

Letting Go
Into the freedom of the wind and sunshine,
we let you go.
Into the dance of the stars and the planets,
we let you go.
Into the wind's breath
and the hand of the star maker,
we let you go.
We love you
We miss you
We want you to be happy
Go safely
Go Dancing
Go running home.

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour out their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you

(Ancient Celtic Blessing)

Our prayers are with you, as you and your loved ones are held by God.
With greetings from the people of St John's United Reformed Church,
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Remembering in Love



Prayers of Remembrance

God of all life
When all there is in our lives is the empty space
where the beloved was
and nothing can fill it and we want nothing to fill it
because nothing and no-one
can take the place of the beloved,
and we walk drearily through the days,
dragging our feet and there is no joy in anything...
Give us your strength in our sorrow,
Your presence in the absence we feel,
Your rest, that we rise again to new life,
And your hope that in death we are not divided, Amen
(Kathy Galloway)

Each occasion we glimpse them:
That turn of a head, that smile,
The way she walked, his sense of humour,
Each time a knife turns in our heart.

In time, through the windows of our tears
we see them and smile.
In time, we let go of sorrow.
In time, beauty and music,
remembered places
bring solace not pain.
(Kate McIlhagga)

Heavenly Father,
You have not made us for darkness and death
but for life with you for ever.
Without you, we have nothing to hope for;
With you, we have nothing to fear.
Speak to us your words of eternal life.
Lift us from anxiety, grief and guilt
Into the light and peace of your presence
And set the glory of your love before us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen
(Book of Common Order)

Lord, there is no pain in our hearts that you do not know.
There is no place in the universe that cannot be touched
by your resurrection presence, for you fill all things.
Give us strength in your victory over death
to grow into your way of love,
Which does not despair but
keeps sowing seeds of hope
and making signs of wholeness, Amen
(Wild Goose Publications)

God, who gave us life and in whose arms we die,
in our grief, contain and comfort us.
Embrace us with your love;
give us hope in our confusion
and grace to let go into new life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen
(URC Service Book, 1989)