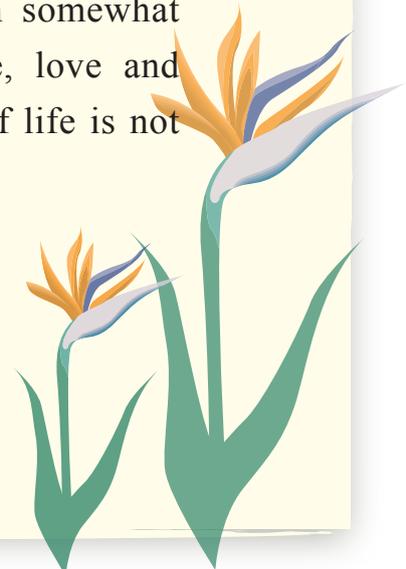


My mother returned to the Lord on 30 May 2011. Though we are all sad, we feel much comforted that she need not go through any more physical suffering. In a way, God has answered our prayers for taking her back early. She was much blessed for all her children were in Hong Kong and she was surrounded by love. All along the process, we can clearly see God's grace over her and our family members.

We thank God that He has well prepared me and my family members for this cruel fact in life. I am grateful for the chance to accompany mother on her journey to eternal home in the last few years. There were many good moments during which we talked about the quest for real meaning in life, how to resolve bitterness, forgiveness, reconciliation and how to say good-bye. Though it is not always easy to discuss these topics with very close family members especially our parents, the process has been nurturing and inspiring, and perhaps more so to me than to her.

Since my mother's departure, I am much blessed to have the kind support of friends and colleagues. I have learnt a good lesson on compassion and realized the importance of being present with someone in need. Our siblings have had some good time talking and reminiscing precious moments, both happy and painful ones, with mother and one another. I see the bold and genuine expression, the good will of trying not to arouse negative emotions and hard feeling. Some dare enough to ask for forgiveness while others need more time. While helping to clear my mother's house, we were able to know her better, though somewhat regrettably belated. We once again confirm our gratitude, love and respect for her. I am really amazed to see that the ending of life is not really the end but the beginning of something beautiful.



I do have some regrets. I failed to give as much time to mother as she deserved. Also, it has always been my mother's great concern whether her little girl can really accomplish the gigantic task of the school redevelopment project and the nearly mission impossible fund-raising target. However, having taught me to put common good before self interest, she would have approved and understood my challenges. Besides, I am sure she will be much comforted to know that her little girl is not only well supported by the grace of the Lord but also colleagues and friends on earth. The kind thoughts of my mother will drive me forward and the best gift I can give her is to extend her perseverance and kindness to others.

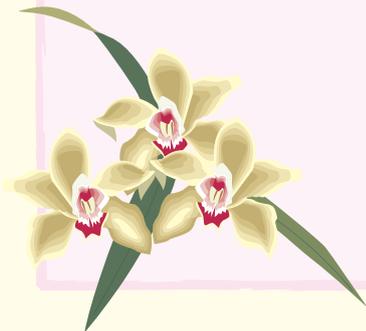
From one of the cards sent to me during this difficult period, I am much comforted by the words and would like to share with you.

As You Honour Your Mother

*You'll never forget
your mother's face,
the sound of her voice,
the gentleness of her touch...
they let you know you were loved.*

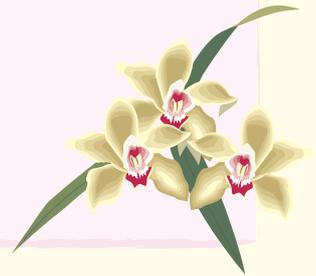
*You'll never forget
the stories she told,
the traditions she handed down...
they let you know who you are.*

*You'll never forget
the lessons she taught,*



*the things she stood for...
they are her gift and your legacy.*

*You'll never forget
and you'll always know
that you honour her every day
in how you live
and who you are.*



Do treasure everyone around especially your family members. Love and forgiveness is a life-long assignment, which I hope that you will accomplish with grace and compassion. God bless you.

