

## Have you lost someone who is dear to you?

*So many people have died. So many dying before their time. Although death is part of life, it is still hard to bear. Loved ones are precious and cannot be replaced but Christians believe that they will find their resting place in heaven. And that God's love embraces us all so we are never truly apart from those we love. We hope that these words bring comfort to you.*



Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them!

*Matthew 5:4*

'Do not be worried and upset.' Jesus told them. 'Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so.'

*John 14:1-2*

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For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour.

*John 3:16-17*

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Death is nothing at all  
I have only slipped away into the next room.  
I am I, and you are you,  
Whatever we were to each other, that we still are.

Call me by my old familiar name,  
speak to me in the easy way which you always used.

Put no difference in your tone,  
wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.  
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.

Let my name be ever the household word that it always was,  
let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant.  
It is the same as it ever was; there is unbroken continuity.  
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near,  
just around the corner.

All is well.

*Death is nothing at all, Henry Scott Holland*