



“If”

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in tighter and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,
I would videotape each action and word, so I could play it back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time,
I would spare an extra minute or two to stop and say “I love you,”
instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day,
Well I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight,
And we always get a second chance to make everything right.

There will always be another day to say your “I love you's,”
And certainly there's another chance to say our “Anything I can do's?”

But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love you, and I hope we never forget.
Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike,
And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?
For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day that you didn't take that
extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss, and you were too busy to grant someone,
what turned out to be their one last wish.

So always hold them dear.

Take time to say, “I'm sorry, Please forgive me, Thank you, or It's okay.”
And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.

Anonymous



A PARENT'S PRAYER

God our Creator, make me a better parent.

Teach me to listen patiently to what
my children have to say
and to answer their questions kindly.

Keep me from interrupting or
contradicting them.

Make me as courteous to them as
I would have them be to me.

May I ever be mindful that they are
children and not capable of
the judgment of adults.

Let me provide them opportunities to help
themselves and make decisions.

Bless me with the bigness to grant all
reasonable requests and the courage
to deny those privileges
I know will do them harm.

Make me fair and just and kind.

Amen.