

LOVE IRELAND

The Irish Lines Pack

Real Irish lines for birthdays, thank-yous, sympathy and Christmas. Every one says where it comes from. Copy one into a card, or say it out loud.



Birthday

We'd pick one line, write the name above it, and add a sentence of our own underneath so it sounds like you.

Nº 01 · BIRTHDAY

Lá breithe sona duit.

Happy birthday to you.

— Irish greeting

Nº 02 · BIRTHDAY

*May you live as long as you want,
and never want as long as you live.*

— Irish Blessing

Nº 03 · BIRTHDAY

*May the best day of your past
be the worst day of your future.*

— Irish Toast

Nº 04 · BIRTHDAY

*May luck be your friend in whatever you do
and may trouble be always a stranger to you.*

— Irish Blessing

№ 05 · BIRTHDAY

*May the blessings of each day
be the blessings you need the most.*

— Irish Blessing

№ 06 · BIRTHDAY

*May your troubles be less
and your blessings be more,
and nothing but happiness
come through your door.*

— Irish Blessing

№ 07 · BIRTHDAY

*May there always be work for your hands to do;
may your purse always hold a coin or two;
may the sun always shine on your windowpane;
may a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
may the hand of a friend always be near you;
and may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.*

— Irish Blessing

№ 08 · BIRTHDAY

*Is fearr an tsláinte ná na táinte.
Sláinte!*

Health is better than wealth.

— Irish Proverb

№ 09 · BIRTHDAY

May we be alive at this same time again next year.

— Irish Toast

№ 10 · BIRTHDAY

*May good and faithful friends be yours,
wherever you may roam.*

— Irish Blessing

Thank you

We'd say what you're thanking them for in one sentence first, then let the line close the card.

Nº 11 · THANK YOU

Go raibh maith agat.

Thank you.

— Irish phrase

Nº 12 · THANK YOU

Go raibh míle maith agat.

Thank you very much (literally, a thousand thanks to you).

— Irish phrase

Nº 13 · THANK YOU

Go raibh céad maith agat.

A hundred thanks to you.

— Irish phrase

Nº 14 · THANK YOU

Buíochas ó chroí.

Heartfelt thanks (literally, thanks from the heart).

— Irish phrase

Nº 15 · THANK YOU

Mo mhíle buíochas leat.

A thousand thanks to you.

— Irish phrase

Nº 16 · THANK YOU

Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine.

People live in each other's shelter (we depend on one another).

— Irish Proverb

Nº 17 · THANK YOU

Ní líuide an trócaire a roinnt.

Charity is not diminished by being shared.

— Irish Proverb

Nº 18 · THANK YOU

*There are good ships and wood ships,
ships that sail the sea,
but the best ships are friendships,
may they always be.*

— Irish Toast

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

— Irish Blessing

Sympathy

We'd keep it short and quiet: one line, your name, and the person's name if you knew them well, and we'd choose the Irish form that matches the person who has died.

№ 20 · SYMPATHY

Sorry for your trouble.

— Irish expression of sympathy

№ 21 · SYMPATHY

FOR A MAN

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

May his soul be at God's right hand (may he rest in peace).

Say it: Ar yesh Day guh rev a anum

FOR A WOMAN

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

May her soul be at God's right hand (may she rest in peace).

Say it: Ar yesh Day guh rev a hanum

FOR MORE THAN ONE PERSON

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

May their souls be at God's right hand.

— Irish expression of sympathy

№ 22 · SYMPATHY

FOR A MAN

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam.

May God have mercy on his soul.
Say it: Guh nay-na Dee-a troh-kra ar a anum

FOR A WOMAN

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a hanam.

May God have mercy on her soul.

FOR MORE THAN ONE PERSON

Go ndéana Dia trócaire orthu.

May God have mercy on them (God rest their souls).

— Irish expression of sympathy

№ 23 · SYMPATHY

FOR A MAN

Suaimhneas síoraí dá anam.

Eternal peace to his soul.

FOR A WOMAN

Suaimhneas síoraí dá hanam.

Eternal peace to her soul.
Say it: Soo-iv-ness shee-ree daw ahnum

— Irish expression of sympathy

№ 24 · SYMPATHY

Beannacht Dé lena anam.

God's blessing on his soul (rip.ie glosses 'his/her').
Say it: Ban-okt Day lenna anum

— Irish expression of sympathy

№ 25 · SYMPATHY

Comhbhrón ó chroí ort.

Heartfelt sympathy (sincere condolences) to you.

Say it: Leh khom-vrone oh khree

— Irish expression of sympathy

№ 26 · SYMPATHY

Mo chomhbhrón ort agus ar do mhuintir.

My condolences to you and your family.

— Irish expression of sympathy

№ 27 · SYMPATHY

Is olc liom do bhris.

I am sorry for your loss (literally, roughly, 'I am sorry for your breaking').

— Irish expression of sympathy

Christmas

We'd pair an Irish greeting with an English blessing, so the card feels warm to anyone who opens it.

№ 28 · CHRISTMAS

Nollaig shona duit.

A happy Christmas to you.

— Irish greeting

№ 29 · CHRISTMAS

Nollaig faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise duit.

A prosperous and happy Christmas to you.

— Irish greeting

№ 30 · CHRISTMAS

Nollaig mhór mhaith duit.

A big, good Christmas to you (a very good Christmas).

— Irish greeting

№ 31 · CHRISTMAS

Nollaig faoi mhaise daoibh.

A happy Christmas to you all.

— Irish greeting

№ 32 · CHRISTMAS

*May peace and plenty be the first
to lift the latch to your door,
and happiness be your guest today and evermore.*

— Irish Blessing

№ 33 · CHRISTMAS

*May peace and plenty bless your world
with a joy that long endures,
and may all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours.*

— Irish Blessing

№ 34 · CHRISTMAS

*May you have warm words on a cold evening,
a full moon on a dark night,
and a smooth road all the way to your door.*

— Irish Blessing

№ 35 · CHRISTMAS

*Let your heart be glad for the harvest done
and may your winter be warm the whole season long.*

— Irish Blessing

№ 36 · CHRISTMAS

*May love and laughter light your days
and warm your hearth and home.*

— Irish Blessing

№ 37 · CHRISTMAS

*May the lilt of Irish laughter
lighten every load.*

— Irish Blessing

Send one now

Every line in this pack is on our site too, with a button to copy it or send it as a free Irish card.

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Forget dates? [Set a free reminder](#) and we will email you two days before, every year.

Sympathy phrases are given in the form for the person who has died: a anam (his), a hanam (her), a n-anamacha (their).

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