Reading from scripture with reflection - John Reed

The Prayers, ending with The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be they name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN - Abide with me

- 1. 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.
- Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
 earth's joys grown dim, its glories pass away.
 Change and decay in all around I see.
 O thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 3. I need thy presence every passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who like thyself my guide and strength can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
- 4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless, ills have no weight, and tears have no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
- 5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
 Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
 in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

POEM - He is gone

You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all he has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him, Or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him and only that he's gone,
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what he'd want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

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