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FUNERAL HYMNS

Traditional hymns can provide a fitting tribute to your loved one. Here are seven hymns often used at funerals:

1. JERUSALEM

*And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountain green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?*

Jerusalem is based on a poem by William Blake, written in 1804. Often chosen for weddings as well as funerals, it remains one of the most popular hymns for any Christian occasion.

2. THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD (PSALM 23)

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.*

Based on Psalm 23, The Lord's My Shepherd is a well-known comforting hymn which is extremely popular at Christian funeral services.

3. ABIDE WITH ME

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

Abide With Me is a Victorian hymn, written by Henry Francis Lyte in 1847. The hymn is a prayer to God, asking him for comfort in dark times.

4. AMAZING GRACE



*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.*

Amazing Grace is a very moving hymn. The lyrics focus on finding peace in death which is why it is a popular choice for a loved one's funeral.

5. HOW GREAT THOU ART

*O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed*

Based on a 19th century Swedish song and poem, How Great Thou Art is about the beauty of nature. Many people choose it for a funeral service as the lyrics help put things into perspective during such a difficult time.

6. THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

*And I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
And I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown*

The Old Rugged Cross is a popular hymn written in 1912 by George Bennard. It is about being dedicated to Christ and serving God.

7. LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

Commonly set to the melody of an Irish folksong, Lord of All Hopefulness is a popular hymn for both funerals and weddings.

Happy and uplifting hymns for a funeral include:

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Morning Has Broken
Lord of the Dance
Shine Jesus Shine