

Words of Comfort of God and Confidence in God

A prayer of John Donne

We give him/her back to thee, dear Lord, who gavest her to us. Yet as thou dost not lose her in giving, so we have not lost her by her return. Not as the world givest, thou, O Lover of Souls. What thou gavest, thou takest not away; for what is thine is ours always, if we are thine. And life is eternal and love is immortal, and death is only an horizon, and an horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.

A Prayer at the moment of death

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