jesus wasn't born in a palace the son of a queen
He was born in a stable of a lowly virgin
When an angel told Mary she was to give birth to God's Son,
While troubled and confused she said, "May Thy Will be done."
When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth prior to the birth
Elizabeth said, "***Blessed are you among women who live on earth.
But why am I so favoured that the mother of my Lord
should share with me the news of this blessed child of God?
Even the child in my womb jumped for joy
when my ears heard the news of this precious baby boy!***"
May we too like Mary have the good sense to say?
"May God's will be done in my life every day."
May we also like Elizabeth recognize Jesus as Lord?
And daily live lives giving praise to our God.

God's Gift of Gift's!

Christmas cards and Christmas gifts
Remind us of God's own Son
God sent Jesus from heaven to earth
He was God's gift to everyone.

He wasn't wrapped in fancy paper
Bound in tinsel, ribbon or card
He was laid in a lowly manger
I'm sure circumstances were hard.

God sent His precious gift
Because He wanted us to know
How much He loved and cared for us
Who live on this earth below!

God's Gift of Gift's was priceless
This gift gold could never buy
Yet all who accept this gift
Will know its value when they die!

We are told they then will enter
That place of peace and rest
Where Jesus has gone to prepare
For all, He was sent to save and bless.

No Other Birth Compares

There was no other baby born on earth
That compared to Jesus at His birth
For His birth alone the calendar was changed
Because He took our sin and He took our blame.

Jesus Christ the one and only Son of God
Left the splendour of heaven to dwell on earth's sod
He became human although He was divine
So He could identify with your life and mine.

God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Had created this world and everything in it
But man deliberately disobeyed his Creator
And became entangled with the satanic dictator!

God's heart was sore because man had sinned
So in love, He sent His sinless Son to die for them
Because God is holy, sin could not enter heaven
So mankind had to be redeemed and forgiven!

God in mercy placed man's sin on Jesus, His Son
In whom His Own divine fullness dwelt within
So that all who now repent, trust and believe
Can full redemption from their Creator receive!

The Greatest Person Ever

The greatest person that was ever born
Arrived on earth on that first Christmas morn
While He was The Creator of the universe
He laid aside His kingly station at His birth
He who owned the cattle on a thousand hills
And the wealth in every clime
Came to this sin-cursed world
To save your sinful soul and mine
He came in obedience to His Father's above
His life He laid down as a sacrifice of love
That is why He died on Calvary's Tree
And why His Father raised Him from death in victory
But man also has his part to play
He must acknowledge his need personally
If man in repentance admits his helpless estate
God will then restore him to his rightful place.

- *Why our BC and AD dating plan?*

- Have you ever considered how dating began
- And who instigated the new dating plan
- Someone must have been mighty and great
- For their birth to instigate the change of date
- How important now would a person need to be
- For the calendar to be changed on their entry
- I think this fact in itself has much to say
- About our Lord Jesus Christ and His birthday
- His divine birth was prophesied from time began
- Because His Father, God had an eternal plan
- God recorded His purpose in writing for all to see
- The importance of Jesus entrance into history!

Value Time

Minutes are fleeting, hours have gone
Days are passing and before very long
The New Year will be upon us, God ordained it so
If you and I are wise we will value time as we go
Because, before very long we will give an account
To God when we end our travel on this earthly route.

Christmas reminded us that God had a plan
He allowed His Son to be born to save sinful man
God knew we were powerless to live life as we ought
So He sent Jesus to earth, Jesus our salvation bought
Now God offers redemption and redemption is free
Jesus paid sin's penalty for you and for me.

If we ignore God's offer we do so at our peril
Because God is holy, sin is banned from heaven
Sin must be punished; God's Word tells us so
Sinful man is bound for hell, trouble and woe!
This is not God's wish so listen while you may
then we will celebrate together in heaven one day.

By Olive Borland

*Prayer at the beginning
of a New Year*

Dear Lord, You know the way ahead
And only You can lead
So oft we stumble blindly
We do not Your instructions heed
We need to allow You to guide
Our every thought and plan
If we are to know Your divine leading
and Your eternal purpose understand.

The Year Ahead

Lord, as we step into the year ahead
You alone know the challenges around every bend
Give strength day by day when problems we meet
Thank You for allowing us to lay problems at Your Feet
Thank You for Your strength in the years gone by
Thank You for being the One on whom we can rely!

New Year

In this New Year may we focus; may we reflect and see
The possibilities that God lays before you and me,
May we never dismiss; may we never decline
the opportunity to make a difference in this God-given time.

If we consider His Will in all that we do
If we seek His divine guidance all our lives through
Then I know we'll be blessed and other people will too
And this world will be a better place for all who pass through.

Spring, a Very Busy Time

Now that spring has come and the sun has begun to shine
We see the dusty corners that hitherto we thought were fine
Dark hidden areas now filled with golden light
May reveal dust and cobwebs that before were hid from sight.

Even the proudest housewife who is cleaning all the time
Could now be embarrassed to find hidden dust and grime
It is now time to wash, scrub, dust, polish and to shine,
For many, many housewives Spring is a very busy time.

This reminds us of our souls that are dead in trespasses and sins
We may not be aware of the problem until we invite Jesus in When He
sends the Holy Spirit and His light begins to shine
We suddenly become aware of the extent of our hidden grime.

Thankfully Jesus is willing and able to take on the cleansing role
He has the ability to cleanse the most corrupt and dirty soul
He, the Son of God has the ability to cleanse us from all sin
All we need to do is invite Him and He will the work begin.

If, we receive new life in our spirit that had been dead in sin
God gives us the gifts of love, joy and peace to dwell within
He then sets our sights on our eternal heavenly home
We'll dwell there with Him when we no longer this world roam.

Why we celebrate Easter?

We can never be saved by good works
Or by anything we have done
We can only be saved by putting our trust
In Jesus Christ, God's sinless Son!

That is why we celebrate Easter
The resurrection of Jesus our Lord
He who won the victory over sin and death
Praise Him, our risen, exalted God.

But then you may ask the question,
"Just what can we be saved from?"
The eternal punishment reserved in hell
That waits for all who reject God's Son.

My Debt was placed on Him

It was on the cross of Calvary
That Jesus died for you and me
It was there He paid the price for sin
The debt I owed God placed on Him.

Within my heart, I'll sing His praise
I'll glorify Him all my days
I owed a debt I could not pay
With thanks to Him my voice I'll raise.

My Saviour bore my sin and shame
I now will praise His holy name
I thank Him for His cleansing power
I'll love and praise Him hour by hour.

He loosed the curse of sin and death
He gave me life, He gave me breath
He gave me joy, He gave me peace
My praise will never, ever cease.

By Olive Borland

Hymn of Praise

Oh God of heaven to you we raise
Our hearts in joyful hymns of praise;
We thank you for redemption won
on Calvary's cross by Christ your Son.

We want to lift His name on high
We want our praise to fill the sky;
It was for us He bled and died;
He for our sin was crucified.

He gladly paid the price for sin
That all repentant might enter in
To Your eternal, heavenly rest
Redeemed, forgiven, cleansed and blessed.

He knew there was no earthly way
That we could pay our debt for sin
He chose to leave His home on high;
He came to earth to bleed and die.

Now let us all our voices raise
With hymns of thanks in joyful praise
To Jesus Your beloved Son
He, eternal life for us has won.

Help me dear Lord

Help me dear Lord to praise your name
As I lift my voice and sing
How I long to glorify
You, my risen Lord and King!

You broke the strangle-hold of sin
How I want to praise your name
You the sinless Son of God
Bore my sin, my guilt, my shame.

I never can repay You Lord
God placed my debt upon your head
Nor can I ever thank You Lord
It was for my sin that you bled.

You are worthy of our all praise
I'll glorify you all my days
You gave me life, you gave me peace
My praise will never, ever cease.

Please; oh please Dear Lord

Please, oh please dear Lord, help people to see
What you want them to know through thoughts you give me
Help me to understand Your Word as I read
So that I can help others who are in spiritual need.

Please give me wisdom and discernment each day
As I meet people who need you on earth's pathway
Take from me anything that would hinder or hurt
The people I meet whom you love so much.

Take from me arrogance, hypocrisy and pride
And anything else that should not dwell inside
As you know; I want in Your Divine Will to abide
May Your Holy Spirit be my strength and guide!

We must repent!

Jesus Christ came to earth to seek and save the lost
If we ignore this fact then we will have to bear the cost
We are told all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
So we must repent if we are to receive His mercy from above
God says He loves the sinner, but He also hates the sin
So we must repent if we are to receive mercy from Him.

Luke 19 v 10

For the Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost.

Romans 3 v 23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 5 v 8

But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 3 v 9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

1John1 v 9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Our Spiritual Surgeon will always succeed

We know sin is rampant in our world today
And there will be consequences for living sinfully
But we can't stand in judgement and say
I have never, never sinned in any way.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
Is what we are told within God's Holy Word!
God warns the wages of sin is death
But He offers all the gift of eternal life.

Many people don't acknowledge their sinful state
But, like cancer sin secretly grows with speed
We're told sin like cancer will certainly cause death
Unless it is dealt with while we live on this earth!

The only One who can deal with sin is Jesus, God's Son
His sinless blood was shed to redeem everyone
But as with cancer we must acknowledge our need
Recognising Jesus our spiritual surgeon will always succeed.

by Olive Borland

I Will Never Leave You”

I fail, I fall, I falter
I’m not all that I should be,
I worry when the times are tough
Rather than relying Lord on Thee.

Your Word so clearly tells me
The promises are there to see
“I will never leave you,
You can rely on me.”

Forgive me when like Peter
I take my eyes off Thee
And sink beneath the tumult
Of adversity.

You tell me to look at the lilies
And the grass in the field
You tell me that King Solomon
Was not arrayed like one of these.

You say we are more valuable
Than the birds of the air
Yet you too hold these creatures
In Your loving care.

You tell me to, seek first Your Kingdom,
Then live right with Thee
And God our Heavenly Father
Will lovingly take care of me

Redemption is about “Faith”

Satellites are now clearly visible
They can be seen with the naked eye
They look like diamond broaches
Suspended high in the sky.

We know they have been put there by man
To gather information about our earth and planet
We have to accept what we are told by “faith”
With lack of knowledge, we don’t understand it.

Many people don’t believe there is a God
Who dwells in heaven on high
And in a sense that is understandable
Because we can’t see Him with our eye!

But in His Word God clearly tells us
That when He created you and me
He created us both physical and spiritual
So we can dwell with Him eternally.

In His Word God also tells us
That because we were born in sin
We can’t have a relationship with Him
As His Spirit cannot dwell within.

Yet He says because He loved us
He sent His one and only Son
To take our place on Calvary’s Cross
Our burden of sin God placed on Him.

If we’re wise we will accept God’s offer
Of forgiveness and redeeming grace
By putting our trust in Jesus Christ
Who died to take our rightful place!

God’s tells us His Spirit will dwell
Within all who trust in His Son
And He promises an eternal home
Where we will dwell forever with Him.

Salvation by Faith, not Works

The Word of God is precious; the Word of God is true,
Paul says, “For it is by grace you are saved by faith not by anything you can do”
God doesn’t want us to be able to boast of good works that we have done
Rather He wants us to give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, His beloved Son.

Jesus allowed His sinless blood to be shed to save sinners like you and me
Now He offers salvation as a gift to all, and as you know a gift is free
All we have got to do is accept His offer to make salvation our own
I think that is good news for sinners who could not for their sin atone.

Although we don’t deserve it, God offers us forgiveness from all sin
If we trust in the sinless sacrifice of Jesus Christ, His beloved Son
The gift of eternal life is too good to refuse so don’t let it pass you by
Because God offers all who accept a home in heaven when they die!

If you like me believe what God says in His Word is true
Then let us go and tell others so they can believe it too
Then one day we’ll praise our Saviour way up on high
When we all meet together in heaven by and by!

Ephesians 2 v 8

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no-one can boast.

Cobweb Corner

Come out of cobweb corner,
Shake off the dust and say
Yes I will shine for Jesus
I'll shine brighter every day.

Our Saviour asks His followers
To shine like lights for Him
So that all who live in darkness
Will know He dwells within.

Many, many people today
Live their life in dark despair
Can we do less than tell folks
Of God's love, that's beyond compare.

Open Your Heart

Open your heart and let Jesus come in
Open your mouth then and let His praise ring
Open your eyes and I know you will see
Many people who live in uncertainty.

Many who don't know what way to turn?
Many who don't know the Saviour within?
Many who don't know that God's Word is true?
Why don't you tell them like I'm telling you?

People who fear what each day may bring
People who fear death's final sting
People who need someone like you or me
To tell them why Jesus died on the tree!

Granny Borland

When Granny Borland bought something
She would then often say
I now have enough
To do me my day!

Her sentiments were real,
Her words they were true
Because she didn't live to see
Her clothes worn through!

We too should be wise
And take note of the time
Because the day will come
When we'll leave all behind!

*I began
to understand God's pain*

As I thought of the burden
That my Lord had laid on me
For the salvation of my friends
His love I began to see.

I recalled the pain I felt
As I saw them turn away
And spurn His loving offer
Day after passing day!

I then realized with sadness
How deep must be God's pain
Knowing in love He created us
To return His love again!

The ABCD of Salvation

ADMIT that you are a sinner
BELIEVE that Jesus came to save
CONFESS your need of forgiveness
DECIDE to receive God's amazing grace.

God sent His one and only Son
To die for you and me
He knew that we were powerless
To set our sinful souls free!

Because we were trapped and bound
By Satan's evil trap of sin
Jesus agreed to allow
Our sin to be placed on Him!

Because no sin could enter heaven
And we were all condemned to hell
God accepted Jesus sacrifice
But we must accept it as well.

We must admit our need!
We must turn our back on sin!
We must trust Jesus as Saviour!
We must decide to give glory to Him.

John 3 -16 & 17 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through him.

While Jesus is the Son of God He is also God the Son!

While Jesus is the Son of God
He is also God the Son
So all honour, praise and glory
Is due at all times to Him!

No other child born on earth
Was both human and divine
This fact sets Jesus Christ apart
He came to be your Saviour and mine.

He set aside His Kingly station
When He came to earth to dwell
He had to take on our human role
In order to rescue us from hell!

Like us, He suffered temptation
But unlike us, He did not stray
That's why God accepted His sacrifice
On the cruel cross of Calvary!

While God accepted His sacrifice
You and I must accept it too
Saying, "Jesus please forgive my sin,
I want to know New Life in you."

Please listen and listen well

Because of God's love, mercy, redemption and grace

He sent His only Son to take the sinners place
The Lord Jesus' blood was shed on Calvary's tree
So that sinners like you and me could be set free.

While God wants us to live eternally in heaven,
That can only happen if our sins are forgiven
Through His Son whom God raised from the dead
And who now intercedes at His Father's right hand.

Jesus was sacrificed once to take the sins of many
He will appear a second time to take us to heaven
But we are told in God's Word entry is not automatic
We must seek salvation or we will remain static.

But God says there will be judgement for sin
The devil will be judged and those who follow him
Will be plunged by God into the flames of Hell
So if we are wise we will listen and listen well.

Rev. 20:14 & 15 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

“I will remember your sin no more”

God tells us in His Word the one sin He won't forgive
Is blasphemy of the Holy Spirit whom He gave to live
Within the souls of all who repent, trust and believe
So we must pay heed if we want forgiveness to receive.

All other sins God says He is willing to forgive
If on acknowledging our need we repent and believe
In Jesus who gave His sinless life on Calvary's tree
Because He loved wayward sinners like you and like me.

God says if we confess our sin He is faithful and just
And will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness
He added a wonderful promise for hearts that are sore
When He said, “I will remember your sin no more.”

God is the only One who can cleanse the soul of sin
He also has the ability to rid hearts of fear within
He can remove sins as far as the east is from the west
In sins place He offers all the gift of joy and peace.

But we can't play lip service and expect Him to hear
Repentance must come from the heart and must be sincere
He who has counted the number of the hairs on our head
Also knows each thought before a word is said.

Matthew 12:31 And I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and will purify us from all unrighteousness.

Psalms 103:11 & 12 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him, as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

We ought to listen

We wouldn't be embarrassed or ashamed to say
We were saved from a burning house physically
But many are embarrassed in this our day
To admit they need to be saved spiritually.

God says we ought to listen and listen well
Because we are all bound for the flames of hell
He says we are dead in trespasses and sins
So we can't live eternally in heaven with Him.

God warns that Hell is a place of torment
Where the flames are never quenched
A place where all unrepentant sinners
Will remain eternally entrenched!

He says without the shedding of blood
There is no forgiveness for sin
But all who trust in His Son's sacrifice
Will be saved for all eternity by Him!

Thankfully God provided this rescue plan
Because He wants to save women and men
Who realize their need of redemption from sin
Through trusting in Jesus who died to rescue them!

If we are to be made righteous in God's sight
We must personally admit our eternal plight
While God is not willing that any should perish
He makes *us* choose our soul's earthly exit flight.

Please, please repent and trust in Christ

There are so many unexpected deaths
Sudden deaths and young deaths
That I feel I ought to say
Please repent of sin and trust in Christ today.

None of us know if we'll see tomorrow
We cannot boast of another hour
God says the keys of life and death
He holds within His power.

Jesus, God's Son who gave His life
To save you and me from sin
Said three times we must be born again
If we want to dwell in heaven with Him!

We are told because of disobedience
Many are dead in trespasses and sin
We must be born both physically and spiritually
If we are to know forgiveness and peace within!

The Lord Jesus said His Father, God
Didn't send Him to condemn the world
But the world could be saved through Him
If we recognize our need and turn from sin!

Jesus says He doesn't want any to perish,
That is why He gave His life on Calvary's tree
All He asks is that we repent and believe
Then we can live with Him eternally.

We are a Privileged People

Many people consider it a privilege
When they can meet with someone of notoriety
They get so excited if a few words they can say.
To a royal, a politician or a sports personality!

In most cases, they would have an appointment to make
In order a few words to say or a hand to shake
They may have to stand a long time in a queue
Only to be told, "This person cannot now speak to you."

This is never the case when we speak to our God
He who is the Almighty Creator and sustainer of all
Says His ear is ever attentive to our cry
It is His hope and desire that to Him we draw nigh.

He invites us to come and make our wants known
To Him, the King of Kings who sits on His throne
But He tells us because He cannot look on sin
We must trust in His Son who took our sin upon Him.

God says He wants to give us a brand new start
He wants to give us peace in our hearts
He says He wants to wipe our hearts slate clean
He wants our sins to forgive and our souls to redeem.

We are a privileged people is all I can say
We can access Almighty God in His throne room daily
We ought to fall down in worship at the feet
Of this One with whom no earthly being can compete.

“Please” and “Thank you”

As I communed in prayer with my Lord and my God
I apologised when I realized **“please”** was almost the most uttered word
Right then it was as if I heard my Heavenly Father say
“I’m delighted when you come and speak to me on any day.”
“Don’t you know that when a parent is teaching their child to speak “Please” is one
of the first words, be it said in Irish English or Greek.”
“The parent may not always fulfil their child’s request
Because they only want for their child what is the very best.
But when “yes” is the answer they then want to hear
The words **“Thank you Daddy, or Mammy”** ringing in their ear.”
“The same scenario applies in your relationship with me
And it will remain so for now and for all eternity.”
“While I don’t want to be selfish, greedy or vain
I want you to have nothing but the best so I’ll say “Yes” again and again.
Nor do I want to lavishly pour treasures into your lap
I want you to make good choices and keep our relationship on track.”
“I want your life to be an example so that other people will see
That they too can know the help of the Holy Spirit daily.”

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God allows man to make choices

Because God is a God of mercy
He sent Jesus Christ, His Son
To rescue sinful, fallen man;
God desires to save everyone.

While looking on man with compassion
God devised a rescue plan
He knew man's fate was hopeless
Because he was unable sins battle to win.

Yet to mankind God gave freedom
He allowed man to make choices in life
Man can accept or reject God's offer
He can choose eternal life or death.

John 3:36 "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

God has a Plan

It is God's wish that all would see
That He has a plan to set us free
From the bondage of sin and shame,
to lift our burden of fear and blame.

He wants to put a new song in each heart
He wants to give all a brand new start
He wants to wipe every soul's slate clean
He says, "I won't remember your sin again."

But, we all must repent and turn away
From sin that besets our souls daily
Of ourselves, this we are unable to do,
That is why Jesus died for me and you.

2nd Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish but everyone to come to repentance.

Indescribable Love

Love cannot be described
Or weighed upon the scales
But it has sustained the universe
And humanity through the years!

The love of man and woman
Of parent and of child
Has been the sustaining factor
In this world where we abide!

Human love does not compare
With the love of our Saviour on high
He has gone to prepare a place
For those who trust Him when they die.

Questions worth Answering

Does it embarrass you to know that there is one
who watches every move and turn?

Does it shock you to know that He also hears
and knows our very thoughts and fears?

Does it frighten you to know that He is Judge
and before a sinless God we will not fudge?

Does it encourage you to know that He understands
and because of our weakness, He made plans?

Does it relieve you to know that He sent His Son
to be the substitute for everyone?

My Prayer for You

My heart goes out to our friends today
Grief has unexpectedly come their way
They have been plunged into the depth of despair
I pray God in mercy will meet them there.
I'm glad He is the One who is able to do
Far more than we as humans are able to
May they at this time know His strength and grace?
May He help them cope with the trials they face?
I pray it will also give them comfort and peace
Knowing friends sympathise in this time of grief.

A Word of Thanks to Friends

After struggling with pain
Barely able to move
Can I tell you I appreciated?
Displays of love!

Praying for you

A few words I would like to say
You are in our thoughts and prayers today
There is not much more I can do
Other than come to the throne of God for you
There I ask our God to be
Your strength and your security,
I pray you will know His help and love
And His guidance from above
Soon I pray you will see His plan,
I know you will then understand
That in the midst of tribulation
Our God is there and He is able
To turn our sadness into praise
Just like in scripture where it says
Of Joseph, Daniel and of Job
Their stories are there so we will know
He can our problems overthrow,
He can bring blessing out of pain,
He can take loss and make it gain,
God can use what you go through
To speak to people who are watching you.

All may not be as it seems

Underneath the rolling waves of the stormy sea
The water is as calm, as calm can be
This I was told by someone who knows
Is the mysterious picture of how water flows!

This fact spoke to me of our humanity
Many people live in tumult and adversity
But if their trust is in Jesus as Saviour and Lord
Their hearts can abide in peace despite the odds.

Other lives can look calm, peaceful and serene
Like a gentle, gleaming, flowing stream
While in fact their hearts may bubble with rage
Like an angry tiger trapped in a tiny cage.

*We are not safe
and
we are not sound!*

We are not safe and we are not sound
It's as if we are trapped on sinking sand
We are all blighted by the curse of sin
We will only be redeemed if we trust in Him
Who gave His sinless life on Calvary's Tree
To rescue wretched sinners like you and me.
If we could have made heaven on our own
Jesus wouldn't have had to die our sins to atone
He says we must believe, repent and turn from sin
If we are to receive the gift of salvation from Him!

God's Opinion of Same Sex Marriage

Take note of what God says in His Word I pray
With regard to the question that is on our minds these days
Because God speaks so clearly we ignore Him at our peril
He commands us to pay attention or before Him, we'll have no referral
We are told if man disregards God, God will allow him to go his own way
Soon his life will become so wicked and evil he will sin continually
God warns folk will pay a penalty if they have sex with their own gender
I pray our government will listen carefully before family life is torn asunder
God warns His wrath will be revealed against the depravity of man,
So we must pay heed to what God says while we may and while we can
He says we will be held accountable for our actions, speech and thoughts
But we will also be judged by Him if we condone others who breach His laws
God warns all who ignore His decrees deserve the penalty of death,
So we need to obey His Will while in our lungs we have breath.
If you don't accept what I say is true
Please read Romans chapter 1, v's 18 to 32
Read there for yourself what God has to say
And His Word will clarify things I pray.
God's Law doesn't mean that God is unsympathetic and unkind
Far from it, He ever has the good of His created in mind
He who moulded and made us after His divine Will
Knows exactly how He created us His Will to fulfil
He is also well aware that Satan led man astray
And is grieved when He sees how Satan tempts man down his sinful way
God knows Satan's aim is to steal, kill and destroy
The lives of unsuspecting men, women, girls and boys
That is why our God who loves us sent His only Son
To redeem sinners who repent and put their trust in Him
Regardless of our status or what we have done
God is willing to wipe the slate clean for each and every one
He then gives His followers the strength to live life as we ought
Because when Jesus, God's Son died, **He**, our salvation bought
In fact, Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God
Interceding for those who love Him while we remain on earth's sod
We are told He is also preparing a place for all who trust in Him
So that when we leave this scene of time we can dwell eternally with Him.

My Lord and my God is well able to do!

My Lord and my God is well able to do
Far, far, far more than I expect Him to
Because He has the ability to do at His leisure
Whatever gives Him joy and gives Him pleasure.

He created the world and He created you and me
He created much, much more than we can see
He created the universe and everything in it,
The earth, the seas, the moon, stars and planets.

God created all with nought but His Word of Command
He then created man saying, "I'll leave all in your hand."
But because man disobeyed God and bears the judgement of sin
God says if we don't trust in Jesus we can't live with Him.

God has sustained and maintained all for thousands of years
And His divine Word tells us we have nothing to fear
He says we are more precious than the birds of the air
Yet He says He also holds them in His loving care.

He says He has numbered the hairs on our head
And He says we like the sparrow by Him will be fed
But He tells us we will be tempted and tested by sin
And many will reject is if we put our trust in Him.

In fact Jesus, God's Son who gave His life on the tree
Says, "Many will reject you if you put your trust in me
but stand firm to the end and then I promise you will be
cleansed from all sin and dwell with me eternally.

We take so much for granted

We humans take so much for granted
We expect our bodies to work as they should
I don't know about you but I know this I do
And I expect you also are part of this brood.

We open our mouths and we expect to hear
Thoughts that quickly flash through our minds
We don't have to search through books or files
Nor do we have long, long discs to unwind.

We can see, taste and hear
We can smell, feel and touch
We can fear, hate and love
We have been endowed with so much.

Our legs can sit, stand and walk,
They can jump, kneel and lie
And with our hands, we can do so much
If we are only but willing to try!

We were given minds that enable us
To envisage, create and plan
They are such a complex organ
They have baffled many a man.

We can use the abilities we were given
To make this world a better place
We can help the people we meet
Or we can leave this world in disgrace.

None of us are guaranteed another day

If you were trapped in a pit and knew you would die
Would you do all in your power, would you scream and cry?
Would you attract attention from any source you could
Would you care if people thought you were a fool?
If you knew your life was slipping quickly away
Would you know it was time to think of God and pray?
Trusting that He has the ability to do
All that is needed to redeem and restore you.

God says we are all trapped in the pit of sin
He says we are all powerless to cleanse ourselves within
But He tells us He sent His Son who was well able to do
All that was needed to rescue me and you
He says He can redeem our souls from the pit
But we need to be wise and our need to admit
God says He sent Jesus, His Son to die
Because His sinless sacrifice could save you and I.

Jesus life's blood paid the ransom to set us free
From the bondage of sin, that holds us in captivity
We ought to grasp His offer while we can and may
Because none of us know when life will slip away
Then it will be too late to cry and shout
Because we will have chosen our eternal route
So please, oh please take note while you may
Because none of us are guaranteed another day!

The devil doesn't go on holiday

When listening to the news one is apt to say
The devil doesn't go on holiday, he is busy every day.

Murder after murder and crime after crime
There is no shortage of bad news to fill your mind and mine.

Men's hearts are full of hatred, of bitterness and greed
Causing corruption and misery, jealousy and grief.

Sadly many do not know that Christ can satisfy
The longings of the heart of all who to Him draw neigh.

Jesus is always willing to lend a listening ear
And rid hearts of sadness, bitterness and fear.

He can replace fear with peace, and sadness with eternal joy
If we put our trust in Him, He can the devils schemes destroy.

God asks us to trust Him

God asks us to trust Him, not in part but the whole
He wants us to give Him complete control
Of all that we think, say, feel and do
He offers abundant life to me and to you.

Our Creator wants for us nothing but the best
If we give our Saviour control our lives will be blessed
He offers forgiveness, love, peace and joy
Gifts this world cannot give and cannot destroy.

Only a fool would reject such an offer of grace
From the one who owns this world, time and space
God has the ability to do at His leisure
Whatever gives Him joy or gives Him pleasure.

God created man from the dust of the earth
He breathed into man's lungs and gave him breath
One day He will call time and we will all have to go
And meet Him face to face, this many of us know.

We can meet Him as friend or we can meet Him as foe
As friends we'll meet if we trust His Son ere we go
He sent His only Son Jesus to die for our sin
But we'll be judged by God if we've rejected Him.

You are a Unique Individual

Regardless of who is reading this
Be you black, white, tan or brown
You are a unique individual
There's no-one like you around.

God created you for a purpose,
He created you with a plan
I know you will never be satisfied
Until God's purpose you understand.

Your DNA sets you apart
Your fingerprints are unique to you
Your voice is distinct from others
There's no-one on earth like you.

We ought to ask our Creator
To reveal His purpose and plan
Then allow Him to lead and guide
In the way that only He can.

You may think God doesn't care for you
That He doesn't know your need
But He wants to strengthen and guide you
And you don't even have to plead.

God says, ***"I know the plans I have for you,
plans for good and not for ill."***
So we will never be content
Until we allow Him, His plans to fulfil.

This world would be a better place
If we all sought the Will of God
There'd be less anger, crime and murder
Peace would reign on earth's sod.

We are going to die some day

We don't know the route
And we don't know the way
We don't know the time
But we're going to die some day.

It is a fact of life
Like the rising of the sun
We know it is going to set
It has done so since time begun.

Our lifespan is in the control
Of the One who gave us breath
It is He who will call time
He knows the date of our death.

But we have the choice
As to where we will go
A heaven to gain, a hell to shun
God has told us this is so.

We must choose the destination
While yet we have time
Because none of us know
When He will call on our line!

Our transport costs have been paid
By Jesus Christ, God's Son
We will only gain entry to heaven
If we have put our trust in Him!

John 4:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me."

Let us think about birth

Let me change the subject, let us think about birth
The joy of seeing new life on this earth!

I had eight such privileges in my lifetime
Because of a miscarriage, I was denied nine.

While my husband and I gave life to our children
We were powerless to do anything but await their arrival.

When I as a baker try to make a good cake
I must follow the recipe or I will regret my mistake.

This world had to have a Creator, I'm sure you'll agree
Who could instigate such incredible complexity?

God says He knit us together in our mother's womb
If we're wise we will thank Him who created us on His loom.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Psalm 139:13 "For you (God) created my inmost being; you knit me together in my
mother's womb."

Anchored in Christ

While I lay on Cala Gran beach, an anchored boat I surveyed
And thoughts of salvation in Christ to my mind were conveyed.

I recalled that I was firmly anchored in Christ
Because I had trusted in His sinless blood sacrifice!

As I watched that boat move gently around and around
I realized Christ lets us move although to Him we are bound.

God tells us that as Christians we are anchored in Him
If we trust the Lord Jesus to cleanse us from sin!

That anchor on the boat was invisible to the naked eye,
So is the indwelling presence of Christ to passersby.

But should a storm arise that boat will be safe,
In like manner, the Christian is held in God's amazing grace.

When I tried to light the fire

When I tried to light the fire
It became apparent before long
There was indeed a problem
I envisaged what was wrong.

The fire just couldn't breathe
It was deprived of air
The pit was full of ashes
No life could ignite there.

When the ashes were removed
Before very long
Fire was glowing in the grate
It was a pleasure to look upon.

I thought this is a picture
Of your sinful life and mine
Unless we get rid of sin
We'll remain dead for all time.

Because we are like our fire
That was powerless to help itself
When Jesus saw our problem
He took our sin upon himself.

How we ought to thank Him
And sing His praises every day
He can give life to our dark souls
That man can never take away.

My thoughts when making French Toast

When I was making French Toast the other day,
Thoughts of my Mum and Gran came my way
Good memories came flooding to mind
Of this treat that they made from time to time!

The recipe now I would like to give
So that you and your family too may “live”
Beat eggs, add sugar or salt and beat some more
Soak bread in the mixture, fry, and you’ll be happy I’m sure.

As I thought of this treat I began to see
There is spiritual truths hidden in this recipe
I don’t mean to twist scripture but I can recall
Jesus said, “Even the rocks and stones declare that I am God.”

Jesus said to the disciples, “You are the salt of the earth.”
Sugar and salt as you know help food to taste at its best
But sugar and salt are of little use on their own
When added to other ingredients their potential is shown.

.The egg resembles the Holy Spirit in the life of man
It contains life-giving nutrition as was God’s plan
The bread resembles the precious divine Word of God
Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life” when He walked earth sod.

If our lives “like the toast” are pleasing to both God and man
They ought to contain more of God, less of self, as was His plan
Then, our families and the world will be well able to see
The divine presence of God living in the lives of you and me!

I beg you, book Your Ticket

Please take a few minutes to consider this thought with me
One day I'm going to fly and I'm going to fly for free.

I won't need a ticket and I won't need a plane
But I'm going to fly through the air just the same.

I don't know the date and I don't know the time.
But my heavenly Father has all that information in mind.

I may be dead or I may be alive.
But this will be the greatest flight to take to the sky.

God says the dead who have trusted in Christ will fly first
The graves will open and bodies will rise from the dust.

What an amazing spectacle that will be
It will be the greatest spectacle to happen in earth's history.

The dead will be given new bodies in the blink of an eye
What an awesome sight that will be for stunned passersby.

They will be even more shocked when believers at their side
Will suddenly arise to meet the dead in the skies!

The flight will go further than any flight has ever gone
It will take us to heaven to meet God, the Father, Spirit and Son.

We are going there to celebrate the wedding feast of the Lamb
It will be a banquet like no other so book your ticket while you can.

God will also include your name on that amazing flight
If you put your trust in His Son, you too will reach heaven's heights.

Trust in that sacrifice of blood Jesus made on Calvary's Tree
He paid the ultimate price to set sinners free.

Be warned there will be a day of judgement for all sinners on earth
Who reject God's offer of redeeming grace.

Because He sent His one and only Son to die for their sin
After death, He will then show no mercy when sinners meet Him.

I thank God for His many blessings

I thank God for His many blessings
I can count them one by one
But it takes such a long time now
At times I just say, "Thank You for each one."

I thank God for the gift of salvation
I consider it gift number one
Salvation won't just last a lifetime
Its eternal benefits will go on and on.

The number one blessing of salvation
Is the forgiveness of my sin
How I thank my precious Saviour
For His blessing of peace and joy within!

Salvation I could never have achieved
No matter how hard I tried
I couldn't have worked for, bought or earned it
It is life's greatest gift to all who on earth abide.

Within salvation, there are many blessings
Too, too many to count
I just want to say, "Thank You, thank You Lord
Salvation I would not want to be without.

I thank God for my wonderful family
My wonderful husband, wonderful children and oh!
Sure I couldn't forget my wonderful grandchildren
Bless them each and every wonderful one.

I thank God for good health and happiness
For a good home, food on the table and friends
Many, many very good friends
I pray God will continue these blessings to send.

I thank God for the blessing of sight
Of hearing, speech, taste and touch
I don't have enough words to express my thanks

My God has given me so much.

If any person now reading this poem
Is anxious, grieved, afraid, worried or in despair
Please come right now to our wonderful Saviour
Our Lord Jesus is also willing your burdens to bear.

God offers salvation to all

I have said it before and I will say it again
God offers salvation to all, praise His holy name.
He offers salvation as a gift and like any gift it's free
But we must accept that gift if it's going to belong to you or me.

God offers this gift of salvation to all who trust in His Son
Who gave His sinless life to save everyone
Regardless of who we are or what we have done,
Be we the child of a royal, a popper or whatever we have become.

God says, ***"I will put your sin in the sea of my forgetfulness
To remember them no more!"*** AND
***"Though your sins are like scarlet they shall be as white as snow."
though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."***

But you may say, "I'm good, I don't need God's offer of grace
I'm prepared in my own strength to meet Him face to face."
Remember God says, ***"There is no-one righteous, no not one."***
There will be no-one in heaven unless they trust in His Son.

Or you may say, "I'm too bad, I continually sin."
But let me tell you there is mercy for all who trust in Him.
God says, ***"He that comes to me I will in no wise cast out."***
So come while you may without fear or doubt.

Jesus says, ***"Come to me and I will set you free."***
"I will give you redeeming grace if you put your trust in me."
But remember if you reject God's divine offer of grace
He will then show no mercy when you meet Him face to face!

By Olive Borland Trib.

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now let us reason together,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet they shall be white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

Lean not on your own understanding

I am convinced and I hope so are you
That what God says in His Word is authentic and true.
He made wonderful promises; I would now like to share a few
These promises bless me; I hope they will bless you too.

Jesus, the Son of God was heard to say, ***“Come unto me
all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.”***
I believe many, many people need to hear of this promise
in these days of anxiety, worry, strain and stress.

“I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.”
I think anybody who would reject this great offer would be a fool
Jesus gave His sinless life for us on Calvary’s cruel, cruel tree
His precious blood was shed to redeem sinners like you and me.

To those who are willing and obedient God was heard to say,
“Though they are red as crimson, they shall be as white as snow;”
“Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as wool.”
I know we won’t get an answer that, no matter where else we go.

God says to those who trust Him, ***“I will remember your sins no more.”***
What an incredible offer to get from our amazing Creator
He is the Judge who holds the keys to the doors of heaven and hell
He is the One we are all going to meet sooner or later.

I urge you; trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding
This what we are told in God’s precious Word
And we would do well to obey His commanding.

*“He that comes to me
I will not cast out.”*

Jesus said, *“He that comes to me, I will not cast out.”*
Upon this promise of Jesus, we should not cast doubt
You should accept His offer and come while you may
You may not have the opportunity on another day.

None of us know when God will call on our line
It will be too late then to say, “I have changed my mind.”
You will then hear Him say, “Too late, too late.”
“The NO ADMISSION sign is now on the Mercy Gate.”

I beg you, come to Jesus while you may
You will not regret it on Judgement Day
He now offers us sinner’s His amazing grace,
Because on Calvary’s Tree, He took our rightful place!

He, the sinless Son of God who bore your sin and mine
Offers us His gift of salvation and forgiveness combined
All who are wise accept His offer while they may,
Whereas the foolish will bear the consequences eternally!

John 6:37

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I
will never drive away.”

Faith in Jesus is the answer

Faith in Jesus is the answer
Yes, faith in Jesus is the key
I forsook all and trusted Him
Who gained salvation for me!

No payment, no good works
Or any sacrifice of mine
Could procure salvation
From God who is Divine.

Salvation must be accepted
As a gift of God's loving grace
By each unworthy recipient
Ere we meet God face to face.

No earthly road we travel
Will lead either you or me
To the rewards purchased by Jesus
Who died to set sinners free!

We must travel the road of faith
If we want to know victory
Our burden of sin was paid for
By our Saviour on Calvary!

A question worth considering

Do our lives reflect the image
of our Saviour as they should
or do they portray an image
that is bad rather than good?
Do the people who encounter us
feel the warmth of His love
And want to get to know Him
the God who dwells in heaven above?
Or are they depressed
and want to run away
Because of how we live our lives
on earth from day to day?

To Him be the Glory

*What we give God, He takes
What He takes, He cleanses
What He cleanses, He fills
What He fills, He uses.*

To Him be the glory
Forever and forever.
Amen

On realizing our need of redemption
If we come in repentance and faith
Putting our trust in God's beloved Son
Who died to take the sinner's place.
God puts our sins in the sea of His forgetfulness
To remember them no more
And with the infilling of His blessed Holy Spirit
We receive eternal life from His heavenly store.

When Jesus allowed His blood to be shed
On Calvary's cruel, cruel tree
He knew we were powerless to save ourselves
But in love, He wanted to set us free.
He knew without the shedding of blood
There is no forgiven for sin
And because He alone was sinless
Our sin had to be placed on Him.

Miraculously God raised Him from the dead
He now sits enthroned at God's right hand
There He intercedes for those who trust Him
Because our needs He knows and understands.
He puts a new song of praise in our hearts
Our God of divine mercy to glorify
He gives us the desire to share the Good News
With our family, friends and all who pass by!