

## A Parting Prayer

Dear Lord, please open your gates  
and call St. Francis  
to come escort this beloved companion  
across the Rainbow Bridge.

Assign her to a place of honor,  
for she has been a faithful servant  
and has always done her best to please me.

Bless the hands that send her to you,  
for they are doing so in love and compassion,  
freeing her from pain and suffering.

Grant me the strength not to dwell on my loss.  
Help me remember the details of her life  
with the love she has shown me.  
And grant me the courage to honor her  
by sharing those memories with others.

Let her remember me as well  
and let her know that I will always love her.  
And when it's my time to pass over into your paradise,  
please allow her to accompany those  
who will bring me home.

Thank you, Lord,  
for the gift of her companionship  
and for the time we've had together.

And thank you, Lord,  
for granting me the strength  
to give her to you now.

Amen.

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