



A GENEALOGISTS PRAYER

**Lord, help me dig into the past,
And sift the sands of time,
That I might find the roots that made
This family tree of mine.**

**Lord, help me trace the ancient roads,
On which my father's trod,
And led them through so many lands,
To find our present sod.**

**Lord, help me find an ancient book,
Or dusty manuscript,
That's safely hidden now away,
In some forgotten crypt.**

**Lord, help it bridge the gap that haunts
My soul, when I can't find
The missing link between some name
That ends the same as mine.**

~ Anonymous



PAUSE A MOMENT

**There is no special time for prayer,
One can pray 'most anywhere,
When things aren't going quite your way -
Pause a moment, just to pray....**

**If everything seems to bother you
And nag at you the whole day through,
To dispel those awful clouds of gray -
Pause a moment, just to pray.**

**If there is no hope in sigh,
You see the tunnel but not the light,
Do not wander, do not stray -
Pause a Moment, just to pray....**

**When all your efforts seem in vain,
You struggle hard but see no gain,
Do one thing without delay -
Pause a moment, just to pray....**

**When you feel there is no hope,
When with life you cannot cope,
God will help along the way -
Pause a moment, just to pray....**

~ Joseph Ferrara



THINGS ONLY A MOM CAN TEACH

1. My Mother taught me about *ANTICIPATION*...
"Just wait until your father gets home."
2. My Mother taught me about *RECEIVING*....
"You are going to get it when we get home!"
3. My Mother taught me to *MEET A CHALLENGE!*
"What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to you...
Don't talk back to me!"
4. My Mother taught me *LOGIC*...
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
5. My Mother taught me *MEDICAL SCIENCE*...
"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way."
6. My Mother taught me to *THINK AHEAD*...
"If you don't pass your spelling test, you'll never get a good job."
7. My Mother taught me *ESP*...
"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you're cold?"
8. My Mother taught me *HUMOR*...
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
9. My Mother taught me how to *BECOME AN ADULT*...
"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
10. My Mother taught me about *SEX*...
"How do you think you got here?"
11. My Mother taught me about *GENETICS*...
"You're just like your father."
12. My Mother taught me about my *ROOTS*...
"Do you think you were born in a barn?"
13. My Mother taught me about *WISDOM OF AGE*...
"When you get to be my age, you will understand."
14. And my all time favorite...*JUSTICE*...
"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you... Then you'll see what it's like."

---Dolores Johnson



The Season's of Life.

There is a time for everything, and a season for
Every activity under heaven:

A time to be born and a time to die,

A time to plant and a time to uproot,

A time to kill and a time to heal,

A time to tear down and a time to build,

A time to weep and a time to laugh,

A time to mourn, and a time to dance,

A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,

A time to embrace and a time to refrain,

A time to search and a time to give up,

A time to keep and a time to throw away,

A time to tear and a time to mend,

A time to be silent and a time to speak,

A time to love and a time to hate,

A time for war and a time for peace.

~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 NIV



Everything is Meaningless

“Meaningless! Meaningless!”
says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless! Everything
Is meaningless.”

What does man gain from all his labor
at which he toils under the sun?

Generations come and generations go,
but the earth remains forever.

The sun rises and the sun sets, and hurries
back to where it rises.

The wind blows to the south
and turns to the north;

Round and round it goes, ever returning on it's
course.

All streams flow into the sea,
yet the sea is never full.

To the place the streams come from,
there they return again.

All things are wearisome, more than one can say.

There is nothing new under the sun.

~ Ecclesiastes 1:2-9 NIV



Waste Not A Single Hour



*Yesterday is a reminder
Of days both good and bad
The trials that taught us lessons
And good times we have had
The future still is waiting
As the dreams awaite's the night
To become a reality before the morning light.*

*The past may bring us memories
To treasure through the years,
And the future keeps the dream alive
Despite our doubts and fears.
But, oh, my friend, we have today
To live, and laugh and cry...
A day our Lord has given
That soon may pass us by.*



~~Clay Harrison

