

Prayers For Those Who Grieve

Do Not Fear

**My Lord God, I do not see the road
ahead of me. I cannot know for
certain where it will end...**

**I know that You will lead me by the
right road, though I well may know
nothing about it. Therefore, I trust
You always.**

**I will not fear for You are with me
and You will never leave me to face
my perils alone.**

Thomas Merton

**God, we never accept willingly the
death of someone who is close to us,
even though we know that death is
a reality for all of us. Help us, in the
midst of our grief, with its pain and
anger and deep sense of loss, to
experience your love and concern that
is present always. Amen**

Gilbert H. Caldwell, 20th century

**Be thou a bright flame before me,
Be thou a guiding star above me,
Be thou a smooth path below me,
Be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
Today – tonight – and forever.**

St. Columba of Iona, 521-597