

Recommended Books and Other Resources

A New Zealand Prayer Book, Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia, William Collins Publishers Ltd., 1989; HarperCollins, 1997. Especially Prayer at Time of Death, pp. 812 ~ 825.

Ira Byock, M.D., DYING WELL Peace and Possibilities at the End of Life. Riverhead Books, New York, New York, 1997.

I also mentioned Dr. Ira Byock's other book:

The Four Things that Matter Most:

Thank-you; Please Forgive Me; I Forgive You; I Love You.

J. Philip Newell, Celtic Benediction Morning and Night Prayer, Novalis, Toronto, Ontario, 2000.

John O'Donohue, To Bless the Space Between Us A Book of Blessings, Doubleday, Toronto, 2008.

John O'Donohue, Walking on the Pastures of Wonder, in conversation with John Quinn, Veritas, Dublin, Ireland, 2015.

Lucinda Vardy (editor), The Flowering of the Soul, A Book of Prayers by Women, Alfred A. Knopf, Toronto, Ontario, 1999.

On page 120 – 121 (for example), you will find this by Kathy Galloway:

"Our brother Jesus, you set our feet upon the way and sometimes where you lead we do not like or understand.

Bless us with courage where the way is fraught with dread or danger;

Bless us with graceful meetings where the way is lonely; Bless us with good companions where the way demands a common cause. Bless us with night vision where we travel in the dark, keen hearing where we have not sight, to hear the reassuring sounds of fellow travellers;

Bless us with humour ~ we cannot travel lightly weighed down with gravity; Bless us with humility to learn from those around us; Bless us with decisiveness where we must move with speed; Bless us with lazy moments, to stretch and rest and savour; Bless us with love, given and received; And bless us with your presence, even when we know it in your absence. Lead us into exile, until we find that on the road is where you are, and where you are is going home.

Bless us, lead us, love us, bring us home bearing the gospel of life."