



With Deepest Sympathy

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In June 2021, my brother-in-law suddenly lost his eldest brother to Covid-Pneumonia. As we wept and mourned together, it felt like there were no words to say and all we could do was join as a family and grieve our loss.

The death of a loved one is always a heartbreaking and sorrowful time but it feels all the more tragic and painful when a person's life is seemingly cut short. How much sharper the sting of heartache is when you think of the years that have been lost.

I wrote my poem "With Deepest Sympathy" especially for my brother-in-law and I pray it can help others express their sorrow when they too, feel at a loss for what to say in a time of grief. May the Lord use these words to bring comfort to the grieving soul and peace to the overwhelmed mind in such a sad time.

It's with my deepest sympathy I write to you this day,
Although I cannot quite express the things I'd like to say.
Words now seem inadequate to get my thoughts across,
All that I can say is I'm so sorry for your loss.

With everything that's in me, I lift you up in prayer
And know that in this time of grief our Lord will meet you there.
He bottles every teardrop and understands your sorrow,
He'll be with you this very day and when you wake tomorrow.

May comfort now enfold you as He makes His presence known,
Let reassurance fill your heart to know you're not alone.
I join with you in mourning, united in our grief.
I pray the Holy Spirit now would grant your soul relief.

Our gentle Saviour knows our needs before a word is spoken,
Only He can bring you peace and soothe a heart that's broken.
And so this is my prayer today with all you have to face;
All comfort, peace and rest be yours within our Lord's embrace.

Romans 12:15

*"Rejoice with those who rejoice;
mourn with those who mourn."*

Psalms 56:8

*"You number my wanderings;
Put my tears into Your bottle;
Are they not in Your book?"*

Matthew 5:4

*"Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted."*

Lamentations 3:22-23

*"Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.
They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness."*