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## Letter and Prayer Booklet from Charlotte Michaud to Mary Dexter Boutin

Charlotte Michaud

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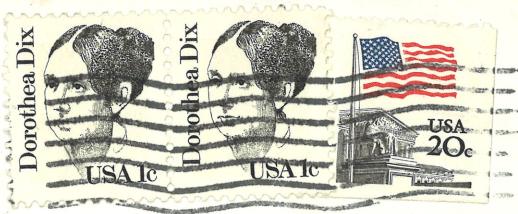
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C. Richard  
Intown Manor  
81 Ash St  
Lewiston Maine  
04240



Mrs. Mary Dexter Benton  
10 Fair St  
Lewiston Maine  
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Oct. 15, 1984

Dear Mary:

It's today: you came & I write this same day, because you gave me such pleasure with that gift of flowers from you. It's a pleasure that will last several days, because I'm sure the flowers will remain lovely for that length of time.

Am sorry I could give you so little time when you came, but lunchtime is very brief here - as are all 3 meals of the day. The food is so delicious, and is so well served, that everyone eats rapidly; resulting in fact the dining room empties in less than half an hour at each meal.

I didn't recall that you knew the date of my birthday. It's falling on a Sunday this year seems to just lengthen my usual birthday pleasures; because cards began coming during the weekend, ~~with~~ <sup>also</sup> personal visits, and again today.

Trust life is happy for you and others of your family. I consider



myself fortunate that though I miss the absence of relatives, I enjoy general good health.

Have few visitors, however - so many of my local acquaintances having attained ages that curtail their activities and the only relative I have - a nephew - lives in Massachusetts, where he has wife and three children that occupy him as well as steady employment very necessary.

I greatly enjoyed the many years of writing duties I had under the supervision of your father. I'm sure the directives he gave me during that period led to much of my enjoyment, and also to my progress.

Cordially,

Charlotte Michaud  
Intown Manor

of which address you <sup>81 Ast St</sup>  
are also evidently aware!



*We dedicate this book to all our friends.*

*The Power of Love has been experienced by many of the poor in our missions through your generous caring.*

*It is our prayer that God, the author of Love, bless you with His Love always.*



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# *The Power of Love*

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## Daily Prayer

Oh, God, touch my heart today  
And cleanse me from all sin,  
Put your love and joy inside  
And keep it safe within  
Till someone comes along  
And needs my help  
To lift their loads today,  
Then may I reach inside my heart  
And give love and joy away.

Mildred H. Bell

## A Friend

Take time to love  
And time to care,  
Take time to feel  
For others' fare.  
Just let them know  
That even when  
Their world goes wrong  
You'll be a friend.

Thomas C. Gallagher



# Faith, Hope and Charity

However much our worldly goods  
Or prominence may be  
The more important things are faith  
And hope and charity,  
Our faith in God Whose power and  
Whose glory great we know  
Not through our human vision but  
Because He tells us so,  
Our hope for perfect holiness  
And sanctity of soul  
And for the special grace to gain  
Our everlasting goal,  
And last but not the least of all  
Our willingness to love  
Each high and humble neighbor and  
Almighty God above,  
So let us pray and let us strive  
For faith and hope anew  
And charity to honor God  
In everything we do.

James J. Metcalfe

# A Psalm of Gratitude

Sing a psalm of gratitude  
To the Lord on high  
Thank Him for His goodness  
In all the years gone by!

Without His love sustaining  
All life would fade and die,  
So sing a psalm of praise and love  
To God Who reigns on high.

All glory, praise, all honor  
To our God be given  
Creator of all mankind,  
Great God of earth and heaven.

To You I give my love, my all,  
While life is left in me.  
O, let me sing Your praises, Lord,  
With You eternally.

Rev. Thomas Foy



# Something Beautiful For God

There are negative words  
That are harmful,  
There are positive words  
That are good,  
There are false words  
That we shouldn't utter  
And helpful words  
That we should;

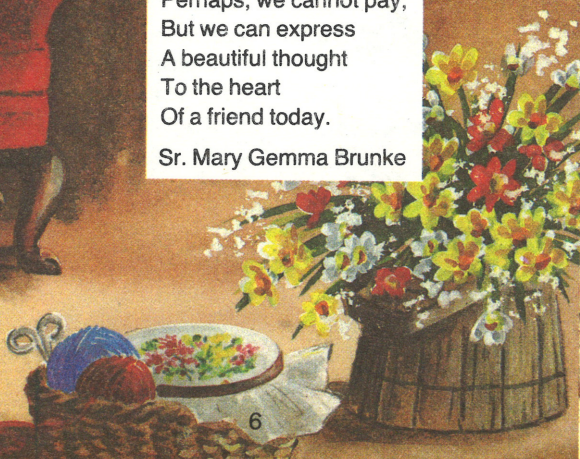
For a costly gem  
Or a lovely bouquet  
Perhaps, we cannot pay,  
But we can express  
A beautiful thought  
To the heart  
Of a friend today.

Sr. Mary Gemma Brunke

Eyes will close, but you, unsleeping,  
Watch by our side;  
Death may come: in Love's safe keeping  
Still we abide.  
God of love, all evil quelling,  
Sin forgiving, fear dispelling,  
Stay with us, our hearts indwelling,  
This eventide.

Music: *Welsh Traditional Melody*

Text: James Quinn, S.J., 1968







## Neighbors

What's mine is yours  
Without a doubt;  
Should hardship ever  
come about,  
Just come a knockin'  
At my door,  
And I will give you  
Of my store...

And should misfortune  
Come my way;  
My goods be gone  
In just one day.  
I shall not fear  
For want of bread,  
But knock upon  
Your door instead.

Barbara Thompson Young

## Love Always

Love when days are glad and golden  
Love when sorrows make them grey,  
Love when health is ever splendid  
Love if it should slip away.  
Love when friends are fine and loyal,  
Love if any prove untrue;  
Whatsoever life may bring you,  
May the Lord give love to you.

Loreta Inman





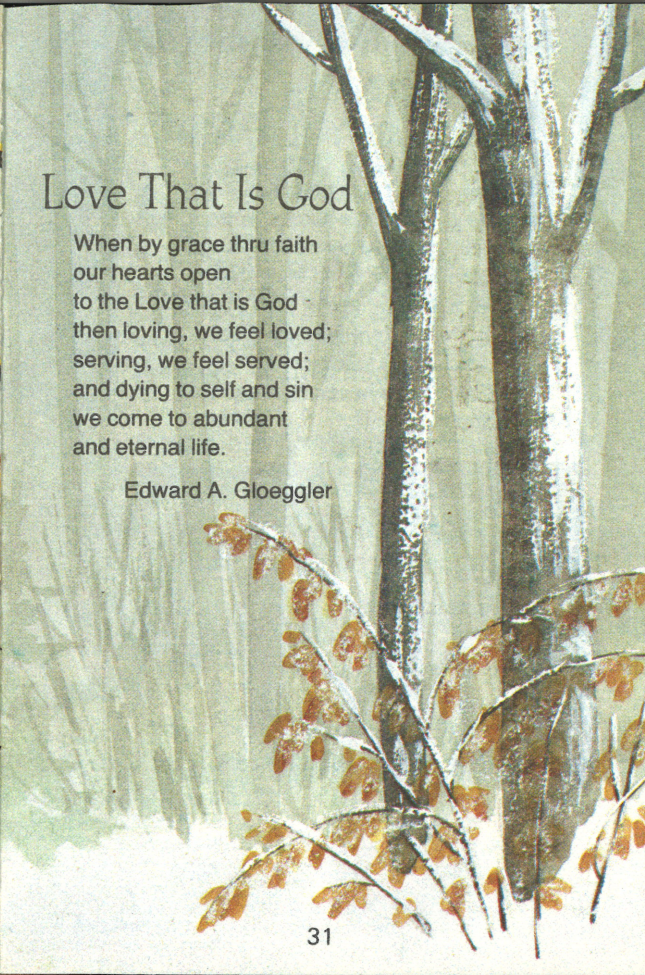
### *All's Well*

My heart,  
The sun hath set.  
Night's paths  
With dews are wet.

Sleep comes  
Without regret;  
Stars rise  
When sun is set.

All's well.  
God loves thee yet,  
Heart, smile,  
Sleep sweet, nor fret.

William A. Quayle



### Love That Is God

When by grace thru faith  
our hearts open  
to the Love that is God  
then loving, we feel loved;  
serving, we feel served;  
and dying to self and sin  
we come to abundant  
and eternal life.

Edward A. Gloeggler



# Jesus The Conqueror

The tender heart of Jesus knew  
The weight of all our human woes,  
But Christly courage bore him through  
The tides of error when they rose.  
He spoke with sureness of God's power . . .  
And lo, the angry waves were still.  
Today, in trouble's stormy hour,  
The power of Love can heal each ill.

Laura Lee Randall

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