

A Dog's Final Prayer

Dogs are perfect angels who have been put on Earth in order to show us that there really is such a thing as goodness in this beautiful world. With all of the wars, and hatred, it's our lovable best friends who will always be around to kiss us and love us whenever we're feeling down.

A dog doesn't judge you based on how much money you have, or what kind of car you drive, or what clothes you wear; a dog loves you unconditionally. The only thing that's bad about dogs is that for us, they're there for a small portion of our own lives, but for them, we are their whole lives.

When we all eventually get to heaven we'll instantly know that we're in the right place, because before we meet up with our family and friends, it's our lovable canine companions who will greet us first.

The poem below first appeared in the Chicago Tribune, written by the incredible author Beth Norman Harris, who, in response to the loss of her beautiful pet, decided to write about him. While we've all felt the pain that comes from the loss of a beloved family pet, Harris really seems to capture that loss in her beautiful poem, A Dog's Prayer.

"Treat me kindly, my beloved master, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me."

"Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I should lick your hand between the blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me do."



"Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footstep falls upon my waiting ear."



"When it is cold and wet, please take me inside... for I am now a domesticated animal, no longer used to bitter elements... and I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth... though had you no home, I would rather follow you through ice and snow than rest upon the softest pillow in the warmest home in all the land... for you are my god... and I am your devoted worshiper."



"Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for although I should not reproach you were it dry, I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst. Feed me clean food, that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life, should your life be in danger."



"And, beloved master, should the Great Master see fit to deprive me of my health or sight, do not turn me away from you. Rather hold me gently in your arms as skilled hands grant me the merciful boon of eternal rest...and I will leave you knowing with the last breath I drew, my fate was ever safest in your hands."

