

Prayers for Emigrants

Bless all those who have left our country and now live in other lands.

Give them a strong faith so that they will always put their trust in you and make you known by the example of their lives.

Console those who are lonely because they are separated from those they love.

Help all missionaries who are working far from home to make your love known.

Bless our people overseas who are sick or in prison.

We pray for foreigners living in our country that they may experience our hospitality.

Grant your eternal welcome to our emigrants who have died and to all the dead.

Amen

(Leckpatrick Parish, Derry Diocese)

Prayers for Those Away from Home

Loving God,

We pray for those

Whom we love,

But who are absent from us.

Keep them safe

From all harm, evil, and danger.

Bless them with

Peace, laughter,

Wisdom, love and joy.

Grant that we may be reunited

In the fullness of love;

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

(Prayers of our Hearts, Vienna Cobb Anderson)





Eternal God
We thank you for the gift
Of love;
For shared joys and tears,
For laughter and hope,
For the wholeness
Of being one.
Bless those whom
We hold dear in our hearts.
Protect them from all evil.
Sustain them in time of trouble.
Sanctify them in their work and play.
Through Jesus Christ,
Whose love makes us lovers,
We pray.
Amen

(Prayers of our Hearts, Vienna Cobb Anderson)

She/he is far away,
Lonely and alone.
She/he is starting a new life
In a city where she knows no one
And none notice her.
Give her courage, O God,
To face each new day,
To find work that gives meaning,
To discover friends who enrich her life.
Guard her from all danger and harm,
From disease and despair,



And from all which threatens to destroy
The gift of life which you have given
Unto her.

All this we ask in the name of Christ.

Amen

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Prayer for Children Leaving Home

It is time to let go,
To stand back and watch
As the young leave home
And go out into the world

On their own.

Guard her from all danger and harm,
From disease and despair,

And from all which threatens to destroy
The gift of life which you have given

Unto her.

All this we ask in the name of Christ.

Amen

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For Our Loved Ones Far Away.

St. Colmcille,
Who suffered pain and grief of exile,
Watch over the children of Ireland,
Scattered throughout the world.
Obtain for them solace and courage,
And keep them true to God
In every trial and temptation!

Amen

(Prayers of an Irish Mother)



A Prayer for Our Irish Emigrants

Lord,
Some may know the bleakness of life,
Its capacity to disappoint,
The waning of energy or health.
Yet they have a place in the soul which time cannot touch,
A wisdom and beauty from lives deeply inhabited.
May all of them know the warmth of their soul,
The natural shelter around their lives.
In dignity and freedom may they return home to themselves.
Amen