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THIS DAY'S THOUGHT

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A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for.

JOHN SHEDD

Make me a captive Lord, then I shall be truly free.

AUGUSTINE

Heaven is full of answers to prayers for which no one ever bothered to ask.

BILLY GRAHAM

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God whispers to us in our pleasures,
speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our
pains; it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf
world.

C.S. LEWIS

Our little time of suffering is not worthy of
our first night's welcome home to Heaven.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

I have more trouble with D. L. Moody than
with any other man I ever met.

D. L. MOODY

There is not enough darkness in all the
world to put out the light of even one small
candle.

ROBERT ALDEN

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Just as there comes a warm sunbeam into every cottage window, so comes a love – born of God's care for every separate need.

UNKNOWN

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

There is a wonderful law of nature that the three things we crave most – happiness, freedom, and peace of mind – are always attained by giving them to someone else.

UNKNOWN

I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much.

MOTHER TERESA

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A friend is one who sees through you and still enjoys the view.

WILMA ASKINAS

Where there is sorrow, there is holy ground.

OSCAR WILDE

To the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world.

UNKNOWN

Our real blessings often appear to us in the shapes of pains, losses, and disappointments; but let us have patience, and we soon shall see them in their proper figures.

JOSEPH ASKINAS

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We know that people we love are both good and bad, but we expect strangers to be one or the other.

RUSSELL BANKS

When Christ came into my life, I came about like a well-handled ship.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

One of the most lasting pleasures you can experience is the feeling that comes over you when you genuinely forgive an enemy – whether he knows it or not.

O. A. BATTISTA

When we come to the last moment of this lifetime, and we look back across it, the only thing that's going to matter is "what was the quality of our love?"

RICHARD BACH

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Feelings are everywhere – be gentle.

J. MASAI

Afflictions are but the shadow of God's wings.

GEORGE MACDONALD

The ultimate test of a relationship is to disagree but to hold hands.

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The finest flowers are often found growing in the soil of sorrow.

G. B. DUNCAN

The great secret of successful marriage is to treat all disasters as incidents and none of the incidents as disasters.

HAROLD NICHOLSON

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Marriage should be a duet – when one sings, the other claps.

UNKNOWN

Every tear from every eye becomes a babe in eternity.

WILLIAM BLAKE

When a person is down in the world, an ounce of help is better than a pound of preaching.

EDWARD BALWER-LYTTON

The best way to show that a stick is crooked is not to argue about it or to spend time denouncing it, but to lay a straight stick along side it.

D. L. MOODY

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It does not take great men to do great things; it only takes consecrated men.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find Him the rest of the day.

JOHN BUNYAN

A lot of people want to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity.

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The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried.

G. K. CHESTERTON

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I still find each day too short for all the thoughts I want to think, all the walks I want to take, all the books I want to read, and all the friends I want to see.

JOHN BURROUGHS

Truth may walk through the world unarmed.

BEDOUIIN

Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.

VICTOR BORGE

God's in His Heaven – All's right with the world.

ROBERT BROWNING

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There are comforts and compensations that one who has not suffered knows nothing of – like the lamps that nobody sees till the tunnel comes.

R. W. BARBOUR

You never know till you try to reach them how accessible men are; but you must approach each man by the right door.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

Christianity is called a spiritual walk. It's not a run and it's not a jog. It's a walk you do from day to day and that makes you stable.

OREL HERSHISER

Trust God for great things; with your five loaves and two fishes, he will show you a way to feed thousands.

HORACE BUSHNELL

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The Talmud says that whosoever saves one life, it is counted as if he saved the entire world. Someone out there needs you. I don't know how or when.

AVRUM BLUMING

The Lord's goodness surrounds us at every moment. I walk through it almost with difficulty, as through thick grass and flowers.

R. W. BARBOUR

The determining factor of my existence is no longer my past. It is Christ's past.

SINCLAIR FERGUSON

I never knew how to worship until I knew how to love.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

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Only when we are brought to the end of ourselves are we in a position to see more of God than we have seen.

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Pray the largest prayers. You cannot think a prayer so large that God, in answering it, will not wish you had made it larger. Pray not for crutches but for wings.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

A truly great man never puts away the simplicity of a child.

CHINESE PROVERB

The greatest competitor of devotion to Jesus is service for him.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

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There is nothing that will not reveal its secrets if you love it enough.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

To feel sorry for the needy is not the mark of a Christian – to help them is.

FRED CLARK

He preaches well who lives well. That's all the divinity I know.

MIGUEL DE CERVANTES

A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden. It is the most joyous day of the whole week.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

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Christmas is not a date. It is a state of mind.

MARY ELLEN CHASE

Any disaster you can survive is an improvement in your character, your stature, and your life. What a privilege!

JOSEPH CAMPBELL

To forsake Christ for the world is to leave a treasure for a trifle, eternity for a moment, reality for a shadow, all things for nothing.

WILLIAM JENKYN

When you have only two pennies left in the world, buy a loaf of bread with one, and a lily with the other.

CHINESE PROVERB

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In the midst of winter, I finally learned
there was within me an invincible summer.

ALBERT CAMUS

Faith is putting all your eggs in God's
basket, then counting your blessings before
they hatch.

RAMONA CARROLL

No individual has any right to come into
the world and go out of it without leaving
behind him distinct and legitimate reasons for
having passed through it.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

Let nothing come between you and God;
let God come between you and everything.

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The army of Israel looked at Goliath through the eyes of man and said he's too big to beat. David looked at him through the eyes of God and said he's too big to miss.

WALLY CARTER

Maturity doesn't come with age; it comes with acceptance of responsibility.

ED COLE

The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you fear God you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God you fear everything else.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Imagine watching all that God might have done with your life if you had let him.

JOHN ORTBERG

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I have had prayers answered – most strangely so sometimes – but I think our heavenly Father's loving kindness has been even more evident in what He has refused me.

LEWIS CARROLL

You have it easily in your power to increase the sum total of this world's happiness now. How? By giving a few words of sincere appreciation to someone who is lonely or discouraged. Perhaps you will forget tomorrow the kind words you say today, but the recipient may cherish them over a lifetime.

DALE CARNEGIE

I do not pray for success; I ask for faithfulness.

MOTHER TERESA

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A river reaches places which its source never knows. And Jesus said that if we have received his fullness, “rivers of living water” will flow out from us, reaching in blessing even “to the end of the earth” regardless of how small the visible effects of our lives may appear to be. We have nothing to do with the outflow. God rarely allows a person to see how great a blessing he is to others.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

The true way to be humble is not to stoop until you are smaller than yourself, but to stand at your real height against some higher nature that will show you what the real smallness of your greatness is.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

Truth is the most powerful force on earth because it cannot be changed.

MIKE MURDOCK

I asked for strength, that I might achieve, I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey. I asked for health, that I might do greater things, I was given infirmity, that I might do better things. I asked for riches, that I might be happy, I was given poverty, that I might be wise. I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men, I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God. I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life, I was given life, that I might enjoy all things. I got nothing that I asked for; almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am among all men most richly blessed.

UNKNOWN CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

The longer I live, the more faith I have in Providence, and the less faith in my interpretation of Providence.

JEREMIAH DAY

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In the end, it is important to remember that we cannot become what we need to be by remaining what we are.

MAX DE PREE

Prayer is exhaling the spirit of man and inhaling the Spirit of God.

EDWIN KEITH

Faith in God – life can never take you by surprise again.

JAMES DOBSON

I neglect God and his angels for the noise of a fly, for the rattling of a coach, for the whining of a door.

JOHN DONNE

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Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.

CHARLES DICKENS

Our whole life should be so angled towards God that whatever strikes upon us, whether sorrow or joy, should be deflected upwards at once into his presence.

J. A. MOTYER

God's Heart is especially tender toward the downtrodden and the defeated. He knows your name and He has seen every tear you have shed.

JAMES DOBSON

This world is the land of the dying; the next is the land of the living.

TRYON EDWARDS

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Sometimes when I consider what tremendous consequences come from little things – I am tempted to think – there are no little things.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Blessed is the influence of one true, loving human soul on another.

GEORGE ELIOT

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.

JIM ELIOT

Hold everything you own with an open hand.

TERRI GREEN

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Don't try to deal with sin, for you are sure to lose. Deal with Christ; let him deal with your sin and you are sure to win.

ARTHUR ELFSTRAND

It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Throughout the Bible, when God asked a man to do something, methods, means, materials and specific directions were always provided. The man had one thing to do: obey.

ELISABETH ELLIOT

Preach the gospel everyday; if necessary, use words.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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Kindness has converted more sinners than
zeal, eloquence or learning.

FREDERICK FABER

Some people confess a sin a thousand
times, I tell them to confess it once, then
thank God a thousand times for forgiving
them.

MAURICE HORN

The best way out is always through.

ROBERT FROST

God loves us the way we are, but He loves
us too much to leave us that way.

LEIGHTON FORD

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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If we truly love people, we will desire for them far more than it is within our power to give them, and this leads us to prayer. Intercession is a way of loving others.

RICHARD FOSTER

God's thoughts, his will, his love, his judgments are all man's home. To think his thoughts, to choose his will, to love his loves, to judge his judgments, and thus to know that he is in us, is to be at home.

GEORGE MACDONALD

We just don't recognize the most significant moments of our lives while they're happening.

FIELD OF DREAMS

Plenty of people miss their share of happiness, not because they never found it, but because they didn't stop to enjoy it.

WILLIAM FEATHER

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What the work of Christ requires is not our admiration or even gratitude, not our impressions or our thrills, but ourselves and our shame.

P. T. FORSYTH

What's true of biology is also true of faith:
If it isn't growing, it's probably dead.

UNKNOWN

How can you expect God to speak in that gentle and inward voice which melts the soul, when you are making so much noise with your rapid reflections? Be silent, and God will speak again.

FRANCOIS FENELON

It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless we preach as we walk.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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Build your nest in no tree here...for the Lord of the forest has condemned the whole woods to be demolished.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

Who will tell whether one happy moment of love, or the joy of breathing or walking on a bright morning and smelling the fresh air, is not worth all the suffering and effort which life implies?

ERICH FROMM

A smile is the lighting system of the face, the cooling system of the head and the heating system of the heart.

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I am satisfied with, and stand firm as a rock, on the belief that all that happens in God's world is for the best, but what is merely germ, what blossom, and what fruit I do not know.

J. G. FICHTE

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day; I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.

EDGAR GUEST

Sometimes we are most awake toward God when we are asleep toward the world.

A. J. GORDON

When God is about to do something great, he starts with a difficulty. When he is about to do something truly magnificent, he starts with an impossibility.

ARMIN GESSWEIN

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The three great apostles of practical atheism that make converts without persecuting, and retain them without preaching, are health, wealth, and power.

CHARLES COLTON

Some prayers have a longer voyage than others, but they return with the richer lading at last, so that the praying soul is a gainer by waiting for an answer.

WILLIAM GURNALL

A reasonable man needs only to practice moderation to find happiness.

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE

We treat sensible and present things as realities, and future and eternal things as fables: whereas the reverse should be our habit.

RICHARD CECIL

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There are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.

MAHATMA GHANDI

One does not discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time.

ANDRE GIDE

Looking back, I have this to regret, that too often when I loved, I did not say so.

DAVID GRAYSON

To ensure time to think, reflect, and ponder, schedule meetings with yourself and honor them as you would an appointment with another.

MICHAEL LEVINE

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I try not to worry about life too much because I read the last page of THE book and it all turns out all right.

BILLY GRAHAM

If you love the good that you see in another, you make it your own.

GREGORY THE GREAT

Every man has a trust of tears which must be returned some day.

KAHLIL GIBRAN

Pray and hurl your life after your prayers.

HARRY FOSDICK

We're given second chances every day of our life.

ANDREW GREELEY

It's taken me all my life to learn what not to play.

DIZZY GILLESPIE

The Bible grows more beautiful, as we grow in our understanding of it.

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE

Satan, like a fisher, baits his hook according to the appetite of the fish.

THOMAS ADAMS

If someone listens, or stretches out a hand, or whispers a kind word of encouragement, or attempts to understand a lonely person, extraordinary things begin to happen.

LORETTA GIZARTIS

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God always answers in the deeps, never in the shallows of our soul.

UNKNOWN

At the moment of our birth, God gave each of us a song to sing. It is we who must remember that it is not how long the song, but that we sing at all. Even a grounded bird can sing, and sometimes its song is the most beautiful song of all.

VICKIE GIRARD

When you come to Christ, the Holy Spirit takes up residence in your heart. Something new is added to your life supernaturally. You are transformed by the renewing of your mind. A new power, a new dimension, a new ability to love, a new joy, a new peace – the Holy Spirit comes in and lives the Christian life through you.

BILLY GRAHAM

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All this and heaven too.

MATTHEW HENRY

The world is charged with the grandeur of
God.

GERARD HOPKINS

The most important missionary journey a
person can make is to walk next door.

UNKNOWN

If you want happiness for an hour, take a
nap. If you want happiness for a day, go
fishing. If you want happiness for a year,
inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a
lifetime, help somebody.

CHINESE PROVERB

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Every day that you attempt to see things as they are in truth is a supremely successful day.

VERNON HOWARD

Christ is greater than our faith in him.

JAMES HASTINGS

On Easter Day the veil between time and eternity thins to gossamer.

DOUGLAS HORTON

Every man deems that he has precisely the trials and temptations which are the hardest of all other's for him to bear; but they are so, simply because they are the very ones he most needs.

LYDIA CHILD

Time is a game played beautifully by children.

HERACLITUS

Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the muscle of Omnipotence.

J. EDWIN HARTILL

When Jesus Christ died on the cross, He had at the outside 120 faithful followers.

RICHARD HALVERSON

For today and its blessings, I owe the world an attitude of gratitude.

CLARENCE HODGES

Material abundance without character is the surest way to destruction.

THOMAS JEFFERSON

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The most precious gift we can offer others is our presence. When mindfulness embraces those we love, they will bloom like flowers.

THICH NHAT HANH

Have courage for the great sorrows of life and have patience for the small ones. Go to sleep in peace. God is awake.

VICTOR HUGO

What makes loneliness an anguish is not that I have no one to share my burden, but this: I have only my own burden to bear.

DAG HAMMARSKJOLD

Is death the last sleep? No, it is the final awakening.

WALTER SCOTT

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God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame.

UNKNOWN

Many a fellow is praying for rain with his tub the wrong side up.

SAM JONES

A wise man will make haste to forgive, because he knows the true value of time.

SAMUEL JOHNSON

One kind word can warm three winter months.

JAPANESE PROVERB

You never know when you're making a memory.

RICKIE LEE JONES

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Life is a big canvas, throw all the paint on it
you can.

DANNY KAYE

A man prayed, and at first he thought that
prayer was talking. But he became more and
more quiet until in the end he realized that
prayer is listening.

SOREN KIERKEGAARD

God often gives in one brief moment that
which he has for a long time denied.

THOMAS KEMPIS

The soul of one who loves God always
swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is
always in the mood for singing.

JOHN OF THE CROSS

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The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.

HELEN KELLER

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Keep me away from the wisdom which does not cry, the philosophy which does not laugh, and the greatness which does not bow before children.

KHALIL GIBRAN

God made you as you are in order to use you as He planned.

S. C. MCAULEY

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Make no judgments where you have no compassion.

ANNE MC CAFFREY

My objective in life is not to have a spiritual life that is separate from the rest of my life.

ED McCRAKEN

We have found that marriage should be made up of two forgivers. We need to learn to say, "I was wrong, I'm sorry." And we also need to say, "That's all right, I love you."

BILLY GRAHAM

What a man is on his knees before God, that he is – and nothing more.

ROBERT McCHEYNE

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God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees, and flowers, and clouds, and stars.

MARTIN LUTHER

A true friend is one who overlooks your failures and tolerates your successes.

DOUG LARSON

In Christ Jesus heaven meets earth and earth ascends to heaven.

HENRY LAW

I have learnt silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to these teachers.

KAHLIL GIBRAN

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The best is perhaps what we understand
the least.

C. S. LEWIS

He who has learned to pray has learned the
greatest secret of a holy and happy life.

WILLIAM LAW

The brook would lose its song if the rocks
were removed.

UNKNOWN

A brother is a friend given by nature.

JEAN BAPTISTE LEGOUVE

Come live in my heart and pay no rent.

SAMUEL LOVEN

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Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning.

LOUIS L'AMOUR

The next time you are called to suffer, pay attention. It may be the closest you'll ever get to God.

MAX LUCADO

Remember that everyone you meet is afraid of something, loves something, and has lost something.

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Adversity, if for no other reason, is of benefit, since it is sure to bring a season of sober reflection. Men see clearer at such times. Storms purify the atmosphere.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

I have so many things to do today, I dare not ignore my time with God.

MARTIN LUTHER

My weight is my love.

AUGUSTINE

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all, but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

MARTIN LUTHER

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One is given strength to bear what happens to one, but not the 100 and 1 different things that might happen.

C. S. LEWIS

A person travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it.

GEORGE MOORE

Man is not what he thinks he is, he is what he hides.

ANDRE MALRAUX

Their meeting was fortunate, because it let them use each other to grow on.

TONI MORRISON

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There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.

FRENCH PROVERB

You can't be brave if you've only had wonderful things happen to you.

MARY TYLER MOORE

The best Christians we have among us are only Christians in the making. They are by no means finished products.

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The life of a godly man is like a river, not like a stagnant pool or a dead sea. It is ever in motion, sometimes sparkling in the sunbeam, and sometimes shivering in the clouds; sometimes chanting through scenery as beautiful as Eden, and sometimes moaning.

DAVID THOMAS

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Let us adore Jesus in our hearts, who spent thirty years out of thirty-three in silence; who began his public life by spending forty days in silence; who often retired alone to spend the night on a mountain in silence. He who spoke with authority, now spends his earthly life in silence. Let us adore Jesus in the Eucharistic silence.

MOTHER TERESA

You can live a lifetime and, at the end of it, know more about other people than you know about yourself.

BERYL MARKHAM

I was always complaining about the ruts in the road until I realized the ruts are the road.

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If a relationship is to evolve, it must go through a series of endings.

LISA MORIYANA

How often does God ask us to step into the water before He will part it? Many times that's all He is waiting for – for you and me to get our feet wet.

BONNIE RICKS

In this world, you must be a bit too kind in order to be kind enough.

PIERRE MARIVAUX

It is love, not reason, that is stronger than death.

THOMAS MANN

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Every man has a train of thought on which he rides when he is alone. The dignity and nobility of his life, as well as his happiness, depend upon the direction in which that train is going, the baggage it carries, and the scenery through which it travels.

JOSEPH NEWTON

Every man carries the entire form of human condition.

MICHEL DE MONTAIGNE

Prayer quiets our thoughts and emotions and prepares us to listen.

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The heart that breaks open can contain the whole universe.

JOANNA MACY

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God comes into our lives to take them
over, not to make us feel good.

JIM MILLER

Religion is the best armor in the world, but
the worst cloak.

JOHN NEWTON

Sin is inevitable but not necessary.

REINHOLD NIEBUHR

He suffered not as God, but he suffered
who was God.

JOHN OWEN

Waiting is, by its nature, something only the
humble can do with grace.

JOHN ORTBERG

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Only as man brings his life into harmony with God does that life have balance and meaning. Then man finds that he is not simply a mass of dancing dirt, coming from nowhere and going nowhere.

HENRY SCHMIDT

We do not hug our miracles close. We put them hastily away, preferring the commonplace to live with.

FULTON OURSLER

A God you understood would be less than yourself.

FLANNERY O'CONNOR

Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.

UNKNOWN

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Throw your heart over the fence and the rest will follow.

NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

The face of Christ does not indeed show us everything, but it shows us the one thing we need to know – the character of God. God is the God who sent Jesus.

P. CARNEGIE SIMPSON

We do not remember days, we remember moments.

CESARE PARESO

Never dwell on the tomorrow; remember, that it's God's and not ours.

E. B. PUSEY

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There are three distinctive marks of the man who has been influenced by Jesus Christ: poise, simplicity, peace.

FRANCIS PEABODY

God doesn't call people who are qualified. He calls people who are willing, and then He qualifies them.

RICHARD PARKER

The harder you work at what you should be, the less you'll try to hide what you are.

UNKNOWN

If a bird is flying for pleasure, it flies with the wind, but if it meets danger it turns and faces the wind, in order that it may rise higher.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

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Learn to hold loosely all that is not eternal.

A. MAUDE ROYDEN

So many of us are so busy doing God's work we forget sometimes that God is actually the One working.

BONNIE RICKS

Your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace. Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace.

UNKNOWN

Jesus Christ came into my prison cell last night, and every stone flashed like a ruby.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

The Best Of This Day's Thought

God cares about details. If you comb out some hairs in the morning, the record in Heaven is changed.

JOHN RICE

A man never discloses his own character so clearly as when he describes another's.

JEAN PAUL RICHTER

Beware of the barrenness of a busy life.

SOCRATES

There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it behooves all of us not to talk about the rest of us.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

Maintaining a complicated life is a great way to avoid changing it.

ELAINE ST. JAMES

Joy is the serious business of heaven.

C. S. LEWIS

Every Christian needs a half an hour of prayer each day, except when he is busy, then he needs an hour.

FRANCIS DE SALES

Love me when I least deserve it, because that's when I really need it.

SWEDISH PROVERB

People only see what they are prepared to see.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

A Native American elder once described his own inner struggles in this manner: Inside of me there are two dogs. One of the dogs is mean and evil. The other dog is good. The mean dog fights the good dog all the time. When asked which dog wins, he reflected for a moment and replied, "The one I feed the most."

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

Every person I have known who has been truly happy, has learned how to serve others.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

Christianity must mean everything to us before it can mean anything to others.

DONALD SOPER

The saints are the sinners who keep on trying.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born.

ANAIS NIN

Tell me how much you know of the sufferings of your fellow men and I will tell how much you have loved them.

UNKNOWN

Some prayers are followed by silence because they are wrong, others because they are bigger than we can understand.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

You can never speak to the wrong person about Christ.

UNKNOWN

The Best Of This Day's Thought

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said wouldn't be a great moral teacher. He'd be either a lunatic – on a level with a man who says he's a poached egg – or else he'd be the devil of hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was and is the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse...But don't let us come up with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He hasn't left that open to us. He didn't intend to.

C. S. LEWIS

So often we overlook the important while attending to the urgent.

UNKNOWN

“Come to the edge!” God said. “It's dangerous there,” I answer. “Come to the edge!” God said. “But I might fall!” “Come to the edge!” God said. So I did. And He pushed me! And I flew!

GUILLAUME APOLLINAIRE

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

God always answers our prayer. Either he changes the circumstances, or he supplies sufficient power to overcome them.

UNKNOWN

There are two ways of spreading light – to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

EDITH WHARTON

To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides.

DAVID VISCOTT

To take all that we are and have and hand it over to God may not be easy; but it can be done; and when it is done, the world has in it one less candidate for misery.

PAUL SCHERER

The Best Of This Day's Thought

The best way to know God is to love many things.

VINCENT VAN GOGH

We are all pencils in the hand of a writing God, who is sending love letters to the world.

MOTHER TERESA

Be careful how you live; you will be the only Bible some people ever read.

WILLIAM TOMS

Many men go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

The universe is one of God's thoughts.

JOHANN SCHILLER

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

We need never shout across the spaces to an absent God. He is nearer than our own soul, closer than our most secret thoughts.

A. W. TOZER

We turn to God for help when our foundations are shaking only to learn that it is God shaking them.

CHARLES WEST

If you have never heard the mountains singing; or seen the trees of the field clapping their hands, do not think because of that they don't. Ask God to open your ears so you may hear it, and your eyes so you may see it, because, though few men ever know it, they do, my friend, they do.

MCCANDLISH PHILLIPS

To obey God is perfect liberty.

SENECA

The Best Of This Day's Thought

The surest mark of a Christian is not faith,
or even love, but joy.

SAMUEL SHOEMAKER

Faith is simply taking God at his word.

UNKNOWN

Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the Book
widens and deepens with our years.

CHARLES SPURGEON

Afflictions are the steps to heaven.

ELIZABETH SETON

It's not what you did, but what you could
have done if you allowed the Lord to work
His will in your life.

A. W. TOZER

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

We can be thankful to a friend for a few acres, or a little money; and yet for the freedom and command of the whole earth, and for the great benefits of our being, our life, health, and reason, we look upon ourselves as under no obligation.

SENECA

A smile takes but a moment, but its effects sometimes last forever.

J. E. SMITH

You are what you think about all day long.

ROBERT SCHULLER

Jesus promised those who would follow him only three things – that they would be absurdly happy, entirely fearless, and always in trouble.

GREGG LEVOY

A sorrow shared is a sorrow halved.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

He who would fight the devil with his own weapons, must not wonder if he finds him an overmatch.

ROBERT SOUTH

In the name of God, stop a moment, close your work, and look around you.

LEO TOLSTOY

God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies.

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

The Sabbath is meant to be a "day trip to eternity."

PETER EATON

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

An infinite God can give all of Himself to each of His children. He does not distribute Himself that each may have a part, but to each one He gives all of Himself as fully as if there were no others.

A. W. TOZER

Know all and you will pardon all.

THOMAS KEMPIS

Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of himself.

MOTHER TERESA

God hath given to man a short time here upon earth, and yet upon this short time eternity depends.

JEREMY TAYLOR

Blessed is the man who has discovered that there is nothing permanent in life but change.

UNKNOWN

He will rip through every obstacle in your life if you put a demand on His passion. You have no idea how much He loves you.

TOMMY TENNEY

Give me the plenary, verbal theory of biblical inspiration with all its difficulties, rather than the doubt. I accept the difficulties and humbly wait for their solution. But while I wait, I am standing on the rock.

BISHOP RYLE

God is here. Wherever we are, God is here. There is no place, there can be no place, where He is not.

A. W. TOZER

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

The best bridge between despair and hope
is a good night's sleep.

UNKNOWN

Every experience God gives us, every
person he puts in our lives, is the perfect
preparation for the future that only he can
see.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

We need Jesus every moment of every day.
To say anything else is ludicrous.

TOMMY TENNEY

You are one of a kind – designed to glorify
God as only you can.

UNKNOWN

It is more effective to spend time talking to Christ about a man than talking to a man about Christ, because if you are talking to Christ about a man earnestly, trustingly, in the course of time you cannot help talking to the man effectively about Christ.

ROBERT MUNGER

If you want to know what God has to say to you, see what Christ was and is.

CHARLES SPURGEON

Never lose sight of the fact that old age needs so little but needs that little so much.

MARGARET WILLOUR

God is preparing his heroes; and when the opportunity comes, he can fit them into their places in a moment, and the world will wonder where they came from.

A. B. SIMPSON

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

Make a list of twenty-five things you want to experience before you die. Carry it in your wallet or purse and refer to it often.

H. JACKSON BROWN, JR.

A wise person will desire no more than he may get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully, and leave contently.

UNKNOWN

For the Christian, dependence is just another word for power.

BRUCE WILKINSON

Forgiveness is not an emotion, it's a decision.

RANDALL WORLEY

The Best Of This Day's Thought

The resurrection cannot be tamed or tethered by any utilitarian test. It is a vast watershed in history, or it is nothing. It cannot be tested for truth; it is the test of lesser truths. No light can be thrown on it; its own light blinds the investigator.

LIFE MAGAZINE

God has two dwellings – one in heaven and the other in a thankful heart.

IZAAR WALTON

With God, even when nothing is happening – something is happening.

REUBIN WELCH

Some clergy prepare their sermons; others prepare themselves.

SAMUEL WILBERFORCE

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

The supreme happiness of life is the conviction of being loved for yourself, or more correctly, being loved in spite of yourself.

UNKNOWN

Why should I tremble at the plough of my Lord, that maketh deep furrows on my soul? I know He is no idle husbandman, He purposeth a crop.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

Fear God, and where you go men will think they walk in hallowed cathedrals.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Others may argue your beliefs, but they can't refuse your love.

UNKNOWN

The more things you appreciate, the greater are your riches.

UNKNOWN

Christ was not a deified man, neither was he a humanized God. He was perfectly God and at the same time perfectly man.

CHARLES SPURGEON

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts – and we are never, ever the same.

UNKNOWN

God is not a deceiver, that He should offer to support us, and then, when we lean upon Him, should slip away from us.

AUGUSTINE

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

I always knew that looking back at my tears would make me laugh, but I never thought that looking back at my laughter would make me cry.

CAT STEVENS

Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future.

OSCAR WILDE

In obedience to discernment, more discernment will come. We need to be attentive and alert in order to hear and understand God's call and then act, knowing that God blesses even our mistakes.

UNKNOWN

Faith is to believe what you do not yet see, the reward for this faith is to see what you believe.

AUGUSTINE

The Best Of This Day's Thought

God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.

REINHOLD NIEBUHR

Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

I have always been complaining that my work was constantly interrupted, until I slowly discovered that my interruptions were my work.

HENRI NOUWEN

I do not seek to understand so that I may believe, but I believe so that I may understand.

SAINT ANSELM

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

There is nothing more notable in Socrates than that he found time, when he was an old man, to learn music and dancing, and thought it time well spent.

MICHEL DE MONTAIGNE

I don't know what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds tomorrow.

UNKNOWN

If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

STEPHEN LEVINE

When you are scared, the trick is not to rid your stomach of butterflies, but to make them fly in formation.

UNKNOWN

The Best Of This Day's Thought

When we understand that He is Lord of our time, we realize that interruptions are of His planning. They become opportunities to serve rather than plagues to keep us from functioning.

KAREN MAINS

Life does not accommodate you, it shatters you. It is meant to, and couldn't do it better. Every seed destroys its container or there would be no fruition.

F. SCOTT-MAXWELL

One with God is a majority.

BILLY GRAHAM

We judge others by their actions; we judge ourselves by our intentions.

UNKNOWN

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

If Christ lives in us, controlling our personalities, we will leave glorious marks on the lives we touch. Not because of our lovely characters, but because of his.

EUGENIA PRICE

Your Father longs to give you so much more than you may have ever thought to ask for.

BRUCE WILKINSON

When thou forgivest, the man who has pierced thy heart stands to thee in the relation of the sea-worm, that perforates the shell of the mussel, which straightway closes the wound with a pearl.

JEAN PAUL RICHTER

A healthy skepticism of our own motives is a sign of spiritual maturity.

UNKNOWN

The Best Of This Day's Thought

The self-sufficient does not pray, the self-satisfied will not pray, the self-righteous cannot pray. No man is greater than his prayer life.

LEONARD RAVENHILL

People who walk with Jesus on a consistent, daily basis make an amazing discovery: He satisfies their soul at its deepest level.

UNKNOWN

Faith is knowing that God is who He says He is, has what He says He has and will do what He says He will do and then putting ourselves in a position where our lives depend on it.

GRAHAM STEELE

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

Christ never was in a hurry. There was no rushing forward, no anticipating, no fretting over what might be. Each day's duties were done as each day brought them, and the rest was left with God.

MARY SLESSOR

The worst sin toward our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them: that's the essence of inhumanity.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

Maybe if I had not picked up that one person dying on the street, I would not have picked up the thousands.

MOTHER TERESA

Prayer is the very highest energy of which the mind is capable.

SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE

The Best Of This Day's Thought

At every crisis in one's life, it is absolute salvation to have some sympathetic friend to whom you can think aloud without restraint or misgiving.

WOODROW WILSON

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says, I'll try again tomorrow.

UNKNOWN

The problem with the world is that we draw the circle of our family too small.

MOTHER TERESA

The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works.

AUGUSTINE

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

“Is anything too hard for the Lord?” The obvious answer is, “of course not!” This question reveals much about God. Make it a habit to insert your specific needs into the question, “Is this day in my life too hard for the Lord?” “Is this habit I’m trying to break too hard for him?” Asking the question this way reminds you that God is personally involved in your life and nudges you to ask for his power to help you.

UNKNOWN

Prosperity is the blessing of the Old Testament, adversity is the blessing of the New.

FRANCIS BACON

Develop interest in life as you see it; in people, things, literature, music – the world is so rich, simply throbbing with rich treasures, beautiful souls and interesting people. Forget yourself.

HENRY MILLER

The Best Of This Day's Thought

The truly happy person is the one who can enjoy the scenery even when he must take a detour.

UNKNOWN

A dining room table with children's eager, hungry faces around it, ceases to be a mere dining room table, and becomes an altar.

SIMEON STRUNSKY

Look at everything as though you were seeing it for the first time or the last time. Then your time on earth will be filled with glory.

BETTY SMITH

There is nothing but God's grace. We walk upon it; we breathe it; we live and die by it; it makes the nails and axles of the universe.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

Save some before you spend, spend less than you earn, and honor the Lord by your tithing.

R. R. BALL

God judges a man not by the point he has reached, but by the way he is facing; not by distance, but by direction.

JAMES STEWART

If you tell your troubles to God, you put them into the grave; they will never rise again, when you have committed them to Him. If you roll your burden anywhere else, it will roll back again, like the stone of Sisyphus.

CHARLES SPURGEON

Wherever the Gospel is preached, no matter how crudely, there are bound to be results.

BILLY GRAHAM

The Best Of This Day's Thought

Sometimes the difficulties God takes you through are not for you but for somebody else – for someone who is watching you and seeing how you react to and handle something.

BONNIE RICKS

The man who views the world at 50 the same as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life.

MUHAMMAD ALI

God daily asks: Just take one small step toward me and I will meet you there wherever you are. No matter how far you have strayed.

UNKNOWN

The Christian is not one who has gone all the way with Christ. None of us has. The Christian is one who has found the right road.

CHARLES ALLEN

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

The most important thing in any prayer is not what we say to God, but what God says to us. We are apt to pray and then hurry away without giving God a chance to answer.

NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

When God wants to move a mountain, he does not take a bar of iron, but he takes a little worm. The fact is, we have too much strength. We are not weak enough. It is not our strength that we want. One drop of God's strength is worth more than all the world.

D. L. MOODY

Faith is not believing God can, it's knowing that He will.

UNKNOWN

The tomb is empty so you don't have to be.

L. JAMES HARVEY

The Best Of This Day's Thought

Prayer is the mortar that holds our house together.

MOTHER TERESA

The birth of Jesus is the sunrise in the Bible.

HENRY VAN DYKE

One eye movement or one handshake can replace years of friendship when man is in agony. Love not only lasts forever, it needs only a second to come about.

HENRI NOUWEN

We buy things we do not want to impress people we do not like.

JOHN ADAMS

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

Understanding is the reward of faith.

AUGUSTINE

We do not exist for ourselves.

THOMAS MERTON

Eternity is not something that begins after you are dead. It is going on all the time. We are in it now.

CHARLOTTE GILMAN

The most important things to say are those after which I did not think necessary for me to say because they were too obvious.

ANDRE GIDE

To live like Jesus lived – to love the unlovely, to serve with grace, to resist temptation, to uphold conviction, to exhibit power. But we can only live that way if we devote ourselves to the same disciplines He practiced. The disciplines of abstinence and engagement. The former include solitude, silence, fasting, frugality, chastity, secrecy, and sacrifice. The latter include study, worship, celebration, service, prayer, fellowship, confession and submission.

UNKNOWN

Hate is only power to love misused.

MISSIONARY TIDINGS

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.

SAINT AMBROSE

Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.

CHARLES SPURGEON

I am wishing for you this day a happy Christmas. I would send you those gifts which are beyond price, outlast time, and bridge all space. I wish you all laughter and pure joy, a merry heart and a clear conscience, and love which thinks no evil, is not easily provoked, and seeks not its own; the fragrance of flowers, the sweet associations of holly and mistletoe and fir, the memory of deep woods, of peaceful hills, and of the mantling snow, which guards the sleep of all God's creatures. I wish that the spirit of Christmastide may draw you into companionship with him who giveth all. Come, let us adore him.

BISHOP REMINGTON

The Best Of This Day's Thought

If you are a Christian, you are not a citizen of this world trying to get to heaven; you are a citizen of heaven making your way through this world.

VANCE HAVNER

A man is only half himself; his friends are the other half.

JOSEPH NEWTON

For the ability to be of service to a fellow creature, we ought to give thanks, not demand it.

W. J. CAMERON

The world is equally shocked at hearing Christianity criticized and seeing it practiced.

ELTON TRUEBLOOD

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

Just as the Christian has his moments when the clamor of this visible and audible world is so persistent, and the whisper of the spiritual world so faint that faith and reason can hardly stick to their guns, so as I well remember, the atheist also has his moments of shuddering misgiving, of an all but irresistible suspicion that old tales may, after all, be true, that something or someone from outside may at any moment break into his neat, explicable, mechanical universe. Believe in God, and you will have to face hours when it seems obvious that this material world is the only reality; disbelieve in Him, and you must face hours when this material world seems to shout at you that it is not all. No conviction religious or irreligious will, of itself, end once and for all this fifth-columnist in the soul. Only the practice of faith resulting in the habit of faith will gradually do that.

C. S. LEWIS

Remember that no time spent with children is ever wasted.

UNKNOWN

The Best Of This Day's Thought

Wherever souls are being tried and ripened,
in whatever commonplace and homely way,
there God is hewing out the pillars of His
temple.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

It's never too late to have a happy child-
hood.

JOAN LUNDEN

Enjoy the little things in life, for one day
you may look back and realize they were the
big things.

ANTONIO SMITH

People who are in the habit of praying –
and they include the mystics of the Christian
tradition – know that when a prayer is
answered, it is never answered in a way that
you expect.

KATHLEEN NORRIS

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

Knowledge is horizontal. Wisdom is vertical – it comes down from above.

BILLY GRAHAM

When was it the last time that you did something for the first time?

UNKNOWN

Too many clergymen have become keepers of an aquarium instead of fishers of men – and often they are just swiping each other's fish.

MYRON AUGSBURGER

Of all earthly music, that which reaches farthest into heaven is the beating of a truly loving heart.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

The Best Of This Day's Thought

The New Testament does not say, “You shall know the rules, and by them you shall be bound,” but, “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

JOHN BAILLIE

I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love.

MOTHER TERESA

It is impossible for that man to despair who remembers that his Helper is omnipotent.

JEREMY TAYLOR

Change your thoughts and you change your world.

NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

Peace is seeing a sunrise or a sunset and knowing whom to thank.

UNKNOWN

The Israelites were not to work on the Sabbath – not even to cook food. Why? God knew that the busy routine of daily living could distract people from worshiping him. It is so easy to let work, family responsibilities, and recreation crowd our schedules.

UNKNOWN

Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen six, result happiness.

CHARLES DICKENS

The Best Of This Day's Thought

If you dare to believe that you are beloved before you are born, you may suddenly realize that your life is very, very special. You become conscious that you were sent here just for a short time, for twenty, forty, or eighty years, to discover and believe.

HENRI NOUWEN

I set out to find a friend but couldn't find one; I set out to be a friend, and friends were everywhere.

UNKNOWN

Many promising reconciliations have broken down because, while both parties came prepared to forgive, neither party came prepared to be forgiven.

CHARLES WILLIAMS

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

Men occasionally stumble over the truth,
but most of them pick themselves up and
hurry on as if nothing happened.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

Trying to do the Lord's work in your own
strength is the most confusing, exhausting,
and tedious of all work. But when you are
filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry
of Jesus just flows out of you.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

One drop of Christ's blood is worth more
than heaven and earth.

MARTIN LUTHER

We don't see things as they are, we see
them as we are.

ANAIS NIN

The Best Of This Day's Thought

If nothing in this world satisfies me, perhaps it is because I was made for another world.

C. S. LEWIS

We may not know the way God leads...but we know God leads! We do not know the way...but we know the Guide!

RICHARD HALVERSON

Be bold and courageous. When you look back on your life, you'll regret the things you didn't do more than the ones you did.

UNKNOWN

If a man carefully examines his thoughts, he will be surprised to find how much he lives in the future. His well-being is always ahead.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

The best place any Christian can ever be in is to be totally destitute and totally dependent upon God, and know it.

ALAN REDPATH

Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty.

UNKNOWN

It is very easy to forgive others their mistakes; it takes more grit and gumption to forgive them for having witnessed your own.

JESSAMYN WEST

Think of the times when you have been totally honest with yourself and remember how calm you felt.

UNKNOWN

Anger makes you smaller, while forgiveness forces you to grow beyond what you were.

CHERIE CARTER-SCOTT

Tell me how it is that in this room there are three candles and but one light; and I will explain to you the mode of the divine existence.

JOHN WESLEY

We're simply managing our sins, which in turn encourages the church's judgmental nature.

JAY BAKKER

Family life is too intimate to be preserved by the spirit of justice. It can be sustained by a spirit of love which goes beyond justice.

REINHOLD NIEBUHR

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

We all carry about in our pockets His very nails.

MARTIN LUTHER

Every human being should have three homes: a domestic home, a church home, and an eternal home.

UNKNOWN

For every step you take toward God, God takes two steps toward you; and if you come to God walking, God comes to you running.

JAMES MARTIN

How life catches up with us and teaches us to love and forgive each other.

JUDY COLLINS

The Best Of This Day's Thought

When believers and unbelievers live in the
same manner – I distrust the religion.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Nothing makes us so lonely as our secrets.

PAUL TOURNIER

All real power comes from surrendering to
God's will.

BEN STEIN

I chose to be rich by making my wants few.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

Joy is the flag flying over the citadel of the
soul indicating that the King is in residence.

UNKNOWN

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

I am happy in having learned to distinguish between ownership and possession. Books, pictures, and all the beauty of the world belong to those who love and understand them – not usually to those who possess them. All of those things that I am entitled to have I have – I own by divine right. So I care not a bit who possesses them.

JAMES KEHLER

Happiness is itself a kind of gratitude.

JOSEPH KRUTCH

Men tell you the facts, but God will tell you the truth!

UNKNOWN

Then assuredly the world was made, not in time, but simultaneously with time.

AUGUSTINE

The Best Of This Day's Thought

Anybody can become angry – that is easy; but to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, for the right purpose, and in the right way – that is not easy.

ARISTOTLE

One has to be very old before one learns how to be amused rather than shocked.

PEARL S. BUCK

The truth is friendship is every bit as sacred and eternal as marriage.

KATHERINE MANSFIELD

Sometimes someone says something really small, and it just fits right into this empty place in your heart.

MY SO-CALLED LIFE

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

A story is told about a little boy with a big heart. His next-door neighbor was an older gentleman whose wife had recently died. When the youngster saw the elderly man crying, he climbed up onto his lap and simply sat there. Later, his mother asked the boy what he had said to their saddened neighbor. "Nothing," the child replied. "I just helped him cry." Sometimes that is the best thing we can do for people who are facing profound sorrow. Often, our attempts to say something wise and helpful are far less valuable than just sitting next to the bereaved ones, holding their hand, and crying with them.

UNKNOWN

Simplicity is the real luxury.

UNKNOWN

When you are in the dark, listen, and God will give you a very precious message for someone else when you get into the light.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

The Best Of This Day's Thought

If you have so much business to attend to that you have no time to pray, depend upon it, you have more business on hand than God ever intended you should have.

D. L. MOODY

Anybody can do their best, but we are helped by the Spirit of God to do better than our best.

CATHERINE BOOTH

Real happiness is not costly, but what fearful prices men pay for its imitations.

JERRY FLEISCHMAN

Whenever two people meet there are really six people present. There is each man as he sees himself, each as the other person sees him, and each man as he really is.

WILLIAM JAMES

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

We can stand affliction better than we can prosperity, for in prosperity we forget God.

D. L. MOODY

By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God and I feel fire and music under my feet.

THOMAS MERTON

Beware of no man more than of yourself; we carry our worst enemies within us.

CHARLES SPURGEON

Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the number of apples in a seed.

ROBERT SCHULLER

If a man cannot be a Christian in the place where he is, he cannot be a Christian anywhere.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

Faith makes all evil good to us, and all good better; unbelief makes all good evil, and all evil worse. Faith laughs at the shaking of the spear; unbelief trembles at the shaking of a leaf, unbelief starves the soul; faith finds food in famine, and a table in the wilderness. In the greatest danger, faith says, "I have a great God." When outward strength is broken, faith rests on the promises. In the midst of sorrow, faith draws the sting out of every trouble, and takes out the bitterness from every affliction.

RICHARD CECIL

A traveler nearing a great city asked an old man seated by the road, "What are the people like in this city?" The man replied, "What were they like where you came from?" "A terrible lot," the traveler reported. "Mean, untrustworthy, detestable in all respects." "Ah," said the old man. "You will find them the same in the city ahead." Scarcely had the first traveler gone on his way when another stopped to inquire about the people in the city before him. Again the old man asked about the people in the place the traveler had just left. "They were fine people, honest, industrious, and generous to a fault. I was sorry to leave," declared the second traveler. Responded the wise one, "So you will find them in the city ahead."

BOYD SEEVERS

The first of all beautiful things is the continual possession of God.

GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS

The Best Of This Day's Thought

The ultimate lesson all of us have to learn is unconditional love, which includes not only others but ourselves as well.

ELIZABETH KUBLER-ROSS

Life is this simple: we are living in a world that is absolutely transparent and God is shining through it all the time. The only thing is that we don't see it.

THOMAS MERTON

If you are a stranger to prayer, you are a stranger to the greatest source of power known to human beings.

BILLY SUNDAY

The ordinary acts we practice every day at home are of more importance to the soul than their simplicity might suggest.

THOMAS MOORE

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

One ought never to turn one's back on a threatened danger and try to run away from it. If you do that, you double the danger. But if you meet it promptly and without flinching, you will reduce the danger by half. Never run away from anything. Never!

WINSTON CHURCHILL

There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues.

WASHINGTON IRVING

The weakest spot in every man is where he thinks himself to be the wisest.

NATHANIEL EMMONS

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is today.

CHINESE PROVERB

The Best Of This Day's Thought

Jesus wept once; possibly more than once.
There are times when God asks nothing of
His children except silence, patience, and
tears.

CHARLES ROBINSON

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting
a great battle.

PHILO OF ALEXANDRIA

From a virgin womb to an empty tomb. A
life stretched between two miracles.

OUR DAILY BREAD

We are pilgrims, not settlers; this earth is
our inn, not our home.

J. H. VINCENT

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

It is right to be contented with what we have, but never with what we are.

JAMES MACKINTOSH

Truth is the shortest and nearest way to our end, carrying us thither in a straight line.

JOHN TILLOTSON

I have never committed the least matter to Him that I have not had reason for endless praise.

ANNA SHIPTON

You cannot stay where you are and go with God.

HENRY BLACKABY

The Best Of This Day's Thought

The greatness of a man's power is the measure of his surrender.

WILLIAM BOOTH

And He departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here.

AUGUSTINE

Christ has turned all our sunsets into dawns.

CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA

The Christian life is the only true adventure.

WILFRED GRENFELL

The Best Of "This Day's Thought"

Don't worry about tomorrow. God is already there.

UNKNOWN

Many of the insights of the saint stem from his experience as a sinner.

ERIC HOFFER

Joy is not in things, it is in us.

RICHARD WAGNER

Death for the Christian is a turning off the light because the dawn has come.

LEON JAWORSKI

Basis for happiness: something to do; something to love; something to look forward to.

KANAWHA REPORTER

The Best Of This Day's Thought

A story is told about two children who were talking about the death of their mother. The little girl asked her brother how their mother "went to God." "Well," said the boy, "it happened this way. First mother reached up as far as she could. Then God reached down. When their hands touched He took her."

MORTON WALLACK

Everything that we see is a shadow cast by that which we do not see.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Money is the longest route to happiness.

LILLY EVANGELINE

Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

THOMAS MOORE

The wheels of death's chariot may rattle and make a noise, but they are to carry a believer to Christ.

THOMAS WATSON

When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

No Christian is where he ought to be spiritually until the beauty of the Lord Jesus Christ is being reproduced in daily Christian life.

A. W. TOZER

Jesus has made the life of his people as eternal as his own.

CHARLES H. SPURGEON

The Best Of This Day's Thought

Where is home? Home is where the heart
can laugh without shyness. Home is where
the heart's tears can dry at their own pace.

VERNON BAKER

Authentic religion is not a theology test.
It's a love test.

OLIVER THOMAS