



# Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays  
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## Lost and Found

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“But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.” (Lk 15:32)

#### Lost and Found

“Rejoice in the Lord always.”

Family members accept, love, forgive each other.

That’s what families do.

Just as marriage partners vow to love each other for better or worse,

In good time and bad times,

In sickness and in health,

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Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in formation in Africa, Philippines, Korea, India and the USA. Her spare time is spent as a crafter.



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Until death parts them,

### **That's what families do.**

When the prodigal son lost family values, he lost stability to gain a wild freedom.

"I want riches and freedom and fun times."

"I want my share of the inheritance now."

What a blow for his loving father. This demand hurt him deeply.

How different was the eldest son. He lost his cool and became angry, envious and childish.

### **That's what families do.**

The father gave the prodigal son his portion of the inheritance and let him go his wild way.

He hoped and prayed his son would be safe and someday return home.

(I wonder if he tied a yellow on the fence gate.)

When did the run-a-way decide that his freedom fling was not what he expected?

He learned a lesson about riches, freedom and pleasure.

Now that his money ran out, so did his fair weather friends too run out of his life.

Remembering his family values, he repented, returned home and confessed to his father.

At last the prodigal son allowed himself to be found and forgiven.

His loving, compassionate and merciful father reinstated the lost one now found.

### **For Reflection and Sharing:**

1. What are you seeking
2. What brings you back to our heavenly Father?

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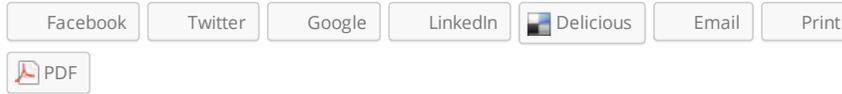
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3. For what do you hunger?
4. What remains unreconciled in your life?
5. "What are you going to do with your one wild and precious life?" (Mary Oliver)

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