



# Favorite Thoughts For Your Christian Walk

*2500 Christian Quotations  
from This Day's Thought...  
Celebrating 25 Years of Ministry!*

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whose encouragement seeded this ministry*

## INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to present this special collection of Christian quotations shared over the last twenty-five years of our ministry.

Many of these thoughts are so very short and concise, but in their simplest form they can have a profound effect on one's life.

We hope they will offer you peace and comfort, wisdom and guidance, encouragement and inspiration.

And now may God bless you in your continued walk with Him.

In His Love,

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## FAVORITE THOUGHTS FOR YOUR CHRISTIAN WALK

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

C. S. LEWIS

You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

AUGUSTINE

I wish you could convince yourself that God is often nearer to us, and more effectually present with us, in sickness than in health.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. Love them anyway.

MOTHER TERESA

Beware you be not swallowed up on books! An ounce of love is worth a pound of knowledge.

JOHN WESLEY

Since you are tempted without ceasing, pray without ceasing.

C. H. SPURGEON

I will place no value on anything I have or possess unless it is in relationship to the kingdom of God.

DAVID LIVINGSTONE

If there is any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not deter or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.

WILLIAM PENN

The world wants to see demonstrators of the faith rather than defenders of the faith.

UNKNOWN

It is well to let prayer be the first employment in the early morning and the last in the evening. Avoid diligently those false and deceptive thoughts which say, “wait a little, I will pray an hour hence; I must perform this or that.” For such thoughts a man quits prayer for business, which lays hold of and entangles him so that he comes not to pray the whole day long.

MARTIN LUTHER

I believe Satan to exist for two reasons: first, the Bible says so, and second, I’ve done business with him.

D. L. MOODY

We should submit our reason to the truths of faith with the  
humility and simplicity of a child.

ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

Hardship often prepares an ordinary person for an extraordinary  
destiny.

C. S. LEWIS

To wait upon God is the perfection of activity.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

If we do not show love to one another, the world has a right to  
question whether Christianity is true.

FRANCIS SCHAEFFER

The God of the infinite is the God of the infinitesimal.

BLAISE PASCAL

I have often learned much more in one prayer than I have  
been able to glean from much reading and reflection.

MARTIN LUTHER

Each of us has a capacity for God and an ability to relate to him  
in a personal way. When we do, he brings to us pardon for the  
past, peace for the present, and a promise for the future.

RALPH S. BELL

There are certainly things in this life that God can reveal to us only in the midst of adversity. There are hidden places deep in our souls He can reach only through our suffering.

MARY NELSON

We are in danger of forgetting that we cannot do what God can do, and that God will not do what we can do.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Somehow, somewhere, I know that God loves me, even though I do not feel that love as I can feel a human embrace, even though I do not hear a voice as I hear human words... God is greater than my senses, greater than my thoughts, greater than my heart. I do believe that He touches me in places that are unknown even to myself.

HENRI NOUWEN

Once a man is united to God how could he not live forever?  
Once a man is separated from God, what can he do but wither  
and die?

C. S. LEWIS

You find no difficulty in trusting the Lord with the management of the universe and all the outward creation, and can your case be any more complex or difficult than these, that you need to be anxious or troubled about His management of it?

HANNAH WHITALL SMITH



We drift toward compromise and call it tolerance; we drift toward disobedience and call it freedom; we drift toward superstition and call it faith. We cherish the indiscipline of lost self-control and call it relaxation; we slouch toward prayerlessness and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism; we slide toward godlessness and convince ourselves we have been liberated.

D. A. CARSON

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven.

GEORGE LICHTENBERG

Surrender the thing you fear into the hands of God. Turn it right over to God and ask Him to solve it with you. Fear is keeping things in your own hands; faith is turning them over into the hands of God.

E. STANLEY JONES

How many people have you made homesick for God?

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Nothing is more powerful than a surrendered life in the hands of God.

RICK WARREN

Ask the God who made you to keep remaking you.

NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

A cross Christian, an anxious Christian, a discouraged, gloomy Christian, a doubting Christian, a complaining Christian, an exacting Christian, a selfish Christian, a cruel, hard-hearted Christian, a self-indulgent Christian, a Christian with a sharp tongue or bitter spirit—all these may be very earnest in their work, and may have honorable places in the church; but they are not Christlike Christians.

HANNAH WHITALL SMITH

In God's world, for those who are in earnest, there is no failure. No work truly done, no word earnestly spoken, no sacrifice freely made, was ever made in vain.

F. W. ROBERTSON

Beauty is God's handwriting. Welcome it in every fair face, every fair day, every fair flower.

CHARLES KINGSLEY

Despair comes from not knowing this is not our home.

UNKNOWN

Fear not the knife that God wields, for his hand is sure.

FRANCOIS FENELON

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

I am not a theologian or a scholar, but I am very aware of the fact that pain is necessary to all of us. In my own life, I think I can honestly say that out of the deepest pain has come the strongest conviction of the presence of God and the love of God.

ELISABETH ELLIOT

God expects us to grow spiritually. The end result is His responsibility. Our job is to cooperate with the process.

RORY NOLAND

Ironically, many people can't afford to give precisely because they're not giving. If we pay our debt to God first, then we will incur His blessing to help us pay our debts to men. But when we rob God to pay men, we rob ourselves of God's blessing.

RANDY ALCORN

No matter what we choose to call it, sin is sin, and God is not confused about it.

ED YOUNG

The secret of life is that all we have and are is a gift of grace to be shared.

LLOYD JOHN OGILVIE

The world does not understand theology or dogma, but it does understand love and sympathy.

D. L. MOODY

Ask God to open your heart and kindle in it a spark of his love,  
and then you will begin to understand what praying means.

JEAN-NICHOLAS GROU

Is any pleasure on earth as great as a circle of Christian friends by  
a fire?

C. S. LEWIS

God sends rain and fruitful seasons, but though they come, they  
never come in the same way in any one year, and I find that, as  
a rule, when I need anything, that it comes from a quarter that I  
never expected, and that from the quarter where it had come  
before it does not now. Thus God keeps the eye on Himself and  
not on the donor.

J. B. STONEY

God's infinitude places him so far above our knowing that a  
lifetime spent in cultivating the knowledge of him leaves as  
much yet to learn as if we had never begun.

A. W. TOZER

The most crooked tree will make timber for the temple, if God be  
pleased to hew it.

THOMAS FULLER

There is no more lovely, friendly or charming relationship,  
communion or company, than a good marriage.

MARTIN LUTHER

The truth is that the feelings we receive from our devotional life are the least of its benefits. The invisible and unfelt grace of God is much greater, and it is beyond our comprehension.

JOHN OF THE CROSS

Just as one candle lights another and can light thousands of other candles, so one heart illuminates another heart and can illuminate thousands of other hearts.

LEO TOLSTOY

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

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God.

UNKNOWN

Godliness is a life-long business. The working out of the salvation that the Lord, himself, works in you is not a matter of certain hours, or of a limited period of life. Salvation is unfolded throughout our entire sojourn here.

C. H. SPURGEON

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

UNKNOWN

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

Every single person in our lives will disappoint us at some level. Some days they'll be busy when we need them to be still; other days they'll be self-centered when we need them to concentrate on us. Sometimes they'll bruise us with hard words aimed right for the soft places in our soul. They won't meet all our emotional needs. They can't; they have too many needs of their own. They're sinners just like us. Only our Creator can love us perfectly, the way He created us to be loved. His love is the only thing that can define us without destroying us.

LISA HARPER

The past is a guidepost, not a hitching post.

L. THOMAS HOLDCROFT

God whispers in pleasure and shouts in pain.

UNKNOWN

Severe trouble in a true believer has the effect of loosening the roots of his soul earthward and tightening the anchor-hold of his heart heavenward.

C. H. SPURGEON

If something is big enough to worry about...it's big enough to pray about.

UNKNOWN

The time present, no doubt, is not a time of ease. It is a time of watching and praying, fighting and struggling, believing and working. But it is only for few years.

J. C. RYLE

God always gives the best to those who leave the choice with Him.

UNKNOWN

Humility is to make a right estimate of one's self.

C. H. SPURGEON

The more I read and pray, the more I want to read and pray. The less I read and pray, the less I want to read and pray.

ED DOBSON

To gather with God's people in united adoration of the Father is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer.

MARTIN LUTHER

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

UNKNOWN

The devil has three children: pride, falsehood, and envy.

WELSH PROVERB

It is the history of our kindnesses that alone makes this world  
tolerable.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

In God, the unknown is friendly.

UNKNOWN

There's a difference between knowing God and knowing about  
God. When you truly know God, you have energy to serve him,  
boldness to share him, and contentment in him.

J. I. PACKER

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

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Trust in your Redeemer's strength...exercise what faith you  
have, and by and by He shall rise upon you with healing beneath  
His wings. Go from faith to faith and you shall receive blessing  
upon blessing.

C. H. SPURGEON



Knowledge is limitless. Therefore, there is a minuscule difference between those who know a lot and those who know very little.

LEO TOLSTOY

God is our true Friend, who always gives us the counsel and comfort we need. Our danger lies in resisting Him; so it is essential that we acquire the habit of hearkening to His voice, or keeping silence within, and listening so as to lose nothing of what He says to us. We know well enough how to keep outward silence, and to hush our spoken words, but we know little of interior silence. It consists in hushing our idle, restless, wandering imagination, in quieting the promptings of our worldly minds, and in suppressing the crowd of unprofitable thoughts which excite and disturb the soul.

FRANCOIS FENELON

Trouble, for the Christian, and the grace to bear it always come in the same package.

UNKNOWN

A life in thankfulness releases the glory of God.

BENGT SUNDBERG

When God crowns our merits, it is nothing other than his own gifts that he crowns.

AUGUSTINE

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

The early morning hours have gold in their mouth.

DUTCH PROVERB

Isn't it funny how day by day nothing changes, but when you look back everything is different.

C. S. LEWIS

Gratitude is the most fruitful way of deepening your consciousness that you are not an "accident," but a divine choice.

HENRI NOUWEN

Life without faith in something is too narrow a space to live.

GEORGE LANCASTER SPALDING

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

UNKNOWN

Before every great opportunity God gave me a great trial.

MARTIN LUTHER

He who can inwardly lift his mind up to God, and can regard outward things little, needs not to seek for time or place to pray.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

The peace of God is that eternal calm which lies far too deep down to be reached by any external trouble or disturbance.

ARTHUR T. PIERSON

Accept whatever He gives, and give whatever He takes, with a big smile.

MOTHER TERESA

I am eighty-five years old and I am so thankful that I am able to continue the work I love. God has a plan for every life. All of us are called to be the light of the world wherever He places us. We are within His perfect guidance when we trust and obey Him. A tool does not decide where to work. It is the Master who decides where it is to be used.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

You will always have joy in the evening if you spend the day fruitfully.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

Genuine, hearty laughter is one of the greatest gifts imparted to us by our Father. It has the amazing power to diminish our pain, lifting our souls in joyous good cheer, while providing bright hope for the unknown days ahead.

W. PHILLIP KELLER

We lie to God in prayer if we do not rely on him afterwards.

ROBERT LEIGHTON

Jesus taught, first, that a man's business is to do the will of God; second, that God takes upon Himself the care of that man; third, therefore, that a man must never be afraid of anything, and so, fourth, be left free to love God with all his heart, and his neighbor as himself.

GEORGE MACDONALD

Holy Spirit, think through me till your ideas are my ideas.

AMY CARMICHAEL

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

UNKNOWN

Life is a glorious opportunity, if it is used to condition us for eternity. If we fail in this, though we succeed in everything else, our life will have been a failure. There is no escape for the man who squanders his opportunity to prepare to meet God.

BILLY GRAHAM

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

UNKNOWN

On every level of life from housework to heights of prayer, in all judgment and all efforts to get things done, hurry and impatience are sure marks of the amateur.

EVELYN UNDERHILL

Fix your eyes on Christ, for you become like that upon which you habitually gaze. He has all your virtues perfectly blended, plus. Become Christ centered, not self centered, even in balancing virtues.

E. STANLEY JONES

Pride opens the door to every other sin, for once we are more concerned with our reputation than our character, there is no end to the things we will do just to make ourselves “look good” before others.

WARREN WIERSBE

Beware in your prayer, above everything, of limiting God—not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what he can do.

ANDREW MURRAY

After ten thousand affronts, he loves you as infinitely as ever.

C. H. SPURGEON

O Lord, help us to be masters of ourselves, that we may be servants of others.

ALEXANDER PATERSON

Your greatest ministry will likely come out of your greatest hurt.

RICK WARREN

Make the least of all that goes and the most of all that comes.

Don't regret what is past. Cherish what you have. Look forward to all that is to come. And most important of all, rely moment by moment on Jesus Christ.

GIGI GRAHAM TCHIVIDJIAN

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

MOTHER TERESA

Don't be a half-Christian. There are too many of them in the world already. The world has a profound respect for a person who is sincere in his faith.

BILLY GRAHAM

The Christianity which is shared is the Christianity which is convincing.

LYNN HAROLD HOUGH

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

NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

First keep the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

The greatest thing a man can do for his heavenly Father is to be  
kind to some of His other children.

HENRY DRUMMOND

Blessings we enjoy daily; and for most of them, because they are  
so common, most men forget to pay their praise. But let us not  
forget, for it is a sacrifice so pleasing to him that made the sun  
and us and gives us flowers and showers and meat and content.

IZAAK WALTON

An easy way to make a bad day better is to smile at everyone you  
meet.

UNKNOWN

When you meet a man or woman who puts Jesus Christ first, knit  
that one to your soul.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Collapse in the Christian life is seldom a blowout; it is usually a  
slow leak.

PAUL LITTLE

A quiet joy comes when we live the way God calls us to live.

JOHN YATES

Our life has no meaning in itself; it has meaning only in relation  
to God.

CHRISTOPH BLUMHARDT

Satan pushes and condemns. God draws and encourages, and  
with time and experience we learn the difference.

RICHARD J. FOSTER

Our salvation includes more than pardon from sin, deliverance  
from hell and a ticket to heaven. It includes all that we shall need  
on our journey.

VANCE HAVNER

The life I touch for good or ill will touch another life, and in  
turn another, until who knows where the trembling stops or in  
what far place my touch will be felt.

FREDERICK BUECHNER

Even if you've missed God's plan entirely for years and years  
and years, that plan can still swing into operation the minute  
you're ready to step up and step in, with God at your side.

TONY EVANS

Our Lord has many weak children in his family, many dull pupils  
in his school, many raw soldiers in his army, many lame sheep in  
his flock. Yet he bears with them all, and casts none away. Happy  
is that Christian who has learned to do likewise with his brethren.

J. C. RYLE

If I had really cared, as I thought I did, about the sorrows of the  
world, I should not have been so overwhelmed when my own  
sorrow came.

C. S. LEWIS



Christ has turned all our sunsets into dawns.

CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen.

BILLY GRAHAM

In the Divine economy misery becomes a sacramental thing to the man who follows God—to the righteous man. God utilizes suffering to man's benefit. Taken God's way—it has healing—strengthening—maturing qualities.

RICHARD HALVERSON

Inner stillness is an absolute necessity to truly knowing God.

HANNAH WHITALL SMITH

Thanksgiving is a time of quiet reflection upon the past and an annual reminder that God has, again, been ever so faithful.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

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

The Bible is the second best gift God has ever given us.

L. JAMES HARVEY

God's center is everywhere. His circumference is nowhere.

THOMAS WATSON

If you believe in a God who controls the big things, you have to believe in a God who controls the little things. It is we, of course, to whom things look "little" or "big."

ELISABETH ELLIOT

Every action in our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity.

EDWIN HUBBEL CHAPIN

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

Do not have your concert first and tune your instruments afterwards. Begin the day with God.

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

No one is safe by his own strength, but he is safe by the grace and mercy of God.

CYPRIAN

Hell is where everyone is doing his own thing. Paradise is where everyone is doing God's thing.

THOMAS HOWARD

Gratitude as a discipline involves a conscious choice. I can choose to be grateful even when my emotions and feelings are still steeped in hurt and resentment. It is amazing how many occasions present themselves in which I can choose gratitude instead of a complaint.

HENRI NOUWEN

God is on the lookout for a man whose heart is perfect toward Him. Will you be quiet enough to hear Him, brave enough to proclaim Him, and honest enough to obey Him?

VANCE HAVNER

A doctor was once asked by a patient who had met with a serious accident, "Doctor, how long shall I have to lie here?" "Only a day at a time," was his answer. This taught the patient a valuable lesson. It was the same lesson God had recorded for His people for all ages. If we are faithful a day at a time, the long years will take care of themselves.

ANDREW MURRAY

There are no disappointments to those whose wills are buried in the will of God.

FREDERICK FABER

The Lord's Prayer is not, as some fancy, the easiest, the most natural of all devout utterances. It may be committed to memory quickly, but it is slowly learned by heart.

JOHN F. D. MAURICE

After the resurrection the apostles never used the word death to express the close of a Christian's earthly life. They referred to the passing of a Christian as "at home with the Lord," "to depart and be with Christ," "to sleep in Jesus."

JOHN M. DRESCHER

When we become aware that we do not have to escape our pains...those very pains are transformed from expressions of despair into signs of hope.

HENRI NOUWEN

Get yourself into the presence of the loving Father. Just place yourself before Him, and look up into His face; think of His love, His wonderful, tender, pitying love.

ANDREW MURRAY

My weight is my love.

AUGUSTINE

Wealth takes away the sharp edges of our moral sensitivities and allows a comfortable confusion about sin and virtue.

HENRI NOUWEN

I have found silence to be a powerful element in prayer. To learn to be alone with God even in the presence of others is something we Christians should try to do. There are innumerable times during the day when we can turn our thoughts, even for a moment, from business affairs and center them on God's goodness, Christ's love, our fellow man's needs.

J. C. PENNEY

The self-centered suffer when others disappoint them. The Christ-centered suffer when they disappoint others.

LEONARD RAVENHILL

Whether we think of, or speak to, God, whether we act or suffer for him, all is prayer when we have no other object than his love and the desire of pleasing him.

JOHN WESLEY

Let us be the first to give a friendly sign; to nod first, smile first, speak first, and—if such a thing is necessary—forgive first.

UNKNOWN

Morality and immorality are not defined by man's changing attitudes and social customs. They are determined by the God of the universe, whose timeless standards cannot be ignored with impunity.

JAMES DOBSON

For every verse in the Bible that tells us the benefits of wealth,  
there are ten that tell us the danger of wealth.

HADDON ROBINSON

The best way to prepare for the coming of Christ is never to  
forget the presence of Christ.

WILLIAM BARCLAY

A small decision now can change all your tomorrows.

ROBERT SCHULLER

Get into the habit of dealing with God about everything.  
Unless in the first waking moment of the day you learn to  
fling the door wide back and let God in, you will work on a  
wrong level all day; but swing the door wide open and pray to  
your Father in secret, and every public thing will be stamped  
with the presence of God.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Prosperity knits a man to the World. He feels that he is “finding  
his place in it,” while really it is finding its place in him.

C. S. LEWIS

God sees hearts as we see faces.

GEORGE HERBERT

All worry is atheism, because it is a want of trust in God.

FULTON J. SHEEN

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

WILLIAM BOOTH

Oh, what a blessing is Sunday, interposed between the waves of worldly business like the divine path of the Israelites through Jordan! There is nothing in which I would advise you to be more strictly conscientious than in keeping the Sabbath day holy.

WILLIAM WILBERFORCE

Next to the might of God, the serene beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence for good in all the world.

D. L. MOODY

This joy in God is not like any pleasure found in physical or intellectual satisfaction. Nor is it such as a friend experiences in the presence of a friend. But, if we are to use any such analogy, it is more like the eye rejoicing in light.

AUGUSTINE

We live charmed lives if we are living in the center of God's will.

All the attacks that Satan can hurl against us are not only powerless to harm us, but are turned into blessing on the way.

C. H. SPURGEON

The diamond that shines in the Saviour's crown shall beam in unquenched beauty, at last, on the forehead of every human soul, risen through grace to the immortality of heaven.

MARTIN LUTHER

God would not rub so hard if it were not to fetch out the dirt that is ingrained in our natures. God loves purity so well He had rather see a hole than a spot in His child's garments.

WILLIAM GURNALL

Prayer is the peace of our spirit, the stillness of our thoughts, the evenness of our recollection, the seat of mediation, the rest of our cares, and the calm of our tempest.

JEREMY TAYLOR

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

Spread out your petition before God, and then say, "Thy will, not mine, be done." The sweetest lesson I have learned in God's school is to let the Lord choose for me.

D. L. MOODY

Someone defined responsibility as "our response to God's ability."

WARREN WIERSBE

God does not dispense strength and encouragement like a druggist fills your prescription. The Lord doesn't promise to give us something to take so we can handle our weary moments. He promises us Himself. That is all. And that is enough.

CHARLES SWINDOLL



Friendship is not a reward for our discrimination and good taste  
in finding one another out. It is the instrument by which God  
reveals to each the beauties of all the others.

C. S. LEWIS

Hence we must support one another, console one another,  
mutually help, counsel, and advise.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

God will often use the desert of quiet faithful service, or the  
prison of injustice, to permanently transform our self-confidence  
into Christ-confidence. It is only when control is out of our own  
hands and we are thrust blindly into God's arms that He is free to  
teach us that He can be completely relied upon.

TIM BURNS

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

MOTHER TERESA

We are Easter people living in a Good Friday world.

UNKNOWN

Prayer allows a place for me to bring my doubts and complaints  
and subject them to the blinding light of reality I cannot  
comprehend but can haltingly learn to trust.

PHILIP YANCEY

He that seeks God in everything is sure to find God in everything. When we thus live wholly unto God, God is wholly ours and we are then happy in all the happiness of God; for by uniting with Him in heart, and will, and spirit, we are united to all that He is and has in Himself.

WILLIAM LAW

Faith makes, life proves, trials confirm, and death crowns the Christian.

JOHANN GEORG CHRISTIAN HOPFNER

God prepares great men for great tasks by great trials.

J. K. GRESSETT

We have to realize that we cannot earn or win anything from God; we must either receive it as a gift or do without it.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

I put the Scriptures above all the saying of the fathers, angels, men and devils! Here I take my stand.

MARTIN LUTHER

The words of the Lord are seeds sown in our hearts by the sower. They have to fall into our hearts to grow. Meditation and prayer must water them and obedience keep them in the light. Thus they will bear fruit for the Lord's gathering.

GEORGE MACDONALD

Holiness involves friendship with God. There has to be a moment in our relationship with God when he ceases to be just a Sunday acquaintance and becomes a weekday friend.

BASIL HUME

Do we not continually pass by blessings innumerable without notice, and instead fix our eyes on what we feel to be our trials and our losses, and think and talk about these until our whole horizon is filled with them, and we almost begin to think we have no blessings at all?

HANNAH WHITALL SMITH

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

C. H. SPURGEON

Most commit the same mistake with God that they do with their friends: they do all the talking.

FULTON J. SHEEN

For grace is given not because we have done good works, but in order that we may be able to do them.

AUGUSTINE

God does at times change our trying circumstances. But more often, he doesn't—because he wants to change us!

BRUCE WILKINSON

A sermon that gets only as far as the ear is like a dinner eaten in a dream.

C. H. SPURGEON

Each believer stands on one side or the other of dedication. Either we have made this lifelong commitment or we have not. Either we have faced the issue of who is to be the master of our lives or we have been plucking up one sin at a time.

CHARLES RYRIE

His prayer was nothing else but a sense of the presence of God.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

Most people are proud, not of those things which arouse respect, but of those which are unnecessary, or even harmful: fame, power, and wealth.

LEO TOLSTOY

You can't know, you can only believe—or not.

C. S. LEWIS

God is at home. We are in the far country.

MEISTER ECKHART

Your capacity to say No determines your capacity to say Yes to greater things.

E. STANLEY JONES

Who would complain if God allowed one hour of suffering in an entire lifetime of comfort? Why complain about a lifetime that includes suffering when that lifetime is a mere hour of eternity?

PHILIP YANCEY

It is amazing how strong we become when we begin to understand what weaklings we are!

FRANCOIS FENELON

I used to think I was a nice person because I didn't rob banks.

NICKY GUMBEL

To abide with Christ—to stay with Him and to learn from Him—is to continually receive eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to obey.

ANGELA THOMAS GUFFEY

The Gospels do not explain the resurrection; the resurrection explains the Gospels. Belief in the resurrection is not an appendage to the Christian faith; it is the Christian faith.

JOHN S. WHALE

There are many who want me to tell them of secret ways of becoming perfect and I can only tell them that the sole secret is a hearty love of God, and the only way of attaining that love is by loving. You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; and just so you learn to love God and man by loving. Begin as a mere apprentice and the very power of love will lead you on to become a master of the art.

FRANCIS DE SALES

Life itself, every bit of health that we enjoy, every hour of liberty and free enjoyment, the ability to see, to hear, to speak, to think, and to imagine—all this comes from the hand of God. We show our gratitude by giving back to Him a part of that which He has given to us.

BILLY GRAHAM

The widest thing in the universe is not space; it is the potential capacity of the human heart. Being made in the image of God, it is capable of almost unlimited extension in all directions.

A. W. TOZER

A good example is like a bell that calls many to church.

UNKNOWN

The ultimate proof of the sinner is that he does not recognize his own sin.

MARTIN LUTHER

There is not a single thing that Jesus cannot change, control, and conquer because He is the living Lord.

FRANKLIN GRAHAM

I can only lie still in God's arms. I am so weak that I can hardly write, I cannot read my Bible, I cannot even pray. I can only lie still in God's arms like a little child, and trust. [during his final days]

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

If you want to pray better, you must pray more.

MOTHER TERESA

The best answer to fear is to have a firm grasp of what it means to be accepted by God.

JOHN GUNSTONE

Faith is the root of all blessings. Believe and you shall be saved; believe, and you must be satisfied; believe, and you cannot but be comforted and happy.

JEREMY TAYLOR

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

DONALD SOPER

It is only the fear of God that can deliver us from the fear of man.

JOHN WITHERSPOON

There is no learning sympathy except by suffering. It cannot be studied from a book, it must be written on the heart. You must go through the fire if you would have sympathy with others who tread the glowing coals. You must yourself bear the cross if you would feel for those whose life is a burden to them.

C. H. SPURGEON

The greatest remedy for anger is delay.

UNKNOWN

I am the tool with which God works. My virtue is to participate in this work, and I can do so if I keep the instrument which is given to me, namely my soul, in immaculate condition.

LEO TOLSTOY

God never denied that soul anything that went as far as heaven to ask it.

JOHN TRAPP

God judged it better to bring good out of evil than to suffer no evil to exist.

AUGUSTINE

Nothing marks so much the solid advancement of a soul, as the view of one's wretchedness without anxiety and without discouragement.

FRANCOIS FENELON



It need not discourage us if we are full of doubts. Healthy questions keep faith dynamic. Unless we start with doubts we cannot have a deep-rooted faith. One who believes lightly and unthinkingly has not much of a belief. He who has a faith which is not to be shaken has won it through blood and tears—has worked his way from doubt to truth as one who reaches a clearing through a thicket of brambles and thorns.

HELEN KELLER

Trust God's love. His perfect love. Don't fear he will discover your past. He already has. Don't fear disappointing him in the future. He can show you the chapter in which you will. With perfect knowledge of the past and perfect vision of the future, he loves you perfectly in spite of both.

MAX LUCADO

One forgives as much as one loves.

FRANCOIS DE LA ROCHEFOUCAULD

The Bible was not given to increase our knowledge but to change our lives.

D. L. MOODY

It is Satan's custom by small sins to draw us to greater, as the little sticks set the great ones on fire, and a wisp of straw kindles a block of wood.

THOMAS MANTON

He prayed as he breathed, forming no words and making no specific requests, only holding in his heart, like broken birds in cupped hands, all those people who were in stress or grief.

ELLIS PETERS

God shields us from most of the things we fear, but when He chooses not to shield us, He unfailingly allots grace in the measure needed.

ELISABETH ELLIOT

The study of God's Word brings peace to the heart. In it, we find a light for every darkness, life in death, the promise of our Lord's return, and the assurance of everlasting glory.

D. L. MOODY

The more fully that the gospel is preached, in the grand old apostolic way, the more likely is it to accomplish the results which it did in the apostolic days.

HORATIUS BONAR

Never make the blunder of trying to forecast the way God is going to answer your prayer.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

This is the land of sin and death and tears...but up yonder is unceasing joy.

D. L. MOODY

The three essential rules when speaking of others are: Is it true?  
Is it kind? Is it necessary?

UNKNOWN

Bread for today is bread enough.

E. M. BOUNDS

Everybody thinks of changing humanity and nobody thinks of  
changing himself.

LEO TOLSTOY

Happy the soul which by a sincere self-renunciation, holds itself  
ceaselessly in the hands of its Creator, ready to do everything  
which He wishes; which never stops saying to itself a hundred  
times a day, "Lord, what would you have me do?"

FRANCOIS FENELON

The ascension of Christ is his liberation from all restrictions of  
time and space. It does not represent his removal from the earth,  
but his constant presence everywhere on earth.

WILLIAM TEMPLE

God's promises have no expiration dates.

UNKNOWN

To the quiet mind all things are possible.

MEISTER ECKHART

It is the case of most sinners to think themselves freest from those  
sins to which they are most enslaved.

RICHARD BAXTER

If we knew how much He loves us, we should be always ready to  
receive equally and with indifference from His hand the sweet  
and the bitter; all would please that came from Him.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

As long as Jesus is one of many options, he is no option.

MAX LUCADO

God has no problems, only plans.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

O God, take me, break me, make me.

UNKNOWN

Every Sunday school teacher is just as much called of God as a  
missionary to the heart of Africa. He needs to prepare just as  
diligently—he needs to labor just as earnestly—as if he were  
carrying the Gospel to the most remote spot on the globe.

BILLY GRAHAM

We grasp for truth and lose it till it comes to us by love.

MADELEINE L'ENGLE

Jesus intended for us to be overwhelmed by the blessings of regular days. He said it was the reason he had come: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

GLORIA GAITHER

We have missed the full impact of the Gospel if we have not discovered what it is to be ourselves, loved by God, irreplaceable in His sight, unique among our fellow men.

BRUCE LARSON

It is one of the ironies of the ministry that the very man who works in God's name is often hardest put to find time for God. The parents of Jesus lost him at church, and they were not the last ones to lose him there.

VANCE HAVNER

Every tiny bit of my life that has value I owe to the redemption of Jesus Christ. Am I doing anything to enable Him to bring His redemption into evident reality in the lives of others?

OSWALD CHAMBERS

All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired, although not in the hour or in the measure, or the very thing which they ask; yet they will obtain something greater and more glorious than they had dared to ask.

MARTIN LUTHER

Jesus Christ was born into this world, not from it.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Our problem is that we become too easily enamored with our  
own plans.

HENRY BLACKABY

Once while Francis of Assisi was hoeing his garden, he was asked, “What would you do if you were suddenly to learn that you were to die at sunset today?” He replied, “I would finish hoeing my garden.”

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Happiness isn’t in possessions, education, or sensory ability. Happiness is found in relationships. And life’s greatest happiness is found in life’s greatest relationship: a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

KENNETH L. TANGEN

Stay on the issue of Christ when witnessing, not the church, or denominations, or religion, or theological differences, or doctrinal questions. Speak precisely of Jesus, the Savior.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

Perfect prayer is only another name for love.

FRANCOIS FENELON

Your first thought in the morning should be “Thank you.”

UNKNOWN

Christ has no body on earth now but yours, no hands but yours,  
no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which to look out  
Christ’s compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which  
He is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with  
which he is to bless us now.

TERESA OF AVILA

The dearest friend on earth is a mere shadow compared with  
Jesus Christ.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Lonely people, hurting people need someone to help them up.  
To encourage them, to let them know they’re not alone. Who  
are the helpers, the comforters for the times when we’re  
bleeding and need a transfusion of love?

BILLY GRAHAM

We are as safe at sea, safer in the storm which God sends us,  
than in a calm when we are befriended by the world.

JEREMY TAYLOR

Gratitude is a vaccine, an antitoxin, and an antiseptic.

J. H. JOWETT

Doubts do not destroy truth; they strengthen it.

LEO TOLSTOY

We are but the instruments or assistants, by whom God works.

MARTIN LUTHER

It is from out of the depths of our humility that the height of our destiny looks grandest. Let me truly feel that in myself I am nothing, and at once, through every inlet of my soul. God comes in, and is everyone in me.

WILLIAM MOUNTFORD

Life is grace. Sleep is forgiveness. The night absolves. Darkness wipes the slate clean, not spotless to be sure, but clean enough for another day's chalking.

FREDERICK BUECHNER

The message of Easter cannot be written in the past tense. It is a message for today and the days to come. It is God's message which must reecho through your lives.

FRANK GETTY

Find out how seriously a believer takes his doubts, and you have the index of how seriously he takes his faith.

OS GUINNESS



God Almighty would in no way permit evil in His works were  
He not so omnipotent and good that even out of evil He could  
work good.

AUGUSTINE

We please him most not by frantically trying to make ourselves  
good but by throwing ourselves into his arms with all our  
imperfections and believing that he understands everything—and  
still loves us.

A. W. TOZER

By blood, I am Albanian. By citizenship, an Indian. By faith, I  
am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to  
my heart, I belong entirely to the heart of Jesus.

MOTHER TERESA

If you knew the whole Bible by heart, and the sayings of all the  
philosophers, what good would it do you without the love of  
God, without grace?

THOMAS À KEMPIS

We are too Christian really to enjoy sinning, and too fond of  
sinning really to enjoy Christianity. Most of us know perfectly  
well what we ought to do; our trouble is that we do not want to  
do it.

PETER MARSHALL

All that I had, He took; all that He has, He has given me in Jesus  
Christ!

SUBODH SAHU

However just your words, you spoil everything when you speak  
them with anger.

JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

A God you understood would be less than yourself.

FLANNERY O'CONNOR

Order your soul; reduce your wants; live in charity; associate in  
Christian community; obey the laws; trust in Providence.

AUGUSTINE

Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose  
ways you may not understand at the time.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is  
the true measure of our thanksgiving.

W. T. PURKISER

The one who would bring others to Christ must offer them Christ  
with the reality of utter conviction, with the urgency of one who  
insists that they should choose between life and death, and with  
the joy of one who has made the greatest discovery in the world.

WILLIAM BARCLAY

More light than we can learn,  
More wealth than we can treasure,  
More love than we can earn,  
More peace than we can measure,  
Because one Child is born.

UNKNOWN

Your past has not come full circle to its complete redemption  
until you allow Christ to not only defuse it, but also to use it.

BETH MOORE

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

IZAAK WALTON

In the pure, strong hours of the morning, when the soul of the day  
is at its best, lean upon the window sill of God and look into his  
face, and get the orders for the day. Then go out into the day with  
the sense of a Hand upon your shoulder and not a chip.

E. STANLEY JONES

There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. There is  
nothing we can do to make God love us less.

PHILIP YANCEY

Life is a series of choices between the bad, the good, and the best.  
Everything depends on how we choose.

VANCE HAVNER

God seldom calls us for an easier life but always calls us to know more of him and drink more deeply of his sustaining grace.

JOHN PIPER

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

I do not find God hard to live with.

A. W. TOZER

The dawn announces a new day. It waits to hear what God will say.

W. PHILLIP KELLER

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

ROBERT ALDEN

When a young minister was still single, he preached a sermon he entitled "Rules for Raising Children." After he got married and had children of his own, he changed the title of the sermon to "Suggestions for Raising Children." When his children got to be teenagers, he stopped preaching on that subject altogether.

BERNARD BRUNSTING

Our rest lies in looking to the Lord, not to ourselves.

WATCHMAN NEE

A continual looking forward to the eternal world is not a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.

C. S. LEWIS

A religion that is small enough for our understanding would not be big enough for our needs.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

The chief dangers that confront the coming centuries will be religion without the Holy Spirit; Christianity without Christ; forgiveness without repentance; salvation without regeneration; politics without God; and heaven without hell.

WILLIAM BOOTH

We give people a dose of religion, when they are looking for an encounter with the Living God.

KENNETH PILLAR

In perplexities—when we cannot tell what to do, when we cannot understand what is going on around us—let us be calmed and steadied and made patient by the thought that what is hidden from us is not hidden from Him.

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL

So often our primary ambition is to escape pain or feel good or be delivered from a problem when instead we need to keep our focus on the big picture of what God is doing in our life and the lives of others through pain or problems. Our primary aim should be to glorify God, not be honored or to be healthy or to be happy.

ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ

God is within all things but not included; outside all things, but not excluded; above all things, but not beyond their reach.

GREGORY THE GREAT

An enemy is a danger, but the danger is not what he can do to you. It is what he makes you do. If he fills you with envy, malice, hatred and all uncharitableness, he has done you real harm. But you can prevent that. Pray for him. If you say you cannot trust him, then watch and pray. But you cannot hate a man you pray for.

E. S. WATERHOUSE

In the cross is health, in the cross is life, in the cross is protection from enemies, in the cross is heavenly sweetness, in the cross strength of mind, in the cross joy of the Spirit, in the cross the height of virtue, in the cross perfection of holiness. There is no health of the soul, no hope of eternal life, save in the cross.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

Honesty has a beautiful and refreshing simplicity about it. No ulterior motives. No hidden meanings. An absence of hypocrisy, duplicity, political games, and verbal superficiality. As honesty and real integrity characterize our lives, there will be no need to manipulate others.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

Have you ever stopped to be thankful just for yourself?

BILL PEARCE

If you would voyage Godward, you must see to it that the rudder of thought is right.

W. J. DAWSON

Where man's method fails and can reach no higher, there God's method begins.

JAN RUYSBROECK

To fear God is to stand in awe of Him; to be afraid of God is to run away from Him.

CARROLL E. SIMCOX

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

Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

C. S. LEWIS

Inside the will of God there is no failure. Outside the will of God there is no success.

BERNARD EDINGER

I hope you will find a few folks who walk with God to also walk with you through the seasons of your life.

JOHN ELDREDGE

When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles. When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying, the devil shouts for joy.

CORRIE TEN BOOM



When we bless God for mercies, we usually prolong them. When we bless God for miseries, we usually end them. Praise is the honey of life which a devout heart extracts from every bloom of providence and grace.

C. H. SPURGEON

The essence of love is kindness.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

Prayer is not an argument with God to persuade him to move things our way, but an exercise by which we are enabled by his Spirit to move ourselves his way.

LEONARD RAVENHILL

Do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger people! Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life with has come to you by the grace of God.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

No storm is so great, no wave is so high, no sea is so deep, no wind is so strong, that Jesus cannot either calm it or carry us through it.

ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ

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

The birth of Jesus is the sunrise in the Bible.

HENRY VAN DYKE

The vision of the angels works softly and peaceably, awakening joy and exultation in opposition to the turmoil into which demons throw the soul.

ATHANASIUS OF ALEXANDRIA

There is no relief so sweet as the relief of coming clean to God and living again in the truth.

CHRISTINE DALLMAN

Oh, how horrible our sins look when they are committed by someone else.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

The knowledge of God without that of our wretchedness creates pride. The knowledge of our wretchedness without that of God creates despair. The knowledge of Jesus Christ is the middle way, because in him we find both God and our wretchedness.

BLAISE PASCAL

Something of God flows into us from the blue of the sky, the  
taste of honey, the delicious embrace of water whether cold or  
hot, and even from sleep itself.

C. S. LEWIS

Is not sight a jewel? Is not hearing a treasure? Is not speech a  
glory? O my Lord pardon my ingratitude, and pity my dullness  
who am not sensible of these gifts.

THOMAS TRAHERNE

Joys are always on the way to us. They are always traveling to us  
through the darkness of the night. There is never a night when  
they are not coming.

AMY CARMICHAEL

Change your thoughts and you change your world.

NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

The one principle of hell is—I am my own.

GEORGE MACDONALD

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

We have a strange illusion that mere time cancels sin.

C. S. LEWIS

Waiting for someone to repent before we forgive is to surrender  
our future to the person who wronged us.

LEWIS SMEDES

The life of faith is a daily exploration of the constant and  
countless ways in which God's grace and love are experienced.

EUGENE PETERSON

Courage comes and goes. Hold on for the next supply.

THOMAS MERTON

Don't worry about what you do not understand. Worry about what  
you do understand in the Bible but do not live by.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

I know well there is no comfort for this pain of parting: the  
wound always remains, but one learns to bear the pain, and  
learns to thank God for what He gave, for the beautiful memories  
of the past, and the yet more beautiful hope for the future.

MAX MULLER

It is a remarkable thing that some of the most optimistic and  
enthusiastic people you will meet are those who have been  
through intense suffering.

WARREN WIERSBE

Let me burn out for God. After all, whatever God may appoint,  
prayer is the great thing. Oh, that I may be a man of prayer!

HENRY MARTYN

Look for strengths in people, not weaknesses; for good, not evil.  
Most of us find what we search for.

J. WILBUR CHAPMAN

It ought to be as habitual to us to thank as to ask.

C. H. SPURGEON

One of the devil's snares is so to occupy us with the past and the  
future as to weaken us for the present.

UNKNOWN

The suddenness of the provocation does not make me an ill-  
tempered man; it only shows me what an ill-tempered man I am.

C. S. LEWIS

Knowledge is love and light and vision.

HELEN KELLER

Delicate humor is the crowning virtue of the saints.

EVELYN UNDERHILL

Nothing is small if God accepts it.

TERESA OF AVILA

It is God's knowledge of me...His constant presence in the  
garden of my little life that guarantees my joy.

W. PHILLIP KELLER

If Christ is risen, nothing else matters. And if Christ is not risen—  
nothing else matters.

JAROSLAV PELIKAN

In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal  
more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life  
becomes rich. It is very easy to overestimate the importance of  
our own achievements in comparison with what we owe others.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

Let nothing good or bad upset the balance of your life.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

The answer to prayer is slow; the force of prayer is cumulative.  
Not until life is over is the whole answer given and the whole  
strength understood.

STOPFORD BROOKE

Wherever you are, pray secretly within yourself. If you are far  
from a house of prayer, give not yourself trouble to seek for one,  
for you yourself are a sanctuary designed for prayer. If you are in  
bed, or in any other place, pray there; your temple is there.

BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. Faith is the belief that God will do what is right.

MAX LUCADO

Confidence in the natural world is self-reliance; in the spiritual world, it is God-reliance.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Brother, if you commit a sin and take pleasure in it, the pleasure passes but the sin remains. But if you do something virtuous even though you are tired, the tiredness passes but the virtue remains.

CAMILLUS DE LELLIS

The storm was raging. The sea was beating against the rocks in huge, dashing waves. The lightning was flashing, the thunder was roaring, the wind was blowing; but the little bird was sound asleep in the crevice of the rock, its head tucked serenely under its wing. That is peace: to be able to sleep in the storm! In Christ we are relaxed and at peace in the midst of the confusions, bewilderments and perplexities of this life.

The storm rages, but our hearts are at rest. We have found peace—at last!

BILLY GRAHAM

God often places someone at a camp, a club, or a church as a certain intersection to build you up: Someone to say something that you'll never forget or to encourage you at a moment of need.

GREGG MATTE

Kind words produce their own image in men's souls; and a beautiful image it is. They soothe and quiet and comfort the hearer. They shame him out of his sour, morose, unkind feelings. We have not yet begun to use kind words in such abundance as they ought to be used.

BLAISE PASCAL

We regret losing a purse full of money, but a good thought which has come to us, which we've heard or read, a thought which we should have remembered and applied to our life, which could have improved the world—we lose this thought and promptly forget about it, and we do not regret it, though it is more precious than millions.

LEO TOLSTOY

If a care is too small to be turned into a prayer it is too small to be made into a burden.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

Pray remember what I have recommended to you, which is, to think often on God, by day, by night, and even in diversions. He is always near you and with you; leave Him not alone. You would think it rude to leave a friend alone who came to visit you; why then must God be neglected? Do not then forget Him; this is the glorious employment of a Christian; in a word, this is our profession. If we do not know it we must learn it.

BROTHER LAWRENCE



I don't think there is anyone who needs God's help and grace as much as I do. Sometimes I feel so helpless and weak. I think that is why God uses me. Because I cannot depend on my own strength, I rely on Him twenty-four hours a day.

MOTHER TERESA

Your God is too small.

J. B. PHILLIPS

The man who is elated by success and cast down by failure is still a carnal man. At best his fruit will have a worm in it.

A. W. TOZER

Teach us, O Lord, the disciplines of patience, for to wait is often harder than to work.

PETER MARSHALL

The love of God is the first and great commandment. But love for our neighbor is the means by which we obey it. Since we cannot see God directly, God allows us to catch sight of him through our neighbor. By loving our neighbor we purge our eyes to see God. So love your neighbor and you will discover that in doing so you come to know God.

AUGUSTINE

Those who have the gale of the Holy Spirit go forward even in sleep.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

Too often we forget that the great men of faith reached the heights they did only by going through the depths.

OS GUINNESS

There are eternal reasons for temporary trials.

UNKNOWN

If suffering went out of life, courage, tenderness, pity, faith, patience and love in its divinity would go out of life too.

HENRY ERNEST HARDY

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

GEORGE MACDONALD

Our Father refreshes us on the journey with some pleasant inns, but will not encourage us to mistake them for home.

C. S. LEWIS

To approach God requires neither art nor science, but only a heart resolutely determined to apply itself to nothing but Him, or for His sake, and to love Him only.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

Follow the path of serenity. Why lose your temper if by losing it  
you offend God, trouble your neighbor, give yourself a bad time,  
and in the end have to set things aright anyway.

MOTHER TERESA

If you are a saint, God will continually upset your program, and  
if you are wedded to your program, you will become that most  
obnoxious creature under heaven—an irritable saint.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Love has hands to help others. It has feet to hasten to the poor  
and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear  
the sighs and sorrows of men. This is what love looks like.

AUGUSTINE

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

Our salvation comes to us so easily because it cost God so much.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

The real secret of an unsatisfied life lies too often in an  
unsurrendered will.

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

Plan your life, budgeting for seventy years...and understand that if your time proves shorter that will not be unfair deprivation but rapid promotion.

J. I. PACKER

Best of all is it to preserve everything in a pure, still heart, and let there be for every pulse a thanksgiving, and for every breath a song.

KONRAD VON GESNER

The most powerful life is the most simple life. The most powerful life is the life that knows where it's going, that knows where the source of strength is; it is the life that stays free of clutter and happenstance and hurriedness.

MAX LUCADO

Will God ever ask you to do something you are not able to do? The answer is yes—all the time! It must be that way, for God's glory and kingdom. If we function according to our ability alone, we get the glory; if we function according to the power of the Spirit within us, God gets the glory. He wants to reveal Himself to a watching world.

HENRY BLACKABY

What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.

A. W. TOZER

Satan watcheth for those vessels that sail without a convoy.

GEORGE SWINNOCK

We are as near to heaven as we are far from self, and far from the  
love of a sinful world.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

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

Every Christian is born great because he is born for heaven.

JEAN BAPTISTE MASSILLON

God isn't a talent scout looking for someone who is "good  
enough" or "strong enough." He is looking for someone with a  
heart set on Him, and He will do the rest.

VANCE HAVNER

The untended garden will soon be overrun with weeds; the heart  
that fails to cultivate truth and root out error will shortly be a  
theological wilderness.

A. W. TOZER

The Cross is a picture of violence, yet the key to peace, a picture  
of suffering, yet the key to healing, a picture of death, yet the key  
to life.

DAVID WATSON

I live in the spirit of prayer. I pray as I walk about, when I lie down, and when I rise up. And the answers are always coming.

GEORGE MULLER

I need Christ, not something that resembles Him.

C. S. LEWIS

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

ROBERT SOUTH

Witnessing for Christ is not something we turn on and off, like a TV set. Every believer is a witness at all times—either a good one or a bad one.

WARREN WIERSBE

Do not ask “what can I do?” but “what can He not do?”

CORRIE TEN BOOM

It is comfortable to know that we are responsible to God and not to man. It is a small matter to be judged of man’s judgement.

LOTTIE MOON

He brought my life passion from my life pain.

BETH MOORE

Train your child in the way in which you know you should have  
gone yourself.

C. H. SPURGEON

There is only one you. God wanted you to be you. Don't you  
dare change just because you're out numbered!

CHARLES SWINDOLL

Wisdom, the wisdom of God, is not something that is acquired  
by man, but something that is bestowed by God upon his elect. It  
is a divine endowment and not a human acquisition.

SPIROS ZODHIATES

I believe firmly that the moment our hearts are emptied of pride  
and selfishness and ambition and everything that is contrary to  
God's law, the Holy Spirit will fill every corner of our hearts. But  
if we are full of pride and conceit and ambition and the world,  
there is no room for the Spirit of God.

D. L. MOODY

The test of generosity is not how much you give, but how much  
you have left.

UNKNOWN

Christ is the referee of our troubled hearts.

JARL WAHLSTROM

When you meditate, imagine that Jesus Christ in person is about to talk to you about the most important thing in the world. Give him your complete attention.

FRANCOIS FENELON

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

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Let prayer nourish your soul as your meals nourish your body. Let your prayer keep you in God's presence through the day, and His presence frequently remembered.

E. M. BOUNDS

Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A man is powerful on his knees.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

The bread that you store up belongs to the hungry; the cloak that lies on your chest belongs to the naked; and the gold that you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor.

BASIL OF CAESAREA

The devil never tempts us with more success than when he tempts us with a sight of our own good actions.

THOMAS WILSON



We deem it a sacred responsibility and genuine opportunity to be faithful stewards of all God has entrusted to us; our time, our talents, and our financial resources. We view all of life as a sacred trust to be used wisely.

MORAVIAN COVENANT FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

The Cross does not abolish suffering, but transforms it, sanctifies it, makes it fruitful, bearable, even joyful, and finally victorious.

JOSEPH RICKABY

The hope we have in Christ is an absolute certainty. We can be sure that the place Christ is preparing for us will be ready when we arrive, because with Him nothing is left to chance. Everything He promised He will deliver.

BILLY GRAHAM

Fight all your battles on your knees and you win every time.

CHARLES STANLEY

Many will say that Jesus was a good moral teacher. Let's be realistic. How could he be a great moral teacher and knowingly mislead people at the most important point of his teaching—his own identity?

JOSH MCDOWELL

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

WILLIAM LAW

Our trials will seem to us nothing at all. We shall talk to one another about them in heaven. Let us go on, therefore; and if the night be ever so dark, remember there is not a night that shall not have a morning.

C. H. SPURGEON

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

E. B. PUSEY

Make a plan now to keep a daily appointment with God. The enemy is going to tell you to set it aside, but you must carve out the time. If you're too busy to meet with the Lord, friend, then you are simply too busy.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

If a person is filled with the Holy Spirit, his witness will not be optional or mandatory—it will be inevitable.

RICHARD HALVERSON

God is the only goal worthy of man's efforts; the fitting end of human existence is a loving union with God.

AUGUSTINE

The world is sleeping in darkness while Christians are asleep in the light!

UNKNOWN

In the great orchestra we call life, you have an instrument and a song, and you owe it to God to play them both sublimely.

MAX LUCADO

A man should look after a happiness that will last as long as his soul lasts.

THOMAS MANTON

Do not lose your inward peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. Commend all to God, and then lie still and be at rest in His bosom. Whatever happens, abide steadfast in a determination to cling simply to God, trusting to His eternal love for you.

FRANCIS DE SALES

I'd rather be able to pray than to be a great preacher; Jesus Christ never taught his disciples how to preach, but only how to pray.

D. L. MOODY

Originally one, Adam has fallen, and, breaking up...he has filled the whole earth with the pieces.

AUGUSTINE

As long as we meddle with any kind of sin we shall never clearly see the blessed face of our Lord.

JULIAN OF NORWICH

True humility is intelligent self respect which keeps us from thinking too highly or too meanly of ourselves. It makes us mindful of the nobility God meant us to have. Yet it makes us modest by reminding us how far we have come short of what we can be.

RALPH W. SOCKMAN

Live simply that others may simply live.

UNKNOWN

The peace that Jesus gives is never engineered by circumstances on the outside.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

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

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Faith given back to us after a night of doubt is a stronger thing, and far more valuable to us than faith that has never been tested.

ELIZABETH GOUDGE

All this and heaven too.

MATTHEW HENRY

Can I be a Christian without joining other Christians in the church? Yes, it is something like: being a soldier without an army, a seaman without a ship, a business man without a business, a tuba player without an orchestra, a football player without a team or a bee without a hive.

MRS. WILLIAM P. JAZEN

Be much with the solid teachings of God's word, and you will become solid and substantial men and women: drink them in, and feed upon them, and they shall produce in you a Christ-likeness, at which the world shall stand astonished.

C. H. SPURGEON

God is above, presiding; beneath, sustaining; within, filling.

HILDEBERT OF LAVARDIN

Life passes, riches fly away, popularity is fickle, the senses decay, the world changes. One alone is true to us; One alone can be all things to us; One alone can supply our need.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

The path of the Word and the path of the world do not run parallel.

VANCE HAVNER

Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself.

FRANCIS DE SALES

The world appears very little to a soul that contemplates the greatness of God. My business is to remain in the presence of God.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

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

Before an individual can be saved, he must first learn that he cannot save himself.

M. R. DEHAAN

Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real.

THOMAS MERTON

The soul is not where it lives but where it loves.

THOMAS FULLER

I know the power obedience has of making things easy which seem impossible.

TERESA OF AVILA

An honest man with an open Bible and a pad and pencil is sure to find out what is wrong with him very quickly.

A. W. TOZER

The secret to having it all is realizing you already do.

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Do you sometimes feel that you just can't take one more thing?

Even in your misery, be mindful that the very weight of your burdens and the intensity of the pressure may be exactly what

God is going to use in your life to trigger an experience of personal revival.

ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ

Either we are adrift in chaos or we are individuals, created, loved, upheld and placed purposefully, exactly where we are.

Can you believe that? Can you trust God for that?

ELISABETH ELLIOT

When we come to the end of ourselves, we come to the beginning of God.

BILLY GRAHAM

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

UNKNOWN

Remember who your ruler is. Don't forget His daily briefing.

CARL F. H. HENRY

Preach to the suffering, and you will never lack a congregation.  
There is a broken heart in every pew.

JOSEPH PARKER

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

D. L. MOODY

God's mercies are as old as eternity and yet they are new every  
morning.

UNKNOWN

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

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

C. H. SPURGEON

We are becoming who we will be—forever.

DALLAS WILLARD

Like a shadow declining swiftly...away...like the dew of the  
morning gone with the heat of the day; like the wind in the  
treetops, like a wave of the sea, so are our lives on earth when  
seen in light of eternity.

RUTH BELL GRAHAM



The most profound essence of my nature is that I am capable of  
receiving God.

AUGUSTINE

If you have no joy, there's a leak in your Christianity somewhere.

BILLY SUNDAY

We need to remind each other that the cup of sorrow is also the  
cup of joy, that precisely what causes us sadness can become the  
fertile ground for gladness.

HENRI NOUWEN

When we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us, He will concern  
Himself with how we use our time and spend our money; with  
honesty and moral integrity and Christlike quality of character;  
with what is happening to our children; with the health of our  
relationship with other people and with our God. If our need is  
severe enough, the Holy Spirit will turn our lives upside down.

CATHERINE MARSHALL

The words of the Gospels, repeated to a child, a workman or a  
peasant, do not surprise him in the least. Nothing is told with a  
view to effect. Not a word in the Gospels is intended to startle.

ERNEST HELLO

Joy is the most infallible sign of the Presence of God.

PIERRE TEILHARD DE CHARDIN

Jesus Christ's claim of divinity is the most serious claim anyone ever made. Everything about Christianity hinges on His incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection. That's what Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter are all about.

LUIS PALAU

We cry too often to be delivered from the punishment, instead of the sin that lies behind it. We are anxious to escape from the things that cause us pain rather than from the things that cause God pain.

G. CAMPBELL MORGAN

Let God have you, and let God love you—and don't be surprised if your heart begins to hear music you've never heard and your feet learn to dance as never before.

MAX LUCADO

When God speaks he speaks so loudly that all the voices of the world seem dumb. And yet when God speaks he speaks so softly that no one hears the whisper but yourself.

HENRY DRUMMOND

There is more value in a little study of humility and in a single act of it than in all the knowledge in the world.

TERESA OF AVILA

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

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

MAX LUCADO

It is a fundamental principle in the life and walk of faith that we must always be prepared for the unexpected when we are dealing with God.

D. MARTYN LLOYD-JONES

Forgiveness means the offense is gone. I may remember the offense, but I will “remember it against them no more!”

DAVID STOOP

There is no gain except by loss;  
There is no life except by death;  
There is no vision but by faith.

WALTER CHALMERS SMITH

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

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one.

MOTHER TERESA

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

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

It is when we are out of options that we are most ready for God's  
surprises.

MAX LUCADO

Try to live with the part of your soul which understands eternity,  
which is not afraid of death. And that part of your soul is love.

LEO TOLSTOY

Somehow fixing your eyes on Jesus causes other things to dim in  
significance. Possessions, people, reputation, opinions, political  
rhetoric, world wars, death, disease, heartache—all of these and  
so much more grow strangely dim when we gaze on Him.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

Never take others for your example in the tasks you have to  
perform, however holy they may be, for the devil will set their  
imperfections before you. But imitate Christ, who is supremely  
perfect and supremely holy, and you will never err.

JOHN OF THE CROSS

The voice of sin is loud but the voice of forgiveness is louder.

D. L. MOODY

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

THOMAS MOORE

What we do in the crisis always depends on whether we see the difficulties in the light of God, or God in the shadow of the difficulties.

G. CAMPBELL MORGAN

To pretend to describe the excellence, the greatness of duration of the happiness of heaven by the most artful composition of words would be but to darken and cloud it; to talk of raptures and ecstasies, joy and singing, is but to set forth very low shadows of the reality.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

It is not a difficult matter to learn what it means to delight ourselves in the Lord. It is to live so as to please Him, to honor everything we find in His Word, to do everything the way He would like to have it done, and for Him.

S. MAXWELL CODER

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

HORACE BUSHNELL

Wealth is the smallest thing on earth, the least gift that God has bestowed on mankind.

MARTIN LUTHER

Prayer is as natural an expression of faith as breathing is of life.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.

C. S. LEWIS

Aren't you glad that God doesn't give you only that which you remember to thank him for?

MAX LUCADO

The love of Christ becomes the mightiest force in the world to the man who is yielded to it.

E. W. KENYON

Kindness is a warm breeze in a frigid climate; a radiant heart that melts the icebergs of fear, distrust and unhappiness.

WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD

Let no man think himself to be holy because he is not tempted,  
for the holiest and highest in life have the most temptations. How  
much higher the hill is, so much is the wind there greater; so,  
how much higher the life is, so much the stronger is the  
temptation of the enemy.

JOHN WYCLIFFE

Faith isn't faith until it's all you're holding on to.

UNKNOWN

As the grave grows nearer my theology is growing strangely  
simple, and it begins and ends with Christ as the only Savior of  
the lost.

HENRY BENJAMIN WHIPPLE

A unit joined to infinity adds nothing to it any more than one foot  
added to infinite length. The finite is swallowed up by the infinite  
and becomes pure zero. So are our minds before God.

BLAISE PASCAL

God never gave a man a thing to do, concerning which it were  
irreverent to ponder how the Son of God would have done it.

GEORGE MACDONALD

Faith makes all things possible; love makes all things easy.

D. L. MOODY

Happiness consists in the attainment of our desires, and in our  
having only right desires.

AUGUSTINE

Religion should be our steering wheel, not our spare tire.

CHARLES L. WHEELER

To pray is nothing more involved than to lie in the sunshine of  
God's grace.

OLE HALLESBY

No one can believe how powerful prayer is and what it can  
effect, except those who have learned it by experience.

MARTIN LUTHER

Secret, fervent, believing prayer lies at the root of all personal  
godliness.

WILLIAM CAREY

Moses spent forty years thinking he was somebody; then he  
spent forty years on the backside of the desert realizing he  
was nobody; finally, he spent the last forty years of his life  
leaning what God can do with a nobody!

D. L. MOODY

Rare is the person who can weigh the faults of others without  
putting his thumb on the scales.

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God is as great in minuteness as He is in magnitude.

CHARLES CALEB COLTON

May your heart sing as you embrace what you were created to be  
and do.

BRUCE WILKINSON

Every Christian family ought to be, as it were, a little church,  
consecrated to Christ, and wholly influenced and governed by  
His rules.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

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

At Christmas, all roads lead home.

MARJORIE HOLMES

To be "spiritually minded" simply means to look at earth from  
heaven's point of view. The spiritually minded believer makes  
his decisions on the basis of eternal values and not the passing  
fads of society.

WARREN WIERSBE

Most of the verses written about praise in God's Word were voiced by people who were faced with crushing heartaches, injustice, treachery, slander, and scores of other difficult situations.

EARECKSON JONI TADA

God has never turned away the questions of a sincere searcher.

MAX LUCADO

Suppose that I understand the Bible. And, suppose that I am the greatest preacher who ever lived! The Apostle Paul wrote that unless I have love, "I am nothing."

BILLY GRAHAM

There is nothing that makes us love a man so much as praying for him.

WILLIAM LAW

The miracles in fact are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see.

C. S. LEWIS

A deep and sober daily concern to please God is the rarest of rarities.

VANCE HAVNER

The Almighty does nothing without reason, though the frail mind  
of man cannot explain the reason.

AUGUSTINE

The function of prayer is to set God at the center of attention.

ALBERT E. DAY

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

All that is not eternal is eternally out of date.

C. S. LEWIS

The Bible is not special because the language is special; it's  
special because the message is special.

UNKNOWN

God never allows pain without a purpose in the lives of His  
children. He never allows Satan, nor circumstances, nor any ill-  
intending person to afflict us unless He uses that affliction for our  
good. God never wastes pain.

JERRY BRIDGES

You should accept yourself, not as a master, but as a servant, and then all your bad feelings, your anxiety, alarm, uncertainty, and dissatisfaction will be changed into calmness and peace. You will be filled inside with a clear vision of your purpose, and with a great joy.

LEO TOLSTOY

Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair.

G. K. CHESTERTON

When the eyes of the soul looking out meet the eyes of God looking in, heaven has begun right here on this earth.

A. W. TOZER

Halo my path with gentleness and love.

PURITAN PRAYER

Every great movement of God can be traced to a kneeling figure.

D. L. MOODY

The responsible person seeks to make his or her whole life a response to the question and call of God.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus.

BLAISE PASCAL

Prosperity simply means “Having enough to do the will of God”  
and that’s how much God wants you to have, no more and no  
less.

UNKNOWN

Our Lord is the Bread of Life. His proportions are perfect. There  
never was too much or too little of anything about Him. Feed on  
Him for a well-balanced ration. All the vitamins and calories are  
there.

VANCE HAVNER

If the work of God could be comprehended by reason, it would  
no longer be wonderful, and faith would have no merit if reason  
provided proof.

GREGORY THE GREAT

This is a sane, wholesome, practical, working faith: first, that it is  
a man’s business to do the will of God; second, that God takes on  
himself the special care of that man; and third, that therefore that  
man ought never to be afraid of anything.

GEORGE MACDONALD

I’ve learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I  
usually make the right decision.

UNKNOWN

To forsake Christ for the world, is to leave a treasure for a trifle...  
eternity for a moment, reality for a shadow.

WILLIAM JENKYN

Since He looked upon me, my heart is not my own. He hath run  
away to heaven with it.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

The word joy is too great and grand to be confused with the  
superficial things we call happiness.

KIRBY PAGE

Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

THOMAS MOORE

Contentment comes when we remember that what God chooses  
is far better than what we choose.

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A spirit of thankfulness is one of the most distinctive marks of a  
Christian whose heart is attuned to the Lord. Thank God in the  
midst of trials and every persecution.

BILLY GRAHAM

God's peace is joy resting.  
His joy is peace dancing.

F. F. BRUCE

O Lord, teach me that if I do not live a life that satisfies thee, I  
shall not live a life that will satisfy me.

PURITAN PRAYER

God is more interested in the workman than in the work.

WARREN WIERSBE

“Where is the church at 11:25 on Monday morning?” The church then is in the dentist’s office, in the automobile sales room and repair shop, and out in the truck. It is in the hospital, in the classroom, and in the home. It is in the offices, insurance, law, real estate, whatever it is. That is where the church is, wherever God’s people are. They are doing what they ought to be doing. They are honoring God, not just while they worship in a building but out there.

ARTHUR H. DEKRUYSER

Make people wish the gospel were true ... and then show them that it is.

BLAISE PASCAL

In the center of a hurricane there is absolute quiet and peace. There is no safer place than in the center of the will of God.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

There seems no plan because it is all plan.

C. S. LEWIS

God will, very likely, give you more than you can handle. He will not, however, give you more than He can handle.

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Every divine action begins from the Father, proceeds through the Son and is completed in the Holy Spirit.

BASIL OF CAESAREA

I can seldom read scripture now without tears of joy and gratitude.

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

In the world today, real faith has in most cases been replaced by public opinion. People do not believe in God, but they believe in many minor things which are taught by other people.

LEO TOLSTOY

By its very nature Christianity is enthusiastic; it means living in faith, hope, love and joy.

WILLIAM H. HADNUT

Perfect love means to love the one through whom one became unhappy.

SOREN KIERKEGAARD

Because he lives I can face tomorrow, Because he lives all fear is gone. Because I know he holds the future, And life is worth the living, Just because he lives.

GLORIA GAITHER



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

Four marks of true repentance are: acknowledgment of wrong,  
willingness to confess it, willingness to abandon it, and  
willingness to make restitution.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

Jesus Christ is no crutch; he is the ground to walk on.

LEIGHTON FORD

A man there was, though some did count him mad,  
The more he cast away the more he had.

JOHN BUNYAN

We must fear God out of love, not love Him out of fear.

FRANCIS DE SALES

Life is pretty much like a cafeteria line—it offers us many  
choices, both good and bad. The Christian must have a spiritual  
radar that detects the difference not only between bad and good  
but also among good, better, and best.

DENNIS SWANBERG

Prayer is not the moment when God and humans are in relationship, for that is always. Prayer is taking initiative to intentionally respond to God's presence.

L. ROBERT KECK

Let Jesus be in your heart, eternity in your spirit, the world under your feet, the will of God in your actions. And let the love of God shine forth from you.

CATHERINE OF GENOA

Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.

UNKNOWN

I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year.

CHARLES DICKENS

Our sense of joy, satisfaction, and fulfillment in life increases, no matter what the circumstances, if we are in the center of God's will.

BILLY GRAHAM

I have been all things unholy. If God can work through me, he can work through anyone.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

God instructs the heart not by ideas, but by pains and contradictions.

JEAN PIERRE DE CAUSSADE

We are all healers who can reach out and offer health, and we are all patients in constant need of help.

HENRI NOUWEN

Between us and heaven or hell there is only life, which is the frailest thing in the world.

BLAISE PASCAL

God is always moving about His work to shape and arrange events in His wise government of our lives.

JOHN OF THE CROSS

The instrument through which you see God is your whole self. And if a man's self is not kept clean and bright, his glimpse of God will be blurred.

C. S. LEWIS

A prayerful heart and an obedient heart will learn, very slowly and not without sorrow, to stake everything on God Himself.

ELISABETH ELLIOT

Brethren, why so many meetings with our fellow men and so few meetings with God?

ANDREW BONAR

I have learned to place myself before God every day as a vessel to be filled with his Holy Spirit. He has filled me with the blessed assurance that he, as the everlasting God, has guaranteed his own work in me.

ANDREW MURRAY

In intercessory prayer, one seldom ends where one began.

DOUGLAS STEERE

We do not exist for ourselves.

THOMAS MERTON

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

UNKNOWN

Shut out suffering, and you see only one side of this strange and fearful thing, the life of man. Brightness and happiness and rest—that is not life. It is only one side of life. Christ saw both sides.

F. W. ROBERTSON

Death died when Christ rose.

UNKNOWN

There are three important steps to take in preparation for a holy death. And these three principles should be practiced throughout life. (1) Expect that death will come knocking at your gates at any time; this will keep your priorities straight. (2) Value your time for it is the most precious possession you have. (3) Refrain from a soft and easy life; stress the holy life of self-discipline, labor, and alertness. Engage each day in self-examination.

JEREMY TAYLOR

Love the sinner, hate the sin? How about: Love the sinner, hate your own sin! I don't have time to hate your sin. There are too many of you! Hating my sin is a full-time job. How about you hate your sin, I'll hate my sin and let's just love each other!

MARK LOWRY

We can all get to heaven without health, without wealth, without fame, without learning, without culture, without beauty, without friends, without ten thousand things. But we can never get to heaven without Christ.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

Prayer is asking for rain; faith is carrying the umbrella.

JOHN MASON

Duty does not have to be dull. Love can make it beautiful and fill it with life.

THOMAS MERTON

One of the reasons that Christians read Scripture repeatedly and carefully is to find out just how God works in Jesus Christ so that we can work in the name of Jesus Christ.

EUGENE PETERSON

God is perfect love and perfect wisdom. We do not pray in order to change His Will, but to bring our wills into harmony with His

WILLIAM TEMPLE

Love is an act of endless forgiveness.

JEAN VANIER

The time of business does not differ from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clutter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were upon my knees at the Blessed Sacrament.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

Does God seem far away? Guess who moved?

UNKNOWN

The lives that are getting stronger are lives in the desert, deep-rooted in God.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Our lives will always be full if our hearts are always giving.

UNKNOWN

Failure is often God's own tool for carving some of the finest outlines in the character of His children; and even in this life, bitter and crushing failures have often in them the germs of new and quite unimagined happiness.

THOMAS HODGKIN

Live near to God and all things will appear little to you in comparison with eternal realities.

ROBERT M'CHEYNE

Giving is not an economic decision—it's a spiritual one! The need to give out of our substance rather than our surplus—from our hearts and not our heads.

UNKNOWN

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

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

I would not trade one moment of heaven for all the joys and riches of the world, even if it lasted for thousands and thousands of years.

MARTIN LUTHER

If you would know the measure of your love for God, just observe your love for your fellowman. Our compassion for others is an accurate gauge of our devotion to God.

BILLY GRAHAM

A 19th-century country preacher was once asked to explain the doctrine of election. He said: “Well, brethren, it is this way: The Lord He is always voting for a man, and the devil he is always voting against him; then the man himself votes, and that breaks the tie.”

ARTHUR TONNE

He has the film of my whole life in view, not just the snapshot of my present situation.

WALTER TROBISCH

To covet nothing that is your neighbors except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners, to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and everyday of Christ, and to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God’s out of doors, these are little guideposts on the footpath to peace.

HENRY VAN DYKE

It was when I was happiest that I longed most. The sweetest thing in all my life has been the longing to find the place where all the beauty came from.

C. S. LEWIS

The prayer is more important sometimes than the answer.

MARK SAVAGE

Lord, make me according to your heart.

BROTHER LAWRENCE



God will only mend a broken heart when He is given all the pieces.

UNKNOWN

In some ways I find guidance, if anything, gets harder rather than easier the longer I am a Christian. Perhaps God allows this so that we have to go on relying on him and not on ourselves.

DENNIS WATSON

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

C. H. SPURGEON

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

JERRY BRIDGES

I believe in the sun even when it isn't shining. I believe in love even when I am alone. I believe in God even when He is silent.

UNKNOWN

Truly, it is in the darkness that one finds the light, so when we are in sorrow, then this light is nearest of all to us.

MEISTER ECKHART

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

When the appointed times of prayer were past, he found no difference, because he still continued with God, praising and blessing Him with all his might, so that he passed his life in continual joy.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

To pray “in Jesus’ name” means to pray in his spirit, in his compassion, in his love, in his outrage, in his concern. In other words, it means to pray a prayer that Jesus himself might pray.

KENNETH L. WILSON

Stay within whispering distance. If you stray, you won’t hear His voice.

UNKNOWN

In the morning let our hearts gaze upon God’s love...and in the beauty of that vision, let us go forth to meet the day.

ROY LESSIN

A man often preaches his beliefs precisely when he has lost them and is looking everywhere for them, and, on such occasions, his preaching is by no means at its worst.

PHILIP MELANCHTHON

What is humility? It is that habitual quality whereby we live in the truth of things: the truth that we are creatures and not the Creator; the truth that our life is a composite of good and evil, light and darkness; the truth that in our littleness we have been given extravagant dignity.

ROBERT F. MORNEAU

God can never be outmaneuvered, taken by surprise, or caught at a disadvantage. He is a God who knows no crisis. . . . Before an emergency arises, God in his providence has made adequately and perfectly timed provision to meet it.

J. OSWALD SANDERS

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.

UNKNOWN

I believe in God, whom I understand as Spirit, as Love, as the Source of all.

LEO TOLSTOY

Prepare and prevent instead of repair and repent.

UNKNOWN

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

D. L. MOODY

There is no avoiding, and no substitute for, the sometimes long, arduous experience of discovering the will of God in our own lives.

SINCLAIR FERGUSON

Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

As base a thing as money often is, yet it can be transmuted into everlasting treasure. It can be converted into food for the hungry and clothing for the poor. Any temporal possession can be turned into everlasting wealth. Whatever is given to Christ is immediately touched with immortality.

A. W. TOZER

Christ hungers now, my brethren; it is he who deigns to hunger and thirst in the persons of the poor.

CAESARIUS OF ARLES

It pays to serve the Lord; but don't serve the Lord because it pays—for if you serve the Lord because it pays, it then may not pay.

ROBERT G. LETOURNEAU

Over and over, when I ask God why all of these injustices are allowed to exist in the world, I can feel the Spirit whisper to me, “You tell me why we allow this to happen. You are my body, my hands, my feet.”

SHANE CLAIBORNE

God’s in His Heaven—All’s right with the world.

ROBERT BROWNING

We often find that we were better persons just after our conversion than we are after many years of being a Christian. Every day that passes should make us more like Christ, but we tend to grow cooler rather than warmer.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

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

If Christianity does not make a man happy, it will not make him anything at all. Christianity is the faith of the happy heart and the shining face.

WILLIAM BARCLAY

As we got older, our vision should improve. Not our vision of earth, but our vision of heaven.

MAX LUCADO

Find out what your temptations are and you will find out largely  
what you are yourself.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God  
will not protect you.

UNKNOWN

A tried Christian grows rich by his losses, he rises by his falls, he  
lives by dying, and he becomes full by being emptied.

C. H. SPURGEON

What other people think of me is becoming less and less  
important; what they think of Jesus because of me is critical.

CLIFF RICHARD

Have confidence in God's mercy, for when you think He is a  
long way from you, He is often quite near.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

It has never at any time been possible to fit the resurrection of  
Jesus into any world view except a world view of which it is the  
basis.

LESSLIE NEWBIGIN

Avail yourself of the greatest privilege [prayer] this side of heaven. Jesus Christ died to make this communion and communication with the Father possible.

BILLY GRAHAM

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

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

Forgiveness is the name of love practiced among people who love poorly. The hard truth is that all people love poorly. We need to forgive and be forgiven every day, every hour increasingly. That is the great work of love among the fellowship of the weak that is the human family.

HENRI NOUWEN

The air which we breathe, the bread which we eat, the heart which throbs in our bosoms, are not more necessary for man that he may live as a human being, than is prayer for the Christian that he may live as a Christian.

JOHN EUDES

Prayer does not change God; it changes me.

C. S. LEWIS

The things we think are the things that feed our souls. If we think on pure and lovely things, we shall grow pure and lovely like them; and the converse is equally true.

HANNAH WHITALL SMITH

God is the owner; I'm the manager. Every resource, every blessing I have today is a gift of God.

JOHN C. MAXWELL

Many are willing that Christ should be something, but few will consent that Christ should be everything.

ALEXANDER MOODY STUART

Our suffering is not worthy the name of suffering. When I consider my crosses, tribulations, and temptations, I shame myself almost to death, thinking what are they in comparison of the sufferings of my blessed Savior Christ Jesus.

MARTIN LUTHER

Being a Christian doesn't mean that our struggles are necessarily different from those of non-Christians; it's just that our solution to the struggles is different.

BOBBY RICHARDSON

To love another person is to help them love God.

SOREN KIERKEGAARD

The miracles of Jesus were the ordinary works of his Father, wrought small and swift that we might take them in.

GEORGE MACDONALD



The greatest tragedy in the world is that the church doesn't love  
the world the way God does.

UNKNOWN

Go where your best prayers take you.

FREDERICK BUECHNER

God has promised us abundance, peace, and eternal life. These  
treasures are ours for the asking; all we must do is claim them. One  
of the great mysteries of life is why on earth do so many of us wait  
so very long to lay claim to God's gifts?

MARIE T. FREEMAN

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

There is nothing anybody else can do that can stop God from  
using us. We can turn everything into a testimony.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

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

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The one use of the Bible is to make us look at Jesus, that through Him we might know His Father and our Father, His God and our God.

GEORGE MACDONALD

As well might a gnat seek to drink in the ocean, as a finite creature to comprehend the Eternal God.

C. H. SPURGEON

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Today I give it all to Jesus: my precious children, my mate, my hopes, my plans and dreams and schemes, my fears and failures—all. Peace and contentment come when the struggle ceases.

GLORIA GAITHER

The stone was rolled away from the tomb not so Jesus could get out, but so that the world could look in. His resurrection assures yours. Because He lives, you will live forever.

CHARLES STANLEY

If we desire our faith to be strengthened, we should not shrink from opportunities where our faith may be tried, and therefore, through trial, be strengthened.

GEORGE MULLER

The imagery of the heavens as being two thousand million light-years in diameter is awesome when compared to the tiny earth, but trivial when compared to the imagery of the “hand that measured the heavens.”

FULTON J. SHEEN

It is very proper for friends, when they part, to part with prayer.

MATTHEW HENRY

Always, love is a choice. You come up against scores of opportunities every day to love or not to love. You encounter hundreds of small chances to please your friends, delight your Lord, and encourage your family. That’s why love and obedience are intimately linked— you can’t have one without the other.

EARECKSON JONI TADA

There is a wealth of unexpressed love in the world. It is one of the chief causes of sorrow evoked by death: what might have been said or might have been done that never can be said or done.

ARTHUR HOPKINS

Remember that no time spent with children is ever wasted.

UNKNOWN

To have the undivided attention of God can be disconcerting until one realizes that his gaze is tender and full of love and compassion.

CHRISTINE DALLMAN

Every vocation is holy to the Lord. Our vocation, or work, is an extension of our personal relationship with God. Ninety-five percent of us will never be in “occupational” ministry, but that doesn’t mean we are not ministers.

PATRICK MORLEY

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

God’s mercy is so great that you may sooner drain the sea of its water, or deprive the sun of its light, or make space too narrow, than diminish the great mercy of God.

C. H. SPURGEON

Those blessings are sweetest that are won with prayers and worn with thanks.

THOMAS GOODWIN

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

When God would make a pearl, He allows a grain of sand to hurt the oyster. When God would make a saint, He buries a sorrow in the life.

GEORGE E. FAILING

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

Grace means that God already loves us as much as an infinite God can possibly love.

PHILIP YANCEY

I study my Bible as I gather apples. First, I shake the whole tree that the ripest might fall. Then I shake each limb, and when I have shaken each limb, I shake each branch and every twig. Then I look under every leaf.

MARTIN LUTHER

You have done everything you know to do to bring it to pass, and now it has brought you to your knees and you are desperate. You have finally arrived in the ultimate posture of worship—desperate despondency!

TOMMY TENNEY

We exist to exhibit God, to display his glory. We serve as canvases for his brush stroke, papers for his pen, soil for his seeds, glimpses of his image.

MAX LUCADO

Love and trust, in the space between what's said and what's heard in our life, can make all the difference in the world.

FRED ROGERS

Never say there is nothing beautiful in the world anymore. There is always something to make you wonder in the shape of a tree, the trembling of a leaf.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

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

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

I believe now that God is kind enough not only to work in our present and future, but He's also able to reach into the past and cut out the wasted years and stitch up our lives in such a way that even the scars eventually are removed.

JEANNIE C. RILEY

Unless we form the habit of going to the Bible in bright moments as well as in trouble, we cannot fully respond to its consolations, because we lack equilibrium between light and darkness.

HELEN KELLER

Lord, give me an open heart to find You everywhere, to glimpse the heaven enfolded in a bud, and to experience eternity in the smallest act of love.

MOTHER TERESA

Evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where to get bread.

D. T. NILES

To read the Bible as literature is like reading Moby Dick as a whaling manual or The Brothers Karamazov for its punctuation.

FREDERICK BUECHNER

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

UNKNOWN

Humility is the altar upon which God wishes us to offer him sacrifices.

FRANCOIS DE LA ROCHEFOUCAULD

It ought to be the business of every day to prepare for our last day.

MATTHEW HENRY

You are richer today if you have laughed, sung, given or forgiven.

UNKNOWN

I want what God wants, that's why I am so merry.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

If I started with the mind and will of God, viewing the rest of my life from that point of view, other details would fall into place—or at least fall into a different place.

PHILIP YANCEY

The eyes see what the heart loves. If the heart loves God and is single in this devotion, then the eyes will see God whether others see Him or not.

WARREN WIERSBE

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

Every single creature is full of God and is a book about God.

MEISTER ECKHART

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

HENRY WARD BEECHER

Let us be as watchful after the victory as before the battle.

ANDREW BONAR

Study the lives of great people, and you will find every one of them drew apart from the hurry of life for rest and reflection. Great poems are not written on crowded streets, lovely songs are not written in the midst of clamoring multitudes; our visions of God come when we stop. The Psalmist said, "Be still, and know that I am God."

CHARLES ALLEN



The meek man is not a human mouse afflicted with a sense of his own inferiority. Rather, he may be in his moral life as bold as a lion and as strong as Samson; but he has stopped being fooled about himself.

A. W. TOZER

Not all men are called to be hermits, but all men need enough silence and solitude in their lives to enable the deep inner voice of their own true self to be heard at least occasionally.

THOMAS MERTON

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

DOUGLAS HORTON

We are not sinners because we sin; we sin because we are sinners.

R. C. SPROUL

Too often we attempt to work for God to the limit of our incompetency, rather than to the limit of God's omnipotency.

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

We ought to act with God in the greatest simplicity, speaking to Him frankly and plainly, and imploring His assistance in our affairs, just as they happen.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

My soul is like a mirror in which the glory of God is reflected, but sin, however insignificant, covers the mirror with smoke.

TERESA OF AVILA

The angel rolled away the stone from Jesus' tomb, not to let the living Lord out, but to let unconvinced outsiders in.

DONALD GREY BARNHOUSE

There is nothing that can be done with anger that cannot be done better without it.

DALLAS WILLARD

Some read the Bible to learn, and some read the Bible to hear from heaven.

ANDREW MURRAY

God loves you as though you are the only person in the world, and he loves everyone the way he loves you.

AUGUSTINE

A wise man does not wish to change his situation, because he knows that it is possible to fulfill the law of God, the law of love, in every situation.

LEO TOLSTOY

Each day separately, all the day continually, day by day successively, we abide in Jesus. And the days make up the life.

ANDREW MURRAY

The best things are nearest: breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you. Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

Is life not full of opportunities for learning love? Every man and woman every day has a thousand of them. The world is not a playground; it is a schoolroom. Life is not a holiday, but an education. And the one eternal lesson for us all is how better we can love. What makes a man a good artist, a good sculptor, a good musician? Practice. What makes a man a good man? Practice. Love is not a thing of enthusiastic emotion. It is a rich, strong, manly, vigorous expression of the whole Christian character—the Christlike nature in its fullest development. And the constituents of this great character are only to be built up by ceaseless practice.

HENRY DRUMMOND

You may need to lose everything to find that God is all you need.

UNKNOWN

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

JIM MILLER

Worry is like a rocking chair. It will give you something to do,  
but it won't get you anywhere.

UNKNOWN

What is your focus today? Joy comes when it is Jesus first, others  
second, then you.

KAY ARTHUR

If you look at the world, you'll be distressed.  
If you look within, you'll be depressed.  
But if you look at Christ, you'll be at rest.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

Sometimes your medicine bottle has on it, "shake well before  
using." That is what God has to do with some of His people. He  
has to shake them well before they are ever usable.

VANCE HAVNER

Jesus Christ didn't come into my heart to sit down; he started  
moving around.

ANDY HAMILTON

The Christian life is a pilgrimage from earth to heaven, and our  
task is to take as many as possible with us as we make this  
journey.

WARREN WIERSBE

Where there is patience and humility, there is neither anger nor vexation.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

I did not go through the Book, The Book went through me.

A. W. TOZER

He who created us without our help will not save us without our consent.

AUGUSTINE

The only real life is one lived close to God. This does not happen by itself; you must make an effort to make this happen, and this effort will bring you joy.

LEO TOLSTOY

The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today are Christians—those who acknowledge Jesus with their lips and walk out the door and deny him by their live style. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.

BRENNAN MANNING

I seldom made an errand to God for another, but I got something myself.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business and is the countersign of friends. It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is no earthly good to anybody until it is given away. Keep smiling—and let your smile be one of sincerity. Don't just force it out to make a sale, to keep out of a fight, or for similar reasons. But smile from the heart out, making those who see you smile do likewise in a feeling of good fellowship.

JAMES M. TULLOCH

Know all and you will pardon all.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

I know well that when Christ is nearest, Satan is also busiest.

ROBERT M'CHEYNE

The love of God is like the Amazon River flowing down to water one daisy.

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In prayer, we are aware that God is in action and that when the circumstances are ready, when others are in the right place, and when our hearts are prepared, he will call us into the action. Waiting in prayer is a disciplined refusal to act before God acts.

EUGENE PETERSON

“Thy will be done!”—What a comfort and support those four little words are to my soul. I have repeated them until they are softened to the sweetest harmony.

ELIZABETH ANN SETON

To go against one’s conscience is neither safe nor right. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise.

MARTIN LUTHER

Our weakness and God’s strength go well together.

UNKNOWN

If you can explain what God is doing in your ministry, then God is not really in it.

WARREN WIERSBE

Sin has four characteristics: self-sufficiency instead of faith; self-will instead of submission; self-seeking instead of benevolence; self-righteousness instead of humility.

UNKNOWN

Christ is my reason for waking up!

EUGENIA PRICE

Since God will be my end  
Let Him be my beginning.  
So that I may now fully live  
Instead of falling, straying, sinning.

ANGELUS SILESIUS

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

RAMONA CARROLL

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

UNKNOWN

The gentleness of Christ is the comeliest ornament that a  
Christian can wear.

WILLIAM ARNOT

Have peace in your heart, and thousands will be saved around  
you.

SERAPHIM OF SAROV

Prayer includes praise and thanksgiving, intercession and  
petition, meditation and confession. In prayer we focus fully on  
our God.

CHARLES SWINDOLL



Take those road hazards—the potholes, ruts, detours, and all the rest—as evidence that you were on the right route. It’s when you find yourself on that big, broad, easy road that you ought to worry.

EARECKSON JONI TADA

Many a friendship—long, loyal, and self-sacrificing—rested at first upon no thicker a foundation than a kind word.

FREDERICK FABER

He was made what we are, that He might make us what He is Himself.

IRENÆUS

God doesn’t build a fence around his children to protect us from the suffering common to all humanity. It is clear from the Bible and from the lives of Christians in every generation that God uses suffering in some form in the life of every believer.

MARTHA REAPSOME

Forgiveness is a stunning principle, your ticket out of hate and fear and chaos.

BARBARA JOHNSON

That God is more near, more real and mighty, more full of love, and more ready to help every one of us than any one of us realizes, is the undying message of the Gospels.

DAVID S. CAIRNS

To say that God justifies the ungodly means quite simply that God in His amazing love treats the sinner as if he were a good man. Again, to put it very simply, God loves us, not for anything we are, but for what He is.

WILLIAM BARCLAY

The service of Christ is the business of my life.  
The will of Christ is the law of my life.  
The presence of Christ is the joy of my life.  
The glory of Christ is the crown of my life.

UNKNOWN

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

Joy is not gush; joy is not jolliness. Joy is just perfect acquiescence in God's will because the soul delights itself in God Himself.

HAMMER WILLIAM WEBB-PEPLOE

If Satan brings up your past—bring up his future.

UNKNOWN

With the goodness of God to desire our highest welfare, the wisdom of God to plan it, and the power of God to achieve it, what do we lack?

A. W. TOZER

Carry the cross patiently, and with perfect submission; and in the  
end it shall carry you.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

Sometimes God allows what he hates to accomplish what he  
loves.

EARECKSON JONI TADA

The world is full of discouragers. We have a Christian duty to  
encourage one another. Many a time a word of praise or  
thanks or appreciation or cheer has kept a man on his feet.

Blessed is the man who speaks such a word.

WILLIAM BARCLAY

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

UNKNOWN

It is a melancholy fact that there are few Christian duties so little  
practiced as that of forgiveness.

J. C. RYLE

Is your Christianity ancient history or current events?

SAMUEL SHOEMAKER

Jesus comes to meet us. To welcome him, let us go to meet him.  
He comes to us in the hungry, the naked, the lonely, the alcoholic,  
the drug addict, the prostitute, the street beggar.

MOTHER TERESA

Happiness and calmness are neither inside us nor outside us.  
They are in God, who is both inside and outside us.

BLAISE PASCAL

If God has made your cup sweet, drink it with grace. If he has  
made it bitter, drink it in communion with Him.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Every day has exactly 1,440 minutes; can't you find even ten of  
them to be with your heavenly Father? Doesn't God deserve the  
best minutes of your day?

BILLY GRAHAM

Out of the will of God there is no such thing as success; in the  
will of God there is no such thing as failure.

DAVID AMSTUTZ

Too many Christians walk by feelings, not by faith.

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By prayer, the ability is secured to feel the law of love, to speak according to the law of love, and to do everything in harmony with the law of love.

E. M. BOUNDS

There's your plan and there's God plan—and yours doesn't matter.

UNKNOWN

It is not years that make souls grow old, but having nothing to love, nothing to hope for.

GEORGE CONGREVE

“Give us our daily bread” (not an annuity for life) applies to spiritual gifts too; the little daily support for the daily trial.

Life has to be taken day by day and hour by hour.

C. S. LEWIS

For the fulfillment of his purpose God needs more than priests, bishops, pastors and missionaries. He needs mechanics and chemists, gardeners and street sweepers, dressmakers and cooks, tradesmen, physicians, philosophers, judges and shorthand typists.

PAUL TOURNIER

To accept grace is to admit failure, a step we are hesitant to take.

We opt to impress God with how good we are rather than confessing how great he is.

MAX LUCADO

When Jesus cried, “It is finished,” He did not take away the conflict, the contest, the fight. No! He took away only your defeat.

IRA TAYLOR

Forgiveness is not an elective in the curriculum of servanthood. It is a required course, and the exams are always tough to pass.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

You aren’t an accident. You weren’t mass-produced. You aren’t an assembly-line product. You were deliberately planned, specifically gifted, and lovingly positioned on this earth by the Master Craftsman.

MAX LUCADO

When the dream planted in our heart is one that God has planted there, a strange happiness flows into us. At that moment all of the spiritual resources of the universe are released to help us.

CATHERINE MARSHALL

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

HENRY LAW

In happy moments, praise God. Difficult moments, seek God.  
Quiet moments, worship God. Painful moments, trust God.  
Every moment, thank God!

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His strength is made perfect, not in our strength, but in our  
weakness.

HANNAH WHITALL SMITH

There is great joy in learning now about the God with whom we  
will spend eternity.

JO NANCY LINN SUNDBERG

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

C. H. SPURGEON

To pray is to change. This is a great grace. How good of God to  
provide a path whereby our lives can be taken over by love and  
joy and peace and patience and kindness and goodness and  
faithfulness and gentleness and self-control.

RICHARD J. FOSTER

Living in the constant awareness of God's presence brings peace,  
security, and guidance throughout life.

HENRY BLACKABY

Forgiveness is me giving up my right to hurt you for hurting me.

UNKNOWN

If sinners be dammed, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. If they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees. Let no one go there unwarned and unprayed for.

C. H. SPURGEON

Nothing is far from God.

MONICA OF HIPPO

If you seek your Lord Jesus in all things you will truly find Him, but if you seek yourself you will find yourself, and that will be to your own great loss.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

A holy life is not an ascetic, or gloomy or solitary life, but a life regulated by divine truth and faithful in Christian duty. It is living above the world while we are still in it.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

The sun makes ice melt; kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

Not much evil is done by evil people. Most of the evil is done by good people, who do not know that they are not good.

REINHOLD NIEBUHR



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

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

UNKNOWN

Fear. His *modus operandi* is to manipulate you with the  
mysterious, to taunt you with the unknown. Fear of death, fear of  
failure, fear of God, fear of tomorrow—his arsenal is vast. His  
goal? To create cowardly, joyless Christians. He doesn't want  
you to make that journey to the mountain. He figures if he can  
rattle you enough, you will take your eyes off the peaks and settle  
for a dull existence in the flat lands.

MAX LUCADO

You may have living and habitual conversation in heaven, under  
the aspect of the most simple, ordinary life. Remember that  
holiness does not consist in doing uncommon things, but in doing  
every thing with purity of heart.

HENRY E. MANNING

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new  
dream.

C. S. LEWIS

Our problems and troubles are really a gracious sharing with us by God of His cross. In a sense He is allowing us to take part in the redemption of the world through Christ by letting us carry small—very small—splinters of His cross.

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God does not do what false Christianity makes out—keep a man immune from trouble. God says, “I will be with him in trouble.”

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Our prayers will be most like the prayer of Christ if we do not ask God to show us what is going to be, or to make any particular thing happen, but only pray that we may be faithful in whatever happens.

HENRY ERNEST HARDY

We may be certain that whatever God has made prominent in his word, he intended to be conspicuous in our lives.

C. H. SPURGEON

Will-power does not change men. Time does not change men. Christ does.

HENRY DRUMMOND

If you feel insecure, then it must be that you are looking inward at yourself rather than upward at Jesus Christ.

HOWARD KELLY

I think that if God forgives us we must forgive ourselves.  
Otherwise it is almost like setting up ourselves as a higher  
tribunal than Him.

C. S. LEWIS

Find satisfaction in him who made you, and only then find  
satisfaction in yourself as part of his creation.

AUGUSTINE

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

RANDALL WORLEY

If you are in a difficult situation, a low mood, if you are afraid  
of other people and of yourself, if you are tormented, then tell  
yourself: "I will love everyone whom I meet in this life." Try  
to follow this rule; and you will see that everything will find  
its way, and everything will seem simple, and you will no  
longer have doubts or fears.

LEO TOLSTOY

In the name of Jesus Christ who was never in a hurry, we  
pray, O God, that You will slow us down, for we know that  
we live too fast. With all eternity before us, make us take time  
to live—time to get acquainted with You, time to enjoy Your  
blessing, and time to know each other.

PETER MARSHALL

Whether our work is a success or a failure has nothing to do with us. Our call is not to successful service, but to faithfulness.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

God's promises are to be the guide and measure of our desires and expectations.

MATTHEW HENRY

My new word: "Blesson." It's when you're able to view painful lessons as blessings. A blesson is what happens when you see the blessing in the lesson that your challenge taught you.

KAREN SALMANSOHN

Remember that you have only one soul; that you have only one death to die; that you have only one life, which is short and has to be lived by you alone; and there is only one glory, which is eternal. If you do this, there will be many things about which you care nothing.

TERESA OF AVILA

If we only have the will to walk, then God is pleased with our stumbles.

C. S. LEWIS

The finger of God never leaves identical fingerprints.

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There is no more significant involvement in another's life than prevailing, consistent prayer. It is more helpful than a gift of money, more encouraging than a strong sermon, more effective than a compliment, more reassuring than a physical embrace.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

We cannot pray and remain the same. We cannot pray and have our homes remain the same. We cannot pray and have the world about us remain the same. God has decreed to act in response to prayer. "Ask," he commands us. And Satan trembles in fear we will.

RUTH BELL GRAHAM

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

A little courage helps more than much knowledge, a little human sympathy more than much courage, and the least tincture of the love of God more than all.

C. S. LEWIS

If you go to Him to be guided, He will guide you, but He will not comfort your distrust or half-trust of Him by showing you the chart of all His purposes concerning you. He will show you only into a way where, if you go cheerfully and trustfully forward, He will show you on still farther.

HORACE BUSHNELL

Always remember that, every time you step out of your comfort zone, you step into God's comfort zone.

MARK CAHILL

If there be ground for you to trust in your own righteousness, then all that Christ did to purchase salvation, and all that God did to prepare the way for it, is in vain.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

A saint is never consciously a saint; a saint is consciously dependent on God.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

The safest road to hell is a gradual one. This safe road has a gentle slope, without turns, without milestones, without signposts, without warnings.

C. S. LEWIS

Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.

C. H. SPURGEON

Perhaps the main task of the minister is to prevent people from suffering for the wrong reasons.

HENRI NOUWEN

In this life, the Lord allows His saints to enjoy many sweet blessings, but none are more precious than those which occur deep in the valleys of disappointment, pain and heartache, where He without fail draws near.

GEORGE S. LAUDERDALE

Your mind is a garden, your thoughts are the seeds, the harvest can be either flowers or weeds.

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

Don't make the mistake of taking your will for God's will.

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Acceptances says, "True, this is my situation at the moment. I'll look unblinkingly at the reality of it. But I'll also open my hands to accept willingly whatever a loving Father sends me."

CATHERINE MARSHALL

A smile is the light in the window of your face that tells people you're at home.

UNKNOWN

Our heart oft times wakes when we sleep, and God can speak to that, either by words, by proverbs, by signs and similitudes, as well as if one was awake.

JOHN BUNYAN

The well of Providence is deep. It is the buckets we bring to it that are small.

MARY WEBB

Take God for your spouse and friend and walk with him continually, and you will not sin and will learn to love, and the things you must do will work out prosperously for you.

JOHN OF THE CROSS

Our biggest mistake is to think that a time of prayer is different from any other time. It is all one.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

Sin cannot be reduced to manageable proportions.

SINCLAIR FERGUSON

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.

C. S. LEWIS



Think of the blessings we so easily take for granted: Life itself; preservation from danger; every bit of health we enjoy; every hour of liberty; the ability to see, to hear, to speak, to think, and to imagine all this comes from the hand of God.

BILLY GRAHAM

Human reason is weak, and may be deceived, but true faith cannot be deceived.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

Prayer is such an ordinary, everyday, mundane thing. Certainly, people who pray are no more saints than the rest of us. Rather, they are people who want to share a life with God, to love and be loved, to speak and to listen, to work and to be at rest in the presence of God.

ROBERTA BONDI

Friendship is something that raised us almost above humanity. . .  
It is the sort of love one can imagine between angels.

C. S. LEWIS

If God's justice could be recognized as just by human comprehension, it would not be divine.

MARTIN LUTHER

We cannot love with words only. We must love in reality. That means bearing each other's burdens.

E. W. KENYON

Anyone who serves God will discover sooner or later that the great hindrance to his work is not others but himself.

WATCHMAN NEE

Salvation is the process that's done, that's secure, that no one can take away from you. Sanctification is the lifelong process of being changed from one degree of glory to the next, growing in Christ, putting away the old, taking on the new.

MAX LUCADO

Either God's Word keeps you from sin, or sin keeps you from God's Word.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

God is everywhere so pray anywhere.

UNKNOWN

Father, strip away from me whatever is blocking people's view of You in my life.

TIM WALTER

For most of us the hardest thing God could ask us to do is to wait.

GLORIA GAITHER

An American tourist in India stood by in awe as he watched Mother Teresa lovingly clean the infected wounds of a horribly disfigured leper, “Sister,” he commented, “I wouldn’t do that for a million dollars!” Her response, “Neither would I, brother. Neither would I.”

MOTHER TERESA

Prayer reveals to souls the vanity of earthly goods and pleasures. It fills them with light, strength and consolation, and gives them a foretaste of the calm bliss of our heavenly home.

ROSE OF VITERBO

The only true wisdom is to be always prepared to meet God, to put nothing off which concerns eternity and to live like men ready to depart at any moment.

J. C. RYLE

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

HENRY WARD BEECHER

God’s salvation comes as gift; it is eternal, and it is a continuum, meaning it starts when I receive the gift in faith and is never-ending.

FRANKLIN GRAHAM

Every single act of love bears the imprint of God.

UNKNOWN

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

FULTON OURSLER

I go out to preach with two propositions in mind. First,  
everyone ought to give his life to Christ. Second, whether or  
not anyone gives Him his life, I will give Him mine.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

The resurrection that awaits us beyond physical death will be but  
the glorious consummation of the risen life which already we  
have in Christ.

D. T. NILES

Words are but the body, the garment, the outside of prayer; sighs  
are nearer the heart-work.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

Why should I ever resist any delay or disappointment, any  
affliction or oppression or humiliation, when I know God will  
use it in my life to make me like Jesus and to prepare me for  
heaven?

KAY ARTHUR

We hurt people by being too busy. Too busy to notice their needs.  
Too busy to drop that note of comfort or encouragement or  
assurance of love. Too busy to listen when someone needs to  
talk. Too busy to care.

BILLY GRAHAM

Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible type of poverty.

MOTHER TERESA

It behooves the lover of Jesus to forsake all other love besides Him, for He will be loved alone, above all others. The love of creatures is deceptive and disappointing, but the love of Jesus is faithful and always abiding. He who clings to any creature must of necessity fail as the creature fails. But he who cleaves abidingly to Jesus shall be made firm in Him forever.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

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

ALAN REDPATH

In almost everything that touches our everyday life on earth, God is pleased when we're pleased. He wills that we be as free as birds to soar and sing our maker's praise without anxiety.

A. W. TOZER

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek his grace. And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

MAX LUCADO

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

J. H. VINCENT

There is not a single believer who from time to time has not had some hesitations about the existence of God. But these moments of hesitation are not harmful. On the contrary, they lead us to a better understanding of God.

LEO TOLSTOY

When the devil tries to remind you of your past, just turn around and remind him of his future.

UNKNOWN

If mountains can be moved by faith, is there less power in love?

FREDERICK FABER

The evils of riches, to the Christian, are the evils of distraction (the distraction that keeps men from thinking about God), the evils of a false dependence on the created order, and a would-be security that fails to take account of the inevitable fragility of human destiny on this earth.

D. L. MUNBY

Because we cannot see Christ we cannot express our love to Him; but our neighbors we can always see, and we can do to them what, if we saw Him, we would like to do to Christ.

MOTHER TERESA

Forgiveness is the oil of relationships.

JOSH MCDOWELL

The regular worshipper enters a new world every day, a world which did not exist yesterday, a bright new world wherein the miraculous and the divine are within his grasp.

REUBEN KATZ

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

MOTHER TERESA

Every day we live is a priceless gift of God, loaded with possibilities to learn something new, to gain fresh insights.

DALE EVANS ROGERS

Not only do we not know God except through Jesus Christ; We do not even know ourselves except through Jesus Christ.

BLAISE PASCAL

This is our destiny in heaven—to be like Christ: not Christ limited, as he was on earth, to the confines of time and flesh, but Christ risen, the great, free, timeless Christ of the Easter morning.

DAVID WINTER

Every friendship with God and every love between Him and a soul is the only one of its kind.

JANET ERSKINE STUART

To worship Him in truth means to worship Him honestly, without  
hypocrisy, standing open and transparent before Him.

ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ

Do what lets you sense God's pleasure.

UNKNOWN

Prayer is the mortar that holds our house together.

MOTHER TERESA

Tears have a tongue, and grammar, and language, that our Father  
knoweth.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

Leave Him to be the source of all your dreams and joys and  
delights, and go out and obey what He has said.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Frequently we pray that God would not forsake us in the hour of  
trial and temptation, but we too much forget that we have need to  
use this prayer at all times. There is no moment of our life,  
however holy, in which we can do without His constant  
upholding. Whether in light or in darkness, in communion or in  
temptation, we alike need the prayer, "Forsake me not, O Lord.  
Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe."

C. H. SPURGEON



I always repeat that we Missionaries of Charity are not social workers. We may be doing social work, but we are really contemplatives right at the heart of the world. We are with Jesus twenty-four hours a day. We do everything for Jesus. We do it to Jesus.

MOTHER TERESA

God raises the level of the impossible.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

If only we knew how to look at life as God sees it, we should realize that nothing is secular in the world, but that everything contributes to the building of the Kingdom of God.

MICHEL QUOIST

We can never be the better for our religion if our neighbor is the worse for it.

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We don't have to worry about how wise or clever we are—God chose the foolish. We don't have to worry about how powerful we are—God chose the weak. We don't have to worry about how popular we are, or even whether we'll amount to anything much—God chose the despised and the ones who were nothing. None of those human measurements counts when it comes to performing great acts in life—great acts as defined by God, acts of humility, obedience, and love.

JIMMY CARTER

No man, without trials and temptations, can attain a true understanding of the Holy Scriptures.

JOHN BUNYAN

The knowledge of God is very far from the love of Him.

BLAISE PASCAL

God would never permit evil if he could not bring good out of evil.

THOMAS WATSON

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

EDITH WHARTON

If you are humble, nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are.

MOTHER TERESA

You will never be an inwardly religious and devout man unless you pass over in silence the shortcomings of your fellow men, and diligently examine your own weaknesses.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

Many things in the Bible I cannot understand; many things in the Bible I only think I understand; but there are many things in the Bible I cannot misunderstand.

UNKNOWN

Grant me God and miracles take care of themselves!

A. W. TOZER

The reality of knowing Jesus comes as a result of hidden prayer, and personal Bible study that is devotional and consistent in nature. Christ becomes more real to those who persist in cultivation of His presence.

L. B. COWMAN

He knows God rightly who knows Him everywhere.

MEISTER ECKHART

This age needs a new inoculation of the Bible. It is the tonic we need when our hope “Blood count” is low. If we could take into our systems more of its good cheer, its poise, its courage, its quiet confidence in the long processes of life, it would act for us as the keel does for the ship; it would hold us steady in the time of storm, and keep us from bobbing aimlessly around.

ALBERT WILLIAM BEAVEN

All men who live with any degree of serenity live by some assurance of grace.

REINHOLD NIEBUHR

Spiritual discipline is the effort to create some space in which God can work.

HENRI NOUWEN

The rule that governs my life is this: Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it. This simple rule may help you find a safe road for your feet along life's road.

J. WILBUR CHAPMAN

Hold everything you own with an open hand.

GREEN TERRI

If God does not enter your kitchen, there is something wrong with your kitchen. If you can't take God into your recreation, there is something wrong with your play. We all believe in the God of the heroic. What we need most these days is the God of the humdrum, the commonplace, the everyday.

PETER MARSHALL

A lot of Christians are going to get to heaven and find out that God offered so much more than they experienced.

STEVE BROWN

We will have eternity to celebrate the victories, but only a few hours before sunset to win them.

AMY CARMICHAEL

Prayer is necessary because everything else is an illusion.

JOHN GARVEY

Prayer is a form of communication between God and man and man and God... I am always impressed by the fact that it is recorded that the only thing that the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to do was to pray.

HOWARD THURMAN

The tiniest fragment of obedience, and heaven opens up and the profoundest truths of God are yours straight away. God will never reveal more truth about himself till you obey what you know already.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

For those who have hidden fellowship with God, life is a continuous feast.

S. G. DE GRAAF

The Devil is a better theologian than any of us, yet is a Devil still.

A. W. TOZER

Don't let your happiness depend on something you may lose.

C. S. LEWIS

Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.

AUGUSTINE

A day without prayer is a boast against God.

OWEN CARR

Most Christians expect little from God, ask little, and therefore receive little, and are content with little.

A. W. PINK

We must strive to place ourselves completely in God's hands. Then He will cause us to feel the effects of His goodness and protection—which are at times extraordinary.

JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

Be ever engaged, so that whenever the devil calls he may find you occupied.

JEROME

I became my own only when I gave myself to Another.

C. S. LEWIS

Holiness consists of doing the will of God with a smile.

MOTHER TERESA

Life in the presence of God should be known to us in conscious experience. It is a life to be enjoyed every moment of every day.

A. W. TOZER

Our inner happiness depends not on what we experience but on the degree of our gratitude to God whatever the experience.

UNKNOWN

The source of humility is the habit of realizing the presence of  
God.

WILLIAM TEMPLE

Once in seven years I burn all my sermons for it is a shame if I  
cannot write better sermons now than I did seven years ago.

JOHN WESLEY

Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Our Lord worked with people as they were, and He was patient  
—not tolerant of sin, but compassionate.

VANCE HAVNER

Whether you are blessed with soul mates who settle into the most  
comfortable room inside you, or with those who walk with you  
just a little while, not one of these people crosses your path by  
chance. Each is a messenger, sent by God, to give you the  
wisdom, companionship, comfort, or challenge you need for a  
particular leg of your spiritual journey.

TRACI MULLINS

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

Joy is the serious business of heaven.

C. S. LEWIS

One of the most refreshing daily exercises that you will ever participate in is the choice to spend time in worship. It is of vital importance that you understand that the time spent in sheer worship is going to enable you to withstand the storms of life.

CAROL MCLEOD

The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.

THEODORE M. HESBURGH

True greatness is found in simple surrender to God's plan for our lives.

JIM CYMBALA

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

Christ revealed to humanity those things which their best selves already knew: that people are equal because the same spirit lives in all of them...Learn from the small children, behave like children, and treat all people on an equal basis, with love and tenderness.

LEO TOLSTOY



I ask Him daily and often momentarily to give me wisdom,  
understanding and bodily strength to do His will, hence I am  
asking and receiving all the time.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

When Christ comes into the human heart, a process begins that  
the Bible calls sanctification. You begin to grow in the grace and  
knowledge of Christ toward spiritual maturity. Sanctification  
actually means “separated” or “clean.” In one sense,  
sanctification is instantaneous. The moment you receive Christ as  
Saviour, the Holy Spirit comes into your heart. There is also a  
sense in which sanctification is progressive. You grow in the  
grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

BILLY GRAHAM

Let your words be the genuine picture of your heart.

JOHN WESLEY

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 theology is rather a divine life than a divine knowledge.

JEREMY TAYLOR

If God is your copilot, switch seats.

UNKNOWN

We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God.

THOMAS MERTON

Father; let me hold Your hand and like a child, walk with You down all my days, secure in Your love and in Your strength.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

All God's angels come to us disguised.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

God writes with a pen that never blots, speaks with a tongue that never slips, and acts with a hand that never fails.

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Strange, though I am saved from sin, I am not saved from sinning.

MARTIN LUTHER

If you aren't serving, you're just existing, because life is meant for ministry.

RICK WARREN

The attributes of God, though intelligible to us on their surface yet, for the very reason that they are infinite, transcend our comprehension, when they are dwelt upon, when they are followed out, and can only be received by faith.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

When filled with holy truth the mind rests.

C. H. SPURGEON

We are saved not by works, yet not without works.

JOHN CALVIN

Open hands should characterize the soul's attitude towards God—open to receive what he wants to give, open to give back what he wants to take.

ELISABETH ELLIOT

There is only one way to bring peace to the heart, joy to the mind, and beauty to the life; it is to accept and do the will of God.

WILLIAM BARCLAY

When I met Christ, I felt that I had swallowed sunshine.

E. STANLEY JONES

Faith does not eliminate problems. Faith keeps you in a trusting relationship with God in the midst of your problems.

HENRY BLACKABY

When we yield to discouragement, it is usually because we give too much thought to the past or to the future.

THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

Let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future.

FRANCOIS FENELON

Do not let Sunday be taken from you. If your soul has no Sunday, it becomes an orphan.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

If all things are possible with God, then all things are possible to him who believes in Him.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs, jolted by every pebble in the road.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

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

MARTIN LUTHER

Death cannot kill what never dies.

THOMAS TRAHERNE

Strength is found in weakness. Control is found in dependency.  
Power is found in surrender.

DAN ALLENDER

Our desires must not only be offered up to God, but they must all terminate in him, desiring nothing more than God, but still more and more of him.

MATTHEW HENRY

Convert your thoughts into prayer. As we are involved in unceasing thinking, so we are called to unceasing prayer. The difference is not that prayer is thinking about other things, but that prayer is thinking in dialogue. It is a move from self-centered monologue to a conversation with God.

HENRI NOUWEN

One with God is a majority.

BILLY GRAHAM

Francis of Assisi's safest haven was prayer; not of a single moment or idle, but prayer of long devotion...walking, sitting, eating or drinking, he was always intent upon prayer.

THOMAS OF CELANO

For Jesus, prayer was a vital element in making God's power available to people in need.

JIM REAPSOME

The law by which God rules us is as dear to him as the gospel by which he saves us.

WILLIAM SECKER

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

BILLY SUNDAY

Everyone has noticed how hard it is to turn our thoughts to God when everything is going well with us. We “have all we want” is a terrible saying when “all” does not include God.

C. S. LEWIS

Prayer no longer seems like an activity to me; it has become the continuing language of the relationship I believe God designed to fulfill a human life.

KEITH MILLER

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

ED MCCRAKEN

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

BRUCE WILKINSON

Purity of heart means to love God above all things and at the same time to see him everywhere in all things.

PIERRE TEILHARD DE CHARDIN

He who has slight thoughts of sin never had great thoughts of  
God.

JOHN OWEN

Each of us leads a secret thought life, an invisible life known only to us—it is not known to others. This secret life is usually very different from the visible you—the you that is known by others. Yet it is the real you, the you that is known by our God.

PATRICK MORLEY

The devil is a gentleman who never goes where he is not  
welcome.

JOHN LINCOLN

Jesus is not one of many ways to approach God, nor is He the  
best of several ways; He is the only way.

A. W. TOZER

The resurrection is an exploding flare announcing to all sincere seekers that it is safe to believe. Safe to believe in ultimate justice. Safe to believe in eternal bodies. Safe to believe in heaven as our estate and the earth as its porch. Safe to believe in a time where questions won't keep us awake and pain won't keep us down. Safe to believe in open graves and endless days and genuine praise.

MAX LUCADO

Material wealth is either a window through which we see God or  
a mirror in which we see ourselves.

WARREN WIERSBE

God's plan will continue on God's schedule.

A. W. TOZER

God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith;  
the warmth of Christmas, which is love;  
the all of Christmas, which is Christ.

WILDA ENGLISH

Every day, I find countless opportunities to decide whether I will  
obey God and demonstrate my love for Him or try to please  
myself or the world system.

BILL BRIGHT

Worry less about offending the people and more about offending  
the Gospel.

WILLIAM BROSEND

God blesses us in spite of our lives and not because of our lives.

MAX LUCADO

Once you become aware that the main business that you are here  
for is to know God, most of life's problems fall into place of their  
own accord.

J. I. PACKER



We must remember God more often than we draw breath.

GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS

Day by day we should weigh what we have granted to the spirit of the world against what we have denied to the spirit of Jesus, in thought and especially in deed.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

I am disposed to say grace upon twenty other occasions in the course of the day besides my dinner. I want a form for setting out upon a pleasant walk, for a moonlight ramble, for a friendly meeting or a solved problem.

CHARLES LAMB

Adversity stirs up and causes us to look at life differently. We are forced to deal with things on a deeper level. Nothing causes “self” to cave in like suffering. And once our religious facade begins to wear thin, God moves in and begins teaching us what real Christlikeness is about.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

The Bible is not an end in itself, but a means to bring men to an intimate and satisfying knowledge of God, that they may enter into Him, that they may delight in His Presence, may taste and know the inner sweetness of the very God Himself in the core and center of their hearts.

A. W. TOZER

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

If there are a thousand steps between us and God, he will take all  
but one. He will leave the final one for us. The choice is ours.

MAX LUCADO

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

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

UNKNOWN

Christ can triumph in a weaker man than I am, if there be any  
such.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of  
our children.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

Horizontal relationships—relationships between people—are crippled at the outset unless the vertical relationship—the relationship between each person and God—is in place.

ED YOUNG

The nails didn't keep Jesus on the cross—His love for you did.

UNKNOWN

If you think someone is guilty of wronging you, forgive him. If you have never forgiven the guilty before, you will experience a new joy: the joy of forgiving.

LEO TOLSTOY

Millions of hells of sinners cannot come near to exhaust infinite grace.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

Superior to a kind thought is a kind word, better than both is a kind deed.

UNKNOWN

Speak to Him, thou, for He hears, and Spirit with Spirit can meet—  
Closer is He than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet.

ALFRED TENNYSON

God didn't want me to do more for Him. He wanted me to be more with Him.

BRUCE WILKERSON

There is no use in talking as if forgiveness were easy. For we find that the work of forgiveness has to be done over and over again.

C. S. LEWIS

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

How easy is pen-and-paper piety! I will not say it costs nothing; but it is far cheaper to work one's head than one's heart to goodness. I can write a hundred meditations sooner than subdue the least sin in my soul.

THOMAS FULLER

Whoever seems to himself to have understood the divine scriptures in such a way that he does not build up that double love of God and neighbor has not yet understood.

AUGUSTINE

Set goals so big that unless God helps you, you will be a miserable failure.

BILL BRIGHT

Seek to cultivate a buoyant, joyous sense of the crowded kindnesses of God in your daily life.

ALEXANDER MACLAREN

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

HENRI NOUWEN

There is only one limit to what prayer can do; that is what God can do.

R. A. TORREY

The Holy Spirit cannot be located as a guest in a house. He invades everything.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

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

JIM ELLIOT

The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each others' burdens, easing other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas.

W. C. JONES

It is not thy hold on Christ that saves thee; it is Christ. It is not thy joy in Christ that saves thee; it is Christ. It is not even thy faith in Christ, though that be the instrument; it is Christ's blood and merit.

C. H. SPURGEON

To trust in Him when no need is pressing, when things seem going right of themselves, may be harder than when things seem going wrong.

GEORGE MACDONALD

When we are praying, the thought will often cross our minds that (if only we knew it) the event is already decided one way or the other. I believe this to be no good reason for ceasing our prayers. The event certainly has been decided—in a sense it was decided “before all worlds.” But one of the things that really cause it to happen may be this very prayer that we are now offering.

C. S. LEWIS

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

It is the righteous man who lives for the next generation.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

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

Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends.

GEORGE MULLER

Always ask, "What would Jesus do?"

UNKNOWN

From heaven even the most miserable life will look like one bad night at an inconvenient hotel.

TERESA OF AVILA

We talk about heaven being so far away. It is within speaking distance to those who belong there. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.

D. L. MOODY

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

I asked a man what made his life so radiant and bright. He answered: "Looking, looking toward the Light!"

UNKNOWN

Until your purpose lines up with God's purpose, you will never  
be happy or fulfilled.

CHARLES STANLEY

The merit of persons is to be no rule of our charity; but we are to  
do acts of kindness to those that least of all deserve it.

WILLIAM LAW

He should not preach about hell who cannot do it without tears.

D. L. MOODY

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

Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion;  
it is like a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more  
like Christ.

BILLY GRAHAM

Sometimes God will put a Goliath in your life for you to find a  
David within you.

UNKNOWN

The way to grow strong in Christ is to become weak in yourself.

C. H. SPURGEON



I trust in you, Lord, but keep helping me in my moments of  
distrust and doubt.

HENRI NOUWEN

Nothing can make our life, or the lives of other people, more  
beautiful than perpetual kindness.

LEO TOLSTOY

A friend is long sought, hardly found, and with difficulty kept.

JEROME

Now let us do something beautiful for God.

MOTHER TERESA

Pause, fellow-sinner, fellow man, before that wonderful Being  
that you find now in the manger, now on the cross; follow His  
wonderful footsteps; dwell on His words; hear His prayers;  
gaze on His tears, — nay, on His flowing blood, until you  
fully and firmly believe, never to doubt it, or forget that God  
loves us when we do not love Him.

EDWARD NORRIS KIRK

It is no use to pray for the old days; stand square where you are  
and make the present better than any past has been. Base all on  
your relationship to God and go forward, and presently you will  
find that what is emerging is infinitely better than the past ever  
was.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Christianity is not engrossed by this transitory world, but  
measures all things by the thought of eternity.

J. GRESHAM MACHEN

The Christian who has the smile of God needs no status symbols.

LEONARD RAVENHILL

When Jesus tells us to love our enemies, He Himself will give  
us the love with which to do it. We are neither factories nor  
reservoirs of His love, only channels. When we understand  
that, all excuse for pride is eliminated.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

Joy is the direct result of having God's perspective on our daily  
lives and the effect of loving our Lord enough to obey His  
commands and trust His promises.

BILL BRIGHT

A God on the cross! That is all my theology.

JEAN LACORDAIRE

The fear of God is the death of every other fear.

C. H. SPURGEON

Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the presence of God no  
matter what the conflict.

UNKNOWN

Happiness depends on what happens; joy does not.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

God is conqueror—that is what the resurrection declares. God is conqueror—that is what life confirms. The faith by which we live is faith in a conquering God.

ALBERT E. DAY

Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side, and bend to every necessity of our brethren.

MARTIN LUTHER

The Bible is meant to be bread for our daily use, not just cake for special occasions.

UNKNOWN

The whole point of this life is the healing of the heart's eye through which God is seen.

AUGUSTINE

The call to unceasing prayer is not an invitation to divided consciousness; it does not imply that we pay any less attention to daily realities or retreat from life's responsibilities. It means being consciously constantly conscious of the presence of God amidst the changing complexion of everyday life.

DEBRA FARRINGTON

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

Love means loving the unlovable—or it is no virtue at all.

UNKNOWN

Begin now to be what you will be hereafter.

JEROME

When you suffer and lose, that does not mean you are being  
disobedient to God. In fact, it might mean you're right in the  
center of His will. The path of obedience is often marked by  
times of suffering and loss.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

Reflect that true humility consists to a great extent in being  
ready for what the Lord desires to do with you, and happy that  
He should do it, and in always considering yourselves  
unworthy to be called His servants.

TERESA OF AVILA

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

KATHERINE MANSFIELD

Christian life consists in faith and charity.

MARTIN LUTHER

God is the God of promise. He keeps His word, even when that seems impossible; even when the circumstances seem to point to the opposite.

CARL URQUHART

The Church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of imperfect ones.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

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

We are always making an offering. If we do not give to God, we give to the devil.

VANCE HAVNER

Christ chargeth me to believe His daylight at midnight.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

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

This is the secret of joy. We shall no longer strive for our own way; but commit ourselves, easily and simply, to God's way, acquiesce in his will and in so doing find our peace.

EVELYN UNDERHILL

Christianity is bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions.

UNKNOWN

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

JAMES DOBSON

Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade, the presence of God.

C. S. LEWIS

A loving heart is the truest wisdom.

CHARLES DICKENS

God is that, than which nothing greater can be conceived.

ANSELM OF CANTERBURY

I do not know of a denomination or local church in existence that has as its goal to teach its people to do everything Jesus said.

DALLAS WILLARD

If you're going through difficult times today, hold steady. It will change soon. If you are experiencing smooth sailing and easy times now, brace yourself. It will change soon. The only thing you can be certain of is change.

JAMES DOBSON

What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?

JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU

So wait before the Lord. Wait in the stillness. And in that stillness, assurance will come to you. You will know that you are heard; you will know that your Lord ponders the voice of your humble desires; you will hear quiet words spoken to you yourself, perhaps to your grateful surprise and refreshment.

AMY CARMICHAEL

Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance.

Where there is patience and humility, there is neither anger nor vexation.

Where there is poverty and joy, there is neither greed nor avarice.

Where there is peace and meditation, there is neither anxiety nor doubt.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

No sorrow touches man until it has been filtered through the heart of God.

JOSEPH D. BLINCO

God's designs regarding you, and His methods of bringing about these designs, are infinitely wise.

JEANNE GUYON

The church is so subnormal that if it ever got back to the New Testament normal it would seem to people to be abnormal.

VANCE HAVNER

Bitterness and anger, usually over trivial things, make havoc of homes, churches, and friendships.

WARREN WIERSBE

You can count on this—the past ended one second ago. From this point onward, you can be clean, filled with His Spirit, and used in many different ways for His honor.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

You pay God a compliment by asking great things of Him.

TERESA OF AVILA

It is later than it has ever been before, and the smartest thing any man can do is to set his watch by God's clock.

VANCE HAVNER

The Lord will either calm your storm or allow it to rage while He calms you.

UNKNOWN



But whatever you do, find the God-centered, Christ-exalting, Bible-saturated passion of your life, and find your way to say it and live for it and die for it. And you will make a difference that lasts. You will not waste your life.

JOHN PIPER

The way to worry about nothing is to pray about everything.

UNKNOWN

Here is a rule for everyday life: Do not do anything which you cannot offer to God.

JOHN VIANNEY

The level of fear you feel about death is the level of your understanding of life. The less you fear death, the more you possess freedom, tranquillity, and an understanding of the greatness of your spirit and the joy of life. The understanding of eternity is part of the nature of the human soul.

LEO TOLSTOY

More than a house, a love-built home is where the heart dwells when warmed by the steadfast presence of God.

CHRISTINE DALLMAN

Love is a great teacher.

AUGUSTINE

Approach the Scriptures not so much as a manual of Christian principles but as the testimony of God's friends on what it means to walk with him through a thousand different episodes.

JOHN ELDREDGE

The return of Easter should be to the Christian life the call of a trumpet. It is the news of a great victory. It is the solution of a great perplexity. It is the assurance of a great triumph.

FREDERICK TEMPLE

I've sometimes been stunned, when praying through my list of things to do, that God will highlight only one of them for me to work on for that particular day. "Just do this one thing," God seems to be saying, "and you can have the rest of the day to do whatever else you want." I've found it incredibly freeing, both mentally and physically, to let God set my agenda for the day.

ERIC ELDER

The true Bible is not the dead book, but the living reality, developed by the Spirit of God in the conscience of mankind. It is not a printed thing. The printed thing is the memorial of it, a souvenir of it, a mere chart; and a chart is not the ocean.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

I remember two things, that I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Savior.

JOHN NEWTON

What can be more excellent than prayer; what is more profitable to our life; what sweeter to our souls; what more sublime, in the course of our whole life, than the practice of prayer!

AUGUSTINE

God's gifts are meted out according to the taker, not according to the giver.

MEISTER ECKHART

Realize that you must lead a dying life; the more a man dies to himself, the more he begins to live unto God.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

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

UNKNOWN

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

BILLY GRAHAM

Prayer is my chief work; by it I carry on all else.

WILLIAM LAW

God never strikes except for motives of love, and never takes away but in order to give.

FRANCOIS FENELON

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

UNKNOWN

Life with Christ is endless love; without Him it is a loveless end.

BILLY GRAHAM

How rare it is to find a soul quiet enough to hear God speak!

FRANCOIS FENELON

“Love is the fulfilling of the Law.” It is the rule for fulfilling all rules, the new commandment for keeping all old commandments, Christ's one secret of the Christian life.

HENRY DRUMMOND

It is not my ability, but my response to God's ability, that counts.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

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

G. K. CHESTERTON

Discouragement comes when we insist on having our own way.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

I am filled with shame and confusion, when I reflect on the one hand upon the great favors which God has done, and incessantly continues to do; and on the other, upon the ill use I have made of them, and my small advancement in the way of perfection.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

God permits some to suffer most, that they might experience the deepest joy.

WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD

Satan sometimes suggests that an offering will satisfy God, when in fact He is demanding our all.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

Choose a suitable time for reflection and frequently consider the loving-kindness of God.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

Cemeteries interrupt the finest families. Retirement finds the best employees. Age withers the strongest bodies. With life comes change. But with change comes the reassuring appreciation of heaven's permanence.

MAX LUCADO

Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them.

ELISABETH ELLIOT

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 presence of Christ brings us his power and ability to use our  
limited resources in his limitless ways.

REBECCA MANLEY PIPPERT

The most overlooked peacemaker is kindness.

MOTHER TERESA

To speak painful truth through loving words—that is friendship.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

Our life of poverty is as necessary as the work itself. Only in  
heaven will we see how much we owe to the poor for helping us  
to love God better because of them.

MOTHER TERESA

No man can hinder our private addresses to God; every man  
can build a chapel in his breast, himself the priest, his heart the  
sacrifice, and the earth he treads on, the altar.

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

God is ready to assume full responsibility for the life wholly  
yielded to Him.

ANDREW MURRAY

No matter how badly we have failed, we can always get up and begin again. Our God is the God of new beginnings.

WARREN WIERSBE

We may wonder whom can I love and serve? Where is the face of God to whom I can pray? The answer is simple. That naked one. That lonely one. That unwanted one is my brother and my sister. If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

MOTHER TERESA

Those talents which God has bestowed upon us are not our own goods but the free gifts of God; and any persons who become proud of them show their ungratefulness.

JOHN CALVIN

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

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

The life that is rightly related to God is as natural as breathing.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

You don't have a soul. You are a Soul. You have a body.

C. S. LEWIS

To pray is to expose ourselves to God as we do to heat or  
sunlight.

LOUIS EVELY

Mirth is God's medicine.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

I love you, Lord, not doubtingly, but with absolute certainty. Your  
Word beat upon my heart until I fell in love with you, and now  
the universe and everything in it tells me to love you, and tells the  
same thing to us all.

AUGUSTINE

Maintenance of the devotional mood is indispensable to success  
in the Christian life.

A. W. TOZER

A Christian is the world's Bible—and some of them need  
revising.

D. L. MOODY

The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness  
and the world's deep hunger meet.

FREDERICK BUECHNER

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

LEON JAWORSKI



Is your child learning of the love of God through your love,  
tenderness, and mercy?

JAMES DOBSON

Let him make our lives narrow; let him make them intense; let  
him make them absolutely his!

OSWALD CHAMBERS

The more we know of God the more unreservedly we will trust  
him; the greater our progress in theology, the simpler and more  
childlike will be our faith.

J. GRESHAM MACHEN

Peacefully do at each moment what at that moment ought to be  
done. If we do what each moment requires, we will eventually  
complete God's plan, whatever it is. We can trust God to take  
care of the master plan when we take care of the details.

KATHARINE DREXEL

Oh, how great peace and quietness would he possess who should  
cut off all vain anxiety and place all his confidence in God.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need  
to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call  
attention to their shining—they just shine.

D. L. MOODY

Christ is the great central fact in the world's history. To him everything looks forward or backwards. All the lines of history converge upon him. All the great purposes of God culminate in him. The greatest and most momentous fact which the history of the world records is the fact of his birth.

C. H. SPURGEON

When God is our strength, it is strength indeed; when our strength is our own, it is only weakness.

AUGUSTINE

The gospel is good news only if it arrives in time.

CARL F. H. HENRY

The study of God's Word for the purpose of discovering God's will is the secret discipline which has formed the greatest characters.

JAMES W. ALEXANDER

Now I begin to be a disciple. Let fire and cross, flocks of beasts, broken bones, dismemberment come upon me, so long as I attain to Jesus Christ.

IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

To pray is the greatest thing we can do, and to do it well, there must be calmness, time, and deliberation.

E. M. BOUNDS

Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a permanent attitude.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Let us give up our work, our thoughts, our plans, our selves, our lives, our loved ones, over all into His hands. When you have given all unto God, there will be nothing left for you to be troubled about.

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

Treat your friends like family and your family like friends.

UNKNOWN

We must know men to love them, but love God to know Him.

BLAISE PASCAL

The creation is quite like a spacious and splendid house, provided and filled with the most exquisite and the most abundant furnishings. Everything in it tells us of God.

JOHN CALVIN

Charity begins today. Today somebody is suffering, today somebody is in the street, today somebody is hungry. Our work is for today, yesterday has gone, tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today.

MOTHER TERESA

It must be borne in mind that God foreknows but does not predetermine everything, since He foreknows all that is in us, but does not predetermine it all.

JOHN OF DAMASCUS

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

The heartfelt praises of one true believer are more precious to God than all the 220,000 oxen and the 120,000 sheep that Solomon offered to God at the dedication of the temple.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

It is right that you should begin again every day. There is no better way to finish the spiritual life than to be ever beginning.

FRANCIS DE SALES

A state of mind that sees God in everything is evidence of growth in grace and a thankful heart.

CHARLES FINNEY

Your theology is what you are when the talking stops and the action starts.

COLIN MORRIS

To the true servant of God every place is the right place and  
every time is the right time.

CATHERINE OF SIENA

Our problem is not needing to know the truth about tomorrow;  
it's needing to live the truth we know today.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

What is there then that can blight our Christian hope; for  
apparently there is no person, place or thing that can neutralize  
the exhilarating truth that God is never far from any of us.

JAMES TURRO

The more selective you are about seeds, the more delighted you  
will be with the crop.

MAX LUCADO

While it is a crucial mistake to assume that churches can be  
on an outward journey without being on an inward one, it is  
equally disastrous to assume that one can make the journey  
inward without taking the journey outward.

ELIZABETH O'CONNOR

Lord, help me to accomplish great things for Thee by doing the  
little things that lie at hand.

JAMES KELLER

Grace is not simply leniency when we have sinned. Grace is the enabling gift of God not to sin. Grace is power, not just pardon. Therefore the effort we make to obey God is not an effort done in our own strength, but in the strength which God supplies.

JOHN PIPER

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

C. H. SPURGEON

When we depend on organizations, we get what organizations can do; when we depend on education, we get what education can do, when we depend on man, we get what man can do; but when we depend on prayer, we get what God can do.

A. C. DIXON

Courage, dear heart.

C. S. LEWIS

We should not only understand the importance of our waiting on God but also realize something even more wonderful—the Lord waits on us. And the very thought of His waiting on us will give us renewed motivation and inspiration to “wait for Him.” It will also provide inexpressible confidence that our waiting will never be in vain. God knows He cannot gather the fruit until it is ripe, and He knows precisely when we are spiritually ready to receive blessings for our gain and His glory.

L. B. COWMAN

In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and  
you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed.

JOHN OF THE CROSS

Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice  
melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to  
evaporate.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

The time we spend in having our daily audience with God is the  
most precious part of the whole day.

MOTHER TERESA

The best is perhaps what we understand the least.

C. S. LEWIS

When a Christian is in the wrong place, his right place is empty.

T. J. BACH

All men desire peace, but few desire the things that make for  
peace.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

When you're full of yourself, God can't fill you. But when you  
empty yourself, God has a useful vessel.

MAX LUCADO

Faith is the radical trust that home has always been there and  
always will be there.

HENRI NOUWEN

The Word of God is like an anchor. Each time you read it, you  
are putting your anchor in the ground and holding on.

KELLY NEEDHAM

My situation is urgent, and I cannot see how I will ever be  
delivered. Yet this is not my concern, for He who made the  
promise will find a way to keep it. My part is simply to obey His  
commands, not to direct His ways. I am His servant, not His  
advisor. I call upon Him and He will deliver me.

C. H. SPURGEON

Faith is the force of life.

LEO TOLSTOY

If you discern God's love in every moment of happiness, you  
will multiply a thousandfold your capacity to fully enjoy your  
blessings.

FRANCES J. ROBERTS

You will invest your life in something, or you will throw it away  
on nothing.

HADDON ROBINSON



We have a whole Christ for our salvation, a whole Bible for our staff, a whole church for our fellowship, and a whole world for our parish.

JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Human beings divide the human race horizontally: upper class, middle class, lower class. But Christ divides it vertically: to the right and to the left; and its Christ's division which will stand.

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We have all a few moments in life of hard, glorious running; but we have days and years of walking—the uneventful discharge of small duties.

ALEXANDER MACLAREN

My very soul was flooded with celestial light. For the first time I realized that I had been trying to hold the world in one hand and the Lord in the other.

FRANCES CROSBY

The harder a man tries to be himself without being right with God, the less like himself he becomes and the more like everyone else he is. Man was made to have fellowship with God, and man is never himself until he submits to this divine rule. Not your talent first, or your money, or your time, or your service, but the complete “you” is what God requests and requires—not that he might make you into a slave, but that he might emancipate you.

RICHARD HALVERSON

Christ is like a river that is continually flowing. There are always fresh supplies of water coming from the fountainhead, so that a man may live by it and be supplied with water all his life. So Christ is an every-flowing fountain; he is continually supplying his people, and the fountain is not spent. They who live upon Christ may have fresh supplies from him for all eternity; they may have an increase of blessedness that is new, and new still, and which never will come to an end.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

The victory lies not with us, but with Christ, who has taken on him both to conquer for us and to conquer in us.

RICHARD SIBBES

Have you prayed about your problem as much as you have talked about it?

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There is absolutely no evidence that complexity and materialism lead to happiness. On the contrary, there is plenty of evidence that simplicity and spirituality lead to joy, a blessedness that is better than happiness.

DENNIS SWANBERG

The Gateway to Christianity is not through an intricate labyrinth of dogma, but by a simple belief in the person of Christ.

WILLIAM LYON PHELPS

Nobody worries about Christ as long as he can be kept shut up in churches. He is quite safe inside. But there is always trouble if you try and let him out.

G. A. STUDDERT KENNEDY

My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: that I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Savior.

JOHN NEWTON

There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.

FRENCH PROVERB

God commands us to be filled with the Spirit; and if we aren't filled, it's because we're living beneath our privileges.

D. L. MOODY

Let us see God before man every day.

ROBERT M'CHEYNE

Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility.

AUGUSTINE

Buried under the biggest burden is a good place to find an ever bigger blessing.

JANETTE OKE

When you can't see him, trust him. Jesus is closer than you ever dreamed.

MAX LUCADO

Grant me, O Lord, to know what is worth knowing, to love what is worth loving, to praise what delights you most, to value what is precious in your sight, to hate what is offensive to you. Do not let me judge by what I see, nor pass sentence according to what I hear, but to judge rightly between things that differ, and above all to search out and to do what pleases you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

O Lord, baptize our hearts into a sense of the conditions and needs of all men.

GEORGE FOX

Fill the heart with the love of Christ so that only truth and purity can come out of the mouth.

WARREN WIERSBE

I prayed for faith and thought it would strike me like lightning. But faith did not come. One day I read, "Now faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now began to study my Bible and faith has been growing ever since.

D. L. MOODY

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

No man ever sunk under the burden of the day. It is when tomorrow's burden is added to the burden of day that the weight is more than a man can bear. Never load yourself so. If you find yourself so loaded, at least remember this: it is your own doing, not God's. He begs you to leave the future to Him and mind the present.

GEORGE MACDONALD

So often I simply react to a situation rather than remembering how my God would have me respond because of who He is and because of what He has said.

KAY ARTHUR

The probability of life originating from accident is comparable to the probability of the Unabridged Dictionary resulting from an explosion in a printing factory.

EDWIN CONKIN

God created the world for reasons that are sufficient unto himself. It is not necessary that we be told these reasons. As long as we know that God loves us, we have a base for hope. And when we have hope, all else can be borne in patience.

EDWARD JOHN CARNELL

He cannot bless us unless He has us. When we try to keep within  
us an area that is our own, we try to keep an area of death.  
Therefore, in love, He claims all. There's no bargaining with  
Him.

C. S. LEWIS

I feel a tension within me. I have only a number of years left for  
the active ministry. Why not use them well? Yet one word spoken  
with a pure heart is worth thousands spoken in a state of spiritual  
turmoil. Time given to inner renewal is never wasted. God is  
never in a hurry.

HENRI NOUWEN

If there is joy in the world, surely the man of pure heart possesses  
it.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

If you pray for bread and bring no basket to carry it, you prove  
the doubting spirit which may be the only hindrance to the gift  
you ask.

D. L. MOODY

I am greater than the stars for I know that they are up there and  
they do not know that I am down here.

WILLIAM TEMPLE

A smile costs nothing but gives much. It enriches those who receive without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it and none is so poor that he cannot be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

DALE CARNEGIE

Think of stepping on shore and finding it heaven! Of taking hold of a hand and finding it God's! Of breathing a new air and finding it celestial air! Of feeling invigorated and finding it immortality! Of passing from storm and stress to a perfect calm! Of waking and finding it home!

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Our sense of sin is in proportion to our nearness to God.

THOMAS D. BERNARD

If your Christianity doesn't work at home, then it doesn't work at all. So don't export it.

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It is not about never doubting, it is about coming out on the other side with twice the faith you had going into your doubt.

BETH MOORE

It is good for us to think no grace or blessing truly ours, till we are aware that God has blessed someone else with it through us.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

God will never plant the seed of his life upon the soil of a hard, unbroken spirit. He will only plant that seed where the conviction of his Spirit has brought brokenness, where the soil has been watered with the tears of repentance as well as the tears of joy.

ALAN REDPATH

Here's the Significance Test: "Does what I am about to do contribute to the welfare of others in demonstration of faith, love, obedience, and service to Christ?"

PATRICK MORLEY

God insists that we ask, not because He needs to know our situation, but because we need the spiritual discipline of asking.

CATHERINE MARSHALL

Each of us has the crippling tendency to forget what God has done for us. For a while, we're humbled. Then if we don't guard our hearts and minds, we begin to think God is so good to us because we have done something right.

BETH MOORE



Nothing transcends the power of God. Whether our difficulty is from Satan, others, self-inflicted, or experienced in the process of our obedience, it is God's prerogative to rearrange, reconstruct, reinterpret, and realign the situation to bring glory and praise to His name.

JOSEPH STOWELL

Mankind wants glory. We want health. We want wealth. We want happiness. We want all our felt needs met, all our little human itches scratched. We want a painless life. We want the crown without the cross. We want the gain without the pain. We want the words of Christ's salvation to be easy.

JOHN MACARTHUR

He so loved us that, for our sake,  
He was made man in time, although through him all times were made.

He was made man, who made man.

He was created of a mother whom he created.

He was carried by hands that he formed.

He cried in the manger in wordless infancy, he the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute.

AUGUSTINE

Nobody is kind to only one person at once, but to many persons in one.

FREDERICK FABER

I firmly believe a great many prayers are not answered because  
we are not willing to forgive someone.

D. L. MOODY

Every Christian occupies some kind of pulpit and preaches some  
kind of sermon everyday.

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We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

God's goal is not to make you happy. It is to make you his.

MAX LUCADO

Man without God is a seed upon the wind.

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It is not darkness you are going to, for God is Light. It is not  
lonely, for Christ is with you. It is not unknown country, for  
Christ is there.

CHARLES KINGSLEY

Men give advice; God gives guidance.

LEONARD RAVENHILL

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

God sent me 1,000 hints that he didn't want me to keep doing  
what I was doing. But I didn't listen, so he set off a nuclear  
bomb.

JACK ABRAMOFF

The gift of the Holy Spirit closes the gap between the life of God  
and ours. When we allow the love of God to move in us we can  
no longer distinguish ours and his; he becomes us, he lives us. It  
is the first fruits of the Spirit, the beginning of our being made  
divine.

AUSTIN FARRER

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

It is true that all God requires of us we lack; but it is also true that  
all we need He supplies.

EVAN HENRY HOPKINS

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

JEREMY TAYLOR

Your best days are near 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.

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So many times we say that we can't serve God because we aren't whatever is needed. We're not talented enough or smart enough or whatever. But if you are in covenant with Jesus Christ, He is responsible for covering your weaknesses, for being your strength. He will give you His abilities for your disabilities!

KAY ARTHUR

True prayer is measured by weight, not by length. A single groan before God may have more fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length.

C. H. SPURGEON

Sainthood lies in the habit of referring the smallest actions to God.

C. S. LEWIS

He can give us a crop in one year that will make up for ten.

D. MARTYN LLOYD-JONES

One of the most fundamental marks of true repentance is a disposition to see our sins as God sees them.

CHARLES SIMEON

Jesus, please teach me to appreciate what I have before time forces me to appreciate what I had.

SUSAN L. LENZKES

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

C. H. SPURGEON

When you pray, you are not starting the conversation from scratch, you are just remembering to plug back into a conversation that's always in progress.

ANNE LAMOTT

The serene, silent beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world, next to the might of God.

BLAISE PASCAL

Keep company with the more cheerful sort of the godly; there is no mirth like the mirth of believers.

RICHARD BAXTER

We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But if that drop was not in the ocean, I think the ocean would be less because of that missing drop. I do not agree with the big way of doing things.

MOTHER TERESA

God often visits us, but most of the time we are not at home.

FRENCH PROVERB

I owe more to the fire and the hammer and the file than to  
anything else in my Lord's workshop.

C. H. SPURGEON

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

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If the Lord be with us, we have no cause of fear. His eye is upon  
us, His arm over us, His ear open to our prayer—His grace  
sufficient, His promise unchangeable.

JOHN NEWTON

God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith;  
the warmth of Christmas, which is love;  
the radiance of Christmas, which is purity.  
God grant you the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;  
the belief in Christmas, which is truth;  
the all of Christmas, which is Christ.

WILDA ENGLISH

Churches are good for prayer, but so are garages and cars and  
mountains and showers and dance floors.

ANNE LAMOTT

Every day you have another opportunity to affect your future  
with the words you speak to God.

STORMIE OMARTIAN

As a good Christian should consider every place holy because God is there, so he should look upon every part of his life as a matter of holiness because it is to be offered unto God.

WILLIAM LAW

Do little things as though they were great, because of the majesty of Jesus Christ who does them in us, and who lives our life. Likewise, do the greatest things as though they were little and easy, because of His omnipotence.

BLAISE PASCAL

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.

MOTHER TERESA

Oh, beware! Do not seek to be something! Let me be nothing, and Christ be all in all.

JOHN WESLEY

Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love, and the future to God's providence.

AUGUSTINE

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

JOHN RICE

The true Christian ideal is not to be happy but to be holy.

A. W. TOZER

God is impressed, not with noise or size or wealth, but with quiet things...things done in secret—the inner motives, the true heart condition.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

Do not work so hard for Christ that you have no strength to pray,  
for prayer requires strength.

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

The Bible is our vineyard, and there we should all labor and toil.

MARTIN LUTHER

When a true thought enters any man's mind, be he saint or sinner, it must of necessity be God's thought, for God is the origin of all true thoughts and things. That is why many real truths are spoken and written by persons other than Christians.

A. W. TOZER

As light increases we see ourselves to be worse than we thought.

FRANCOIS FENELON

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

THOMAS À KEMPIS



What we love we shall grow to resemble.

BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

The wonderful thing about God's schoolroom is that we get to grade our own papers. You see, He doesn't test us so He can learn how well we're doing. He tests us so we can discover how well we're doing.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

Silence is not much preached today, so it is for prayer to preach it. If we do not listen we do not come to the truth. If we do not pray we do not even get as far as listening. The four things go together: silence, listening, prayer, truth.

HUBERT VAN ZELLER

They travel lightly whom God's grace carries.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.

MOTHER TERESA

Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there.

CLARENCE W. HALL

Easter is to our faith what water is to the ocean, what stone is to the mountain, what blood is to the body.

RAYMOND LINQUIST

A humble heart is like a magnet that draws the favor of God  
toward us.

JIM CYMBALA

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

BILLY GRAHAM

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

ANNA SHIPTON

Each day just ask Jesus to go with you and listen to his counsel.  
Ask for discernment and wisdom and The God of all will grant  
you these things for he has promised to answer whatever you ask  
if you ask for something which is in his will for you. The only  
time it won't go well with you, if the Lord wants you somewhere  
else.

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The secret of a governable tongue is not self-control but Christ-  
control.

GEORGE SWEETING

I often wonder if my knowledge about God has not become my  
greatest stumbling block to my knowledge of God.

HENRI NOUWEN

What is the use of praying if at the very moment of prayer we have so little confidence in God that we are busy planning our own kind of answer to our prayer?

THOMAS MERTON

Follow me; I am the way, the truth, and the life.  
Without the way there is no going;  
Without the truth there is no knowing;  
Without the life there is no living.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

Then let every heart keep Christmas within:  
Christ's pity for sorrow,  
Christ's hatred for sin,  
Christ's care for the weakest,  
Christ's courage for right.  
Everywhere, everywhere,  
Christmas tonight!

PHILLIPS BROOKS

God's mercies come day by day. They come when we need them—not earlier and not later. God gives us what we need today. If we needed more, He would give us more. When we need something else, He will give that as well. Nothing we truly need will ever be withheld from us. Search your problems, and within them you will discover the well-disguised mercies of God.

RAY PRITCHARD

Whenever our desire to be right overshadows our desire for another person's well-being, we are not living for Kingdom purposes.

MARY ALBERT DARLING

The best thing to give your enemy is forgiveness;  
to an opponent, tolerance;  
to a friend, your heart;  
to your child, a good example;  
to a father, deference;  
to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you;  
to yourself, respect;  
to all men, charity.

JOHN BALFOUR

The word grace emphasizes at one and the same time the helpless poverty of man and the limitless kindness of God.

WILLIAM BARCLAY

When a man is getting better, he understands more and more clearly the evil that is still in him. When a man is getting worse, he understands his own badness less and less.

C. S. LEWIS

A humble person can neither be put down nor exalted; he can neither be humiliated nor honored: he remains the same person under all circumstances.

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Prayer is not eloquence, but earnestness; not the definition of helplessness, but the feeling of it; not figures of speech, but earnestness of soul.

HANNAH MORE

Christmas is based on an exchange of gifts: the gift of God to man—his Son; and the gift of man to God—when we first give ourselves to God.

VANCE HAVNER

The life of faith does not earn eternal life; it is eternal life; and Christ is its vehicle.

WILLIAM TEMPLE

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

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The main evidence that we are growing in Christ is not exhilarating prayer experiences, but steadily increasing, humble love for other people.

FREDERICA MATHEWES-GREEN

It is not necessary to maintain a conversation when we are in the presence of God. We can come into His presence and rest our weary souls in quiet contemplation of Him. Our groanings, which cannot be uttered, rise to Him and tell Him better than words how dependent we are upon Him.

OLE HALLESBY

If we're not telling God and our family that we love them, we  
just wasted a day of our life.

TED ROBERTS

Good and evil both increase at compound interest. That is why  
the little decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite  
importance.

C. S. LEWIS

What happens when we praise the Father? We reestablish the  
proper chain of command.

MAX LUCADO

Immanuel, God with us in our nature, in our sorrow, in our  
lifework, in our punishment, in our grave, and now with us, or  
rather we with Him, in resurrection, ascension, triumph, and  
Second Advent splendor.

C. H. SPURGEON

Frustration is not the will of God. There is time to do anything  
and everything that God wants us to do.

ELISABETH ELLIOT

It is vanity to desire a long life and to take no heed of a good life.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

The argument for the risen Christ is the living Christian.

WINIFRED KIRKLAND

Sin wouldn't be so attractive if the wages were paid immediately.

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To be sensible of our corruption and abhor our own transgressions is the first symptom of spiritual health.

J. C. RYLE

Being born again is God's solution to our need for love and life and light.

ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ

How often do we attempt work for God to the limit of our incompetency, rather than the limit of God's omnipotence?

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

Nothing but the name of Jesus can restrain the impulse of anger, repress the swelling of pride, cure the world of envy, bridle the onslaught of luxury, extinguish the flame of carnal desire—can temper avarice, and put to flight impure and ignoble thoughts.

BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

When all the suns and nebulae have passed away, each one of you will still be alive.

C. S. LEWIS

The cruelest lies are often told in silence.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

We need to learn to know Him so well that we feel safe when we have left our difficulties with Him. To know Jesus in that way is a prerequisite of all true prayer.

OLE HALLESBY

How far away is heaven? It is not so far as some imagine. It wasn't very far for Daniel. It was not so far off that Elijah's prayer, and those of others could not be heard there. Men full of the Spirit can look right into heaven.

D. L. MOODY

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

OSWALD CHAMBERS

The Bible as a book stands alone. There never was, nor ever will be, another like it. As there is but one sun to enlighten the world naturally, so there is but one Book to enlighten the world spiritually. May that Book become to each of us the man of our counsel, the guide of our journey, the inspiration of our thought, and our support and comfort in life and in death.

THOMAS GALLOWAY

Will you let the fear of a false world, that has no love for you, keep you from the fear of that God, who has only created you, that he may love and bless you to all eternity?

WILLIAM LAW



Lord, shine in me and so be in me that all with whom I come in contact may know thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Friendship is one of the sweetest joys of life. Many might have failed beneath the bitterness of their trial had they not found a friend.

C. H. SPURGEON

Lord, help us to remember that we are only limited by all that you are.

IAN THOMAS

God has, quite literally, all the time in the world for each of us.

PHILIP YANCEY

To pray only when in peril is to use safety belts only in heavy traffic.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

In making our decisions, we must use the brains that God has given us. But we must also use our hearts which He also gave us.

FULTON OURSLER

Carve your name on hearts, not on marble.

C. H. SPURGEON

Great grief makes sacred those upon whom it is laid. Joy may  
elevate, ambition glorify, but only sorrow can consecrate.

HORACE GREELEY

I am to become a Christ to my neighbor and need to be for him  
what Christ is for me.

MARTIN LUTHER

I do not believe there is such a thing in the history of God's  
eternal kingdom as a right prayer, offered in the right spirit, that  
remains forever unanswered.

THEODORE L. CUYLER

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

JEREMY TAYLOR

You must feel a prayer before God can hear it.

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You are either becoming more like Christ every day or you're  
becoming less like Him. There is no neutral position in the Lord.

STORMIE OMARTIAN

If we make it our first goal always to please God, it solves many  
problems at once.

PHILIP E. HOWARD, JR.

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

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We must fear God through love, not love Him through fear.

JEAN PIERRE CAMUS

It's difficult to imagine anything more nourishing to the soul than family life.

THOMAS MOORE

Prayer is an end to isolation. It is living our daily life with someone; with Him who alone can deliver us from solitude.

GEORGES LEFEVRE

The only ultimate disaster that can befall us, I have come to realize, is to feel ourselves to be home on earth.

MAX LUCADO

Give of your hands to serve and your hearts to love.

MOTHER TERESA

Jesus is the yes to every promise of God.

WILLIAM BARCLAY

He is nigh when He seems absent. He is watching when He seems blind. He is active when He seems idle.

G. CAMPBELL MORGAN

It is not our trust that keeps us, but the God in whom we trust  
who keeps us.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

The Church has not yet touched the fringe of the possibilities of  
intercessory prayer. Her largest victories will be witnessed when  
individual Christians everywhere come to recognize their  
priesthood unto God and day by day give themselves onto  
prayer.

JOHN MOTT

Prayer and temptation, the Bible and meditation make a true  
minister of the gospel.

MARTIN LUTHER

Help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go—let me preach  
you without preaching not by words but by my example—by the  
catching force, the sympathetic influence of what I do, the  
evident fullness of the love my heart bears to you.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

God could not have chosen anyone less qualified, or more of a  
sinner, than myself. And so, for this wonderful work He intends  
to perform through us, He selected me—for God always chooses  
the weak and the absurd, and those who count for nothing.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

A beggar one day came up to me and said, “Mother Teresa, everybody gives you things for the poor, I also want to give you something. But today, I am only able to get ten pence. I want to give that to you.” I said to myself, “If I take it, he might have to go to bed without eating. If I don’t take it, I will hurt him.” So I took it. And I’ve never seen so much joy on anybody’s face who has given his money or food, as I saw on that man’s face. He was happy that he too could give something. This is the joy of loving.

MOTHER TERESA

You will never find Jesus so precious as when the world is one vast howling wilderness. Then he is like a rose blooming in the midst of the desolation, a rock rising above the storm.

ROBERT M’CHEYNE

For a small reward, a man will hurry away on a long journey; while for eternal life, many will hardly take a single step.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion.

JOHN WESLEY

Those who have given Christ a place in their hearts know He has risen from the dead, because He lives in them.

UNKNOWN

Kind words are the music of the world.

FREDERICK FABER

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

JOHN BUNYAN

You have not passed this way heretofore, so keep your eye on the  
Divine Guide.

UNKNOWN

If Jesus had to take time alone with God, then we surely need to.

SHARON DAUGHERTY

If you can forgive the person you were, accept the person you  
are, and believe in the person you will become, you are headed  
for joy. So celebrate your life.

BARBARA JOHNSON

If Christ were coming again tomorrow, I would plant a tree today.

MARTIN LUTHER

See what Jesus would if looking through your eyes.

UNKNOWN

Spread abroad the name of Jesus in humility and with a meek  
heart; show him your feebleness, and he will become your  
strength.

THOMAS MERTON

May you grow to be as beautiful as God meant you to be when  
He thought of you first.

GEORGE MACDONALD

God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not  
promised tomorrow to your procrastination.

AUGUSTINE

Among the voices that found their way into the carpentry  
shop in Nazareth was your voice. Your silent prayers uttered  
on tearstained pillows were heard before they were said. Your  
deepest questions about death and eternity were answered  
before they were asked. And your direst need for a Savior,  
was met before you ever sinned.

MAX LUCADO

To pretend to explore the depths of God is such a challenge that  
places the wise man at the same level of the insane.

JUAN ANTONIO MONROY

Here's a simple test. If you can see it, it's not going to last. The  
things that last are the things you cannot see.

DENNIS SWANBERG

You may have no family, no food, no clothes, no future, no  
spouse, no health, or no children, yet be rich beyond your wildest  
dreams because you have the Holy Spirit in your life.

JILL BRISCOE

We aren't only called to share the gospel. We are called to show the gospel.

JAMES E. BILES SR

Continually restate to yourself what the purpose of your life is.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

The proof of who we are in Christ isn't how many folks have come to the Lord through us. It isn't how much we've contributed to the Lord's work. It isn't how sweetly we've sung his praises. It is, pure and simple, how we have loved each other.

GAYLE ROPER

The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home.

AUGUSTINE

Happiness depends on happenings, but joy depends on Jesus.

UNKNOWN

All those who look to draw their satisfaction from the wells of the world—pleasure, popularity, position, possessions, politics, power, prestige, finances, family, friends, fame, fortune, career, children, church, clubs, sports, sex, success, recognition, reputation, religion, education, entertainment, exercise, honors, health, hobbies—will soon be thirsty again!

ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ



Live in such a way that any day would make a suitable capstone for life. Live so that you need not change your mode of living, even if your sudden departure were immediately predicted to you.

C. H. SPURGEON.

Every man's life is a plan of God.

HORACE BUSHNELL

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

There is no greater intimacy with another than that which is built through holding him or her up in prayer.

DOUGLAS STEERE

In our attempt to penetrate God's truth we are held within the bonds of ignorance by the weakness of our minds. We comprehend Divine ideas by earnest attention to God's teaching and by obedience to the faith which carries us beyond mere human apprehension.

HILARY OF POITIERS

Life is deep and simple, and what our society gives us is shallow and complicated.

FRED ROGERS

Life for the Christian is a dialogue with God.

JOHN H. OLDHEM

It is a shameful thing to quit our conversation with God to think  
of trifles and fooleries.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

Till men have faith in Christ, their best services are but glorious  
sins.

THOMAS BROOKS

There is no need to fear the decisions of life when you know  
Jesus Christ, for His name is Counselor.

WARREN WIERSBE

I shall never cease to give all I can to those in need until I find  
myself reduced to such a state of poverty that there will scarcely  
remain to me five feet of earth for my grave or a penny for my  
funeral.

CAJETAN OF THIENE

Sometimes your only available transportation is a leap of faith.

MARGARET SHEPARD

Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the  
handle of anxiety or the handle of faith.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

We don't have to be perfect...we are asked only to be real, trusting in His perfection to cover our imperfection, knowing that one day we will finally be all that Christ saved us for and wants us to be.

GIGI GRAHAM TCHIVIDJIAN

Many people are willing to believe regarding those things that seem probable to them. Faith has nothing to do with probabilities. The province of faith begins where probabilities cease and sight and sense fail. Appearances are not to be taken into account. The question is—whether God has spoken it in His Word.

GEORGE MULLER

What isn't won in prayer first, is never won at all.

MALCOLM CRONK

No man can bring another closer to Christ than he is himself.

D. L. MOODY

You were made by God and for God—and until you understand that, life will not make sense.

RICK WARREN

We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials.

TERESA OF AVILA

The ultimate question is not who you are but whose you are.

JOHN PIPER

A little child was once asked where his home was, and answered with eyes full of love, "Where mother is." Our true home is where Jesus is. "That they may be with Me where I am," was His prayer for us.

UNKNOWN

We want quick change; cheap grace; inspirational platitudes; bumper sticker theology; easy faith. We want Christianity Lite. We want the Nice News not necessarily the Good News.

GEORGE GRANT

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

SAM JONES

Apart from Christ we know neither what our life nor our death is; we do not know what God is nor what we ourselves are.

BLAISE PASCAL

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

UNKNOWN

Grace grows best in the winter.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

Obedience is the road to freedom, humility the road to pleasure,  
unity the road to personality.

C. S. LEWIS

What has Jesus Christ ever asked you to do that wasn't for your  
own good?

BILLY SUNDAY

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 worshipping him. It is so easy to let  
work, family responsibilities, and recreation crowd our  
schedules.

UNKNOWN

We teach what we know; we reproduce what we are.

ROBERT SCHMIDGALL

Every time we pray our horizon is altered, our attitude to things is  
altered, not sometimes but every time, and the amazing thing is  
that we don't pray more.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

This Book outlives, outloves, outlifts, outlasts, outreaches,  
outruns, and outranks all books. This Book is faith-producing.  
It is hope-awakening. It is death-destroying. And those who  
embrace it find forgiveness of sin.

A. Z. CONRAD

As you think about the future...give thanks and trust God...Even when life may be difficult, we should thank God for all He does for us—which we do not deserve.

BILLY GRAHAM

The eagle that soars at great altitudes does not worry about how it will cross a river.

UNKNOWN

The well of God's forgiveness never runs dry.

GRADY NUTT

The very best and utmost of attainment in this life is to remain still and let God act and speak in thee.

MEISTER ECKHART

Joy untouched by thankfulness is always suspect.

THEODOR HAECKER

When you don't witness, you just did.

UNKNOWN

When you and I are related to Jesus Christ, our strength and wisdom and peace and joy and love and hope may run out, but His life rushes in to keep us filled to the brim. We are showered with blessings, not because of anything we have or have not done, but simply because of Him.

ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ

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

OSWALD CHAMBERS

God is stripping me of everything to give me Everything.

E. STANLEY JONES

All that we have and are is one of the unique and never-to-be repeated ways God has chosen to express Himself in space and time. Each of us, made in His image and likeness, is yet another promise He has made to the universe that He will continue to love it and care for it.

BRENNAN MANNING

When you flee from temptation, be sure you do not leave a forwarding address behind.

UNKNOWN

If you wish to possess finally all that is yours, give yourself entirely to God.

HADEWIJCH OF ANTWERP

We are called to an everlasting preoccupation with God.

A. W. TOZER

Replace your weariness with God's perfect peace for your life. The spiritual opposite for weariness is the simplicity of abiding in Christ.

CAROL MCLEOD

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

C. S. LEWIS

The beginning of true nobility comes when a man ceases to be  
interested in the judgment of men, and becomes interested in the  
judgement of God.

J. GRESHAM MACHEN

Every morning lean thine arms awhile  
Upon the window sill of heaven  
And gaze upon thy Lord.  
Then, with the vision in thy heart,  
Turn strong to meet thy day.

UNKNOWN

He converses and delights Himself with me incessantly, in a  
thousand and a thousand ways, and treats me in all respects as  
His favourite.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

Faith is self-surrender to the great Physician, a leaving of our  
case in his hands. But it is also the taking of his prescriptions and  
the active following of his directions.

AUGUSTUS STRONG



If you will not worship God seven days a week, you do not  
worship him on one day a week.

A. W. TOZER

The union of my soul with God is my wealth in poverty and joy  
in deepest afflictions.

ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Our prayers often resemble the mischievous tricks of town  
children, who knock at their neighbor's houses and then run  
away; we often knock at heaven's door and then run off into the  
spirit of the world; instead of waiting for entrance and answer, we  
act as if we were afraid of having our prayers answered.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS

He came to pay a debt he did not owe, because we owed a debt  
we could not pay.

UNKNOWN

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

THOMAS ADAMS

The beginning of prayer is silence.

MOTHER TERESA

It is in the field of prayer that life's critical battles are lost or won.  
In prayer we bring our spiritual enemies into the presence of God  
and we fight them there.

J. H. JOWETT

Life is an exciting business and most exciting when it is lived for  
others.

HELEN KELLER

Be united with other Christians. A wall with loose bricks is  
not good. The bricks must be cemented together.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

Patience is the virtue that transforms an angry tongue. Patience  
takes time to hesitate and evaluate. It rejects anger sins. True  
patience finds its strength in an unflinching focus on God and an  
unconditional love toward those who have hurt us.

JOSEPH STOWELL

A spiritual secret is to learn contentment with the things God  
doesn't explain to us.

AMY CARMICHAEL

This day's bustle and hurly-burly would too often and too soon  
call us away from Jesus' feet. These distractions must be  
immediately dismissed, or we shall know only the "barrenness of  
busyness."

A. W. TOZER

When I can do nothing else, it is enough to have picked up a  
straw for the love of God.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

Blessings hemmed with praise will not unravel.

UNKNOWN

Love is of utmost importance. Once you have set your will that  
you will learn the way of love, then there is no flaw or irritation  
in another person that you cannot bear. . . If this one  
commandment were kept—"Love one another"—I know that it  
would carry us a long way toward keeping all the rest of our  
Lord's commands.

TERESA OF AVILA

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

UNKNOWN

Never place a period where God has placed a comma.

GRACIE ALLEN

God does not lead His children around hardship, but leads them  
straight through hardship. But He leads! And amidst the  
hardship, He is nearer to them than ever before.

OTTO DIBELIUS

God hath in Himself all power to defend you, all wisdom to direct you, all mercy to pardon you, all grace to enrich you, all righteousness to clothe you, all goodness to supply you, and all happiness to crown you.

THOMAS BROOKS

He who counts the stars and calls them by their names, is in no danger of forgetting His own children. He knows your case as thoroughly as if you were the only creature He ever made, or the only saint He ever loved.

C. H. SPURGEON

His love hath no limits, His grace hath no measure, His power no boundary known unto men. And out of His infinite riches in Jesus He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.

ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT

To know God is at once the easiest and the most difficult thing in the world. It is easy because the knowledge is not won by hard mental toil, but is something freely given. As sunlight falls free on the open field, so the knowledge of the holy God is a free gift to men who are open to receive it. But this knowledge is difficult because there are conditions to be met and the obstinate nature of fallen man does not take kindly to them.

A. W. TOZER

On that first Easter day life and death faced each other in mortal combat. And life won.

UNKNOWN

Worship God in the difficult circumstances, and when He chooses, He will alter them in two seconds.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Hurry means that we gather impressions but have no experiences, that we collect acquaintances but make no friends, that we attend meetings but experience no encounter. We must recover eternity if we are to find time, and eternity is what Jesus came to restore. For without it, there can be no charity.

D. T. NILES

Christians are to “labor,” which refers to hard, manual work. Hard work is honorable. As Christians we should work hard so that we will have enough to give to those in need, not so that we will have more of what we don’t need.

JOHN MACARTHUR

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

UNKNOWN

To realize God’s presence is the one sovereign remedy against temptation.

FRANCOIS FENELON

There is more joy in Jesus in twenty-four hours than there is in the world in 365 days. I have tried them both.

R. A. TORREY

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover the prisoner was you.

UNKNOWN

Life is this simple: we are living in a world that is absolutely transparent and God is shining through it all the time. This is not just a fable or a nice story. It is true. If we abandon ourselves to God and forget ourselves, we see it sometimes, and we see it maybe frequently. God is manifest everywhere, in everything—in people and in things and in nature and in events. It becomes very obvious that God is everywhere and in everything and we cannot be without God. It's impossible. It's simply impossible.

THOMAS MERTON

There is a grace of kind listening, as well as a grace for kind speaking.

FREDERICK FABER

Gratitude is the soil of joy.

UNKNOWN

God does not comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters.

J. H. JOWETT

Life is what we are alive to. It is not length but breadth...Be  
alive to...goodness, kindness, purity, love, history, poetry,  
music, flowers, stars, God, and eternal hope.

MALTBIE D. BABCOCK

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

THOMAS MANN

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

MARTIN LUTHER

I lay it down as a foundation principle...that God's voice will  
always be in harmony with itself, no matter in how many  
different ways he may speak. The voices may be many, the  
message can be but one. If God tells me in one voice to do or to  
leave undone anything, he cannot possibly tell me the opposite in  
another voice. Therefore my rule for distinguishing the voice of  
God would be to bring it to the test of this harmony.

HANNAH WHITALL SMITH

Speak, move, act in peace, as if you were in prayer. In truth, this  
is prayer.

FRANCOIS FENELON

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

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

CATHERINE BOOTH

Love someone not because he is a Christian, but because you are.

UNKNOWN

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

SAMUEL SHOEMAKER

Where the soul is full of peace and joy, outward surroundings and  
circumstances are of comparatively little account.

HANNAH WHITALL SMITH

The most important thought I ever had was that of my individual  
responsibility to God.

DANIEL WEBSTER

Tears are part of existence on this earth. They have flowed from  
Eden right down through history to the present day.

WAYNE DETZLER



Study the lives of those we call saints, those who have attained unusual spiritual power, and you will find their secret right at this point: they sinned, but they never surrendered to sin. They never accepted failure as final. They never ceased to look forward with confidence. They kept saying, "I can in Him." And to the utmost their power was added to His power.

CHARLES ALLEN

If a person is seeking God, his Beloved is seeking him much more...and the desire for God is the preparation for union with Him.

JOHN OF THE CROSS

Love came down on Christmas Day so many years ago and brought the greatest happiness the world would ever know. Peace came down on Christmas Day to fill the hearts of men with all the sweet tranquility each Christmas brings again. Joy came down on Christmas Day as angels came to earth heralding the miracle of our Messiah's birth.

UNKNOWN

When we are powerless to do a thing, it is a great joy that we can come and step inside the ability of Jesus.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you.

THOMAS AQUINAS

The holy heart can be hurt. But it answers injury with love and prayer and forgiveness.

W. E. McCUMBER

When God intended to reveal any future events or high notions to His prophets, He then carried them either to the deserts or the seashore, that having so separated them from amidst the press of people and business, and the cares of the world, He might settle their mind in a quiet repose, and there make them fit for revelation.

IZAACK WALTON

The Lord is telling us to be honest about our sins, to put away bitterness, criticism, and dishonesty from among us. Christ must have first place in our lives. We need to give him the key to every secret closet in our hearts, and help him to clean out all the junk we have allowed to accumulate there.

CAROL MYERS

Living a life of faith means never knowing where you are being led. But it does mean loving and knowing the One who is leading. It is literally a life of faith...a life of knowing Him who calls us to go.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

As Thou wilt; what Thou wilt; when Thou wilt.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

Christ wanted men to see, to see far and to see truly. To get that kind of vision requires avoidance of hypocrisies and group prejudice which distort the vision and make men imagine they see what is not really there.

JOHN FOSTER DULLES

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

Temptation has its uses. As we grapple we grow.

E. STANLEY JONES

Because of Christmas Day, nothing can ever be the same again.

UNKNOWN

His kingdom is so simple—one person telling another about the Savior. Yet we're busy and full of excuses. Just remember, someone's eternal destiny is at stake. The joy you'll have when you meet that person in heaven will far exceed any discomfort you felt in sharing the gospel.

CHARLES STANLEY

The battle—our battle—against every temptation that can ever try to take us on has already been won on that first Easter morning. All we're involved in is a mopping up operation.

DALE EVANS ROGERS

The only shadow on the cloudless Easter day of God's victory is the poverty of my own devotion, the memory of ineffective hours of unbelief, and my own stingy response to God's generosity.

A. E. WHITMAN

It is possible to be so active in the service of Christ as to forget to love him.

P. T. FORSYTH

God uses our most stumbling, faltering faith-steps as the one door to His doing for us “more than we ask or think.”

CATHERINE MARSHALL

It is so easy to lose Christ; He can even be lost by a little heedlessness; a little want of watchfulness and the Divine Presence slips away; but sometimes a reconciliation is sweeter than an unbroken friendship. There are two ways to knowing how good God is: One is never to lose Him, the other is to lose Him and find Him again.

FULTON J. SHEEN

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

The morning is the gate of the day, and should be well guarded with prayer. It is one end of the thread on which the day’s actions are strung, and should be well knotted with devotion. If we felt more the majesty of life we should be more careful of its mornings. He who rushes from his bed to his business and without worship is as foolish as though he had not put on his clothes, or washed his face, and as unwise as thought he dashed into battle without arms or armor.

C. H. SPURGEON

The problem of reconciling human suffering with the existence of a God who loves, is only insoluble so long as we attach a trivial meaning to the word “love.”

C. S. LEWIS

God's gifts are ours for others.

UNKNOWN

A little comic relief in a discussion does no harm, however serious the topic may be. (In my own experience the funniest things have occurred in the gravest and most sincere conversations.)

C. S. LEWIS

It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God.

THOMAS MERTON

I believe in the sun even if it isn't shining. I believe in love even when I am alone. I believe in God even when He is silent.

UNKNOWN

The difference between the atonement, as set forth in the Old Testament and as presented in the New, is that in the former case the sheep died for the shepherd, and in the latter the Shepherd died for the sheep.

C. I. SCOFIELD

God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn... That is why it is no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us a happiness apart from Himself, because there is no such thing.

C. S. LEWIS

O Holy Spirit of God, abide with us; inspire all our thoughts;  
pervade our imaginations; suggest all our decisions; order all our  
doings.

JOHN BAILLIE

Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance.  
Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and  
envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises  
humanity to heaven.

EPHREM THE SYRIAN

To be a witness means to live in such a way that one's life would  
not make sense if God did not exist.

DOROTHY DAY

The mother eagle teaches her little ones to fly by making their  
nest so uncomfortable that they are forced to leave it and commit  
themselves to the unknown world of air outside. And just so does  
our God to us.

HANNAH WHITALL SMITH

Only God can move mountains, but faith and prayer can move  
God.

E. M. BOUNDS

What is impossible to God? Not that which is difficult to His  
power, but that which is contrary to His nature.

AMBROSE OF MILAN

When we read of the great Biblical leaders, we see that it was not uncommon for God to ask them to wait, not just a day or two, but for years, until God was ready for them to act.

GLORIA GAITHER

I never begin my work in the morning without thinking that perhaps He may interrupt my work and begin His own.

G. CAMPBELL MORGAN

It is in deep solitude and silence that I find the gentleness with which I can truly love my brother and my sister.

THOMAS MERTON

Prayer in the sense of petition, asking for things, is a small part of it; confession and penitence are its threshold, adoration its sanctuary, the presence and vision and enjoyment of God its bread and wine.

C. S. LEWIS

The Bible is my church. It is always open, and there is my High Priest ever waiting to receive me. There I have my confessional, my thanksgiving, my psalm of praise...and a congregation of whom the world is not worthy— prophets and apostles, and martyrs and confessors—in short, all I can want, there I find.

CHARLOTTE ELLIOTT

Thanksgiving is good but thanks-living is better.

MATTHEW HENRY



When I get to heaven, I shall see three wonders there. The first wonder will be to see many there whom I did not expect to see; the second wonder will be to miss many people who I did expect to see; the third and greatest of all will be to find myself there.

JOHN NEWTON

Learn to pray the work.

MOTHER TERESA

All the troubles of life come upon us because we refuse to sit quietly for a while each day in our rooms.

BLAISE PASCAL

Jesus said, “Go,” but the church through selfishness and indifference has refused to obey. We try to substitute “write,” “send,” or “give,” for “go.” We try to salve our conscience by turning over the task of “going” to someone else and giving languidly for their support. Of course, we must send where we cannot go. But because we can’t go across the world does not excuse us for refusing to go across the street.

R. C. FOSTER

Everything that God has created is like an orchestra praising Him.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

A right view of life requires a right view of God.

JOSH WEIDMANN

If a man wins God's race, it doesn't matter where else he loses. If a man loses God's race, it matters not where else he may win.

STEVEN LAWSON

You must learn, you must let God teach you, that the only way to get rid of your past is to make a future out of it. God will waste nothing.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

A life devoted unto God, looking wholly unto Him in all our actions, and doing all things suitably to His glory, is so far from being dull and uncomfortable, that it creates new comforts in everything that we do.

WILLIAM LAW

We impoverish God in our minds when we say there must be answers to our prayers on the material plane; the biggest answers to our prayers are in the realm of the unseen.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Life is a hard fight, a struggle, a wrestling with the Principle of Evil, hand to hand, foot to foot. Every inch of the way must be disputed. The night is given us to take breath, to pray, to drink deep at the fountain of power. The day, to use the strength which has been given us, to go forth to work with it till the evening.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed  
me. They have clung to me all my life.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

He who has God and everything else has no more than he who  
has God only.

C. S. LEWIS

Prayer may not change all things for you, but it sure changes you  
for all things.

JOHN MASON

The only certainties that don't break down are those acquired in  
prayer.

REINHOLD SCHNEIDER

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

SAMUEL JOHNSON

We can be tired, weary and emotionally distraught, but after  
spending time alone with God, we find that He injects into our  
bodies energy, power and strength.

CHARLES STANLEY

No one who has not tried it would believe how many difficulties are cleared out of a man's road by the simple act of trying to follow Christ.

ALEXANDER MACLAREN

A person who lives a spiritual life cannot help but see that suffering brings him closer to God. Seen in this light, suffering loses its bitter side and becomes bliss.

LEO TOLSTOY

If you want to hear God's voice clearly and you are uncertain, then remain in His presence until He changes that uncertainty.

Often, much can happen during this waiting for the Lord. Sometimes, He changes pride into humility, doubt into faith and peace.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

The Christian life is but a constant re-beginning, a return to grace every day, sometimes even every hour, through Him who, after each failure, pardons so that all things should be made new.

ROBERT SCHUTZ

He is to be seen in the light of a cottage window as well as in the sun or the stars.

ARTHUR G. CLUTTON-BROCK

A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart  
through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks,  
a hand through which Christ helps.

UNKNOWN

You learn your theology most where your sorrows take you.

MARTIN LUTHER

There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world,  
that is not intended to make us rejoice.

JOHN CALVIN

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

Worship is a voluntary act of gratitude offered by the saved to the  
Savior, by the healed to the Healer, and by the delivered to the  
Deliverer.

MAX LUCADO

We want gain without pain; we want the resurrection without  
going through the grave; we want life without experiencing  
death; we want a crown without going by way of the Cross. But  
in God's economy, the way up is down.

NANCY LEIGH DE MOSS

Only eternity will show how our fainthearted prayers changed  
the destinies of people on our prayer list.

EARECKSON JONI TADA

All things are possible to him who believes, yet more to him who  
hopes, more still to him who loves, and most of all to him who  
practices and perseveres in these three virtues.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

Those who keep speaking about the sun while walking under a  
cloudy sky are messengers of hope, the true saints of our day.

HENRI NOUWEN

To wait on God is to live a life of desire toward Him, delight in  
Him, dependence on Him, and devotedness to Him.

MATTHEW HENRY

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

I don't just commit sin. Apart from God, I am sinful. My problem  
is not just what I do; it's who I am without His nature.

BETH MOORE

God is the great reality. His resources are available and endless.  
His promises are real and glorious, beyond our wildest dreams.

J. B. PHILLIPS

Talk less with men, talk more with God.

LEONARD RAVENHILL

Sometimes I think spiritual and physical strength is like manna: you get just what you need for the day, no more.

SUZANNE EZELL

He tenderly laid His hand upon me to say, “My dear child, your only safety comes from loving, trusting, and praising Me through everything.”

MARK GUY PEARSE

We are the most appealing to others, and happiest within, when we are completely ourselves.

LUCI SWINDOLL

Knowing the Bible is one thing. Knowing the author another.

UNKNOWN

God says we don’t need to be anxious about anything; we just need to pray about everything.

STORMIE OMARTIAN

Unless you can read the story of Adam and Eve, of Abraham and Sarah, of David and Bathsheba, as your own story, you have not really understood it. The Bible is a book finally about ourselves, our own apostasies, our own battles and blessings.

FREDERICK BUECHNER

We evaluate our friends with a Godlike justice, but we want them  
to evaluate us with a Godlike compassion.

SYDNEY HARRIS

Patient waiting is often the highest way of doing God's will.

UNKNOWN

In the soul-searching of our lives, we are to stay quiet so we can  
hear Him say all that He wants to say to us in our hearts.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

Pray for a strong and lively sense of sin; the greater the sense of  
sin, the less sin.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

A soul untried by sorrows is good for nothing.

THEOPHAN THE RECLUSE

Those who turn care into prayer find God turning midnight into  
music.

UNKNOWN

Gratitude changes the pangs of memory into a tranquil joy.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

You must never sacrifice your relationship with God for the sake  
of a relationship with another person.

CHARLES STANLEY



In the diary of an elderly woman who lived alone, she often  
penned: “No one called today.”

UNKNOWN

Money is the longest route to happiness.

EVANGELINE LILLY

He who gives you the day will also give you the things necessary  
for the day.

GREGORY OF NYSSA

Most Christians know what they are saved from. Very few know  
what they are saved for.

UNKNOWN

In one thousand trials it is not five hundred of them that work for  
the believer’s good, but nine hundred and ninety-nine of them,  
and one beside.

GEORGE MULLER

Faith gathers strength by waiting and praying.

E. M. BOUNDS

The reason why God is so great a lover of humility is because he  
is the great lover of truth. Now humility is nothing but truth,  
while pride is nothing but lying.

VINCENT DE PAUL

The will of God is the measure of things.

UNKNOWN

How often we look upon God as our last and feeblest resource! We go to Him because we have nowhere else to go. And then we learn that the storms of life have driven us, not upon the rocks, but into the desired haven.

GEORGE MACDONALD

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

UNKNOWN

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

FRANCIS PEABODY

Prayer is a choice. For us to pray to give thanks, or to voice our questions and doubts shows that we are choosing to leave an opening in our spirits. Without this opening, there is no vessel, no place into which God can breathe.

JOANNA LAUFER

Joy cannot be pursued. It comes from within. It is a state of being. It does not depend on circumstances, but triumphs over circumstances. It produces a gentleness of spirit and a magnetic personality.

BILLY GRAHAM

Idolatry is worshiping anything that ought to be used, or using anything that is meant to be worshiped.

AUGUSTINE

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

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 things 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.

WILLIAM P. REMINGTON

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

UNKNOWN

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

RICHARD PARKER

To take up the cross of Christ is no great action done once for all;  
it consists in the continual practice of small duties which are  
distasteful to us.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

The essential fact of Christianity is that God thought all men  
worth the sacrifice of his Son.

WILLIAM BARCLAY

Homes that are built on anything other than love are bound to  
crumble.

BILLY GRAHAM

There is no safer place for your hopes and dreams than in the  
loving hands of your faithful Father.

LESLIE LUDY

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

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

MARTIN LUTHER

Don't let your past dictate who you are. Let it be part of who you will become.

UNKNOWN

Man can live about forty days without food, about three days without water, about eight minutes without air...but only for one second without hope.

HAL LINDSEY

The destined end of a man is not happiness, nor health, but holiness. God's one aim is the production of saints.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Love is a fruit, in season at all times and within the reach of every hand. Anyone may gather it and no limit is set. Everyone can reach this love through mediation, the spirit of prayer, and sacrifice.

MOTHER TERESA

To live by the law of Christ and accept him in our hearts is to turn a giant floodlight of hope into our valleys of trouble.

CHARLES R. HEMBREE

People get very upset by the idea that their children might have to suffer. Well, why are you having children? You want them to be Christians, don't you? If they are going to be Christians, they are going to suffer. That is what life is about.

STANLEY HAUERWAS

A great many people are trying to make peace, but that has already been done. God has not left it for us to do; all we have to do is to enter into it.

D. L. MOODY

Beware of despairing about yourself; you are commanded to put your trust in God, and not in yourself.

AUGUSTINE

No doctrine of the Christian religion is worth preserving which cannot be verified in daily life.

JOHN T. WATSON

Kindness is just love with its work boots on.

UNKNOWN

A man can no more take in a supply of grace for the future than he can eat enough for the next six months, or take sufficient air into his lungs at one time to sustain life for a week. We must draw upon God's boundless store of grace from day to day as we need it.

D. L. MOODY

You will find, as you look back upon your life, that the moments that stand out, the moments when you have really lived, are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of Love.

HENRY DRUMMOND

I say that Christ might be living now in the world as our next-door neighbor and perhaps we not find it out.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

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

Stewardship is the ordering of one's life so that time, ability, possessions, and all of one's personality are administered as belonging to God.

UNKNOWN

To live by faith is a far surer and happier thing than to live by feelings or by works.

C. H. SPURGEON

There are many people who can do big things, but there are very few people who will do the small things.

MOTHER TERESA

You can't die, for you are linked to the permanent life of God through Jesus Christ.

J. B. PHILLIPS

The Hebrew evening/morning sequence conditions us to the rhythms of grace. We go to sleep, and God begins his work... We wake into a world we didn't make, into a salvation we didn't earn.

EUGENE PETERSON

It is not possible ever to exhaust the mind of the Scriptures. It is a well that hath no bottom.

JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

If anyone would tell you the shortest, surest way to happiness and all perfection, he must tell you to make it a rule to yourself to thank and praise God for everything that happens to you. For it is certain that whatever happens to you, if you thank and praise God for it, you turn it into a blessing.

WILLIAM LAW

What a vast distance there is between knowing God and loving him!

BLAISE PASCAL

Nails didn't hold Jesus to the Cross. Love did.

UNKNOWN

We are Christians and strangers on this earth. Let none of us be frightened; our native land is not this world.

AUGUSTINE



He who believes himself to be far advanced in the spiritual life  
has not even made a good beginning.

JEAN PIERRE CAMUS

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

When you pray, you open yourself to the influence of the power  
which has revealed itself as love. The power gives you freedom  
and independence. Once touched by this power, you are no  
longer swayed back and forth by the countless opinions, ideas,  
and feelings which flow through you. You have found a center  
for your life that gives you a creative distance so that everything  
you see, hear, and feel can be tested against the source.

HENRI NOUWEN

If you see another stumble or fall, let your first thought be that, of  
all men, you are most likely to stumble or fall in that same  
manner.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

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

J. E. SMITH

I looked at God and He looked at me, and we were one forever.

C. H. SPURGEON

If you wish to travel far and fast, travel light. Take off all your  
envies, jealousies, unforgiveness, selfishness and fears.

GLENN CLARK

Of all created comforts, God is the lender; you are the borrower,  
not the owner.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

Have you ever thought what a wonderful privilege it is that every  
one each day and each hour of the day has the liberty of asking  
God to meet him in the inner chamber and to hear what He has to  
say?

ANDREW MURRAY

God has a bigger plan for me, than I have for myself.

UNKNOWN

I am not what I ought to be,  
I am not what I wish to be,  
I am not what I hope to be;  
but, by the grace of God,  
I am not what I was.

JOHN NEWTON

Joy is a choice. It's a matter of attitude that stems from one's confidence in God—that He is at work, that He is in full control, that He is in the midst of whatever has happened, is happening and will happen. Either we fix our minds on that and determine to laugh again, or we wail and whine our way through life. We determine which way we will go.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

All that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—is the long, terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.

C. S. LEWIS

We need to find God, and he can't be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature—trees, flowers, grass—grows in silence; see the stars, the moon, and the sun, see how they move in silence. We need silence to be able to touch souls.

MOTHER TERESA

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

There is no circumstance, no trouble, no testing, that can ever touch me until, first of all, it has gone past God and past Christ, right through to me. If it has come that far, it has come with a great purpose, which I may not understand at the moment. But I refuse to become panicky, as I lift up my eyes to him and accept it as coming from the throne of God for some great purpose of blessing to my own heart.

ALAN REDPATH

We should be completely clear about these two facts: God is not obligated to heal, and healing is not His greatest gift.

UNKNOWN

Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons, but they are helpless against our prayers.

J. SIDLOW BAXTER

Death is simply putting out a candle because morning has come.

UNKNOWN

The purpose of all prayer is to find God's will and to make that will our prayer.

CATHERINE MARSHALL

Let us ask ourselves as we arise each morning, What is my work today? We do not know where the influence of today will end. Our lives may outgrow all our present thoughts and outdazzle all our dreams. God puts each fresh morning, each new chance of life, into our hands as a gift, to see what we will do with it.

ANNA R. BROWN LINDSAY

The devil enjoys hearing a prayer that is addressed to an audience.

UNKNOWN

God is whispering to us well-nigh incessantly. Whenever the sounds of the world die out in the soul, or sink low, then we hear these whisperings of God. He is always whispering to us, only we do not always hear, because of the noise, hurry, and distraction which life causes as it rushes on.

FREDERICK FABER

If the Spirit of God has transformed you within, you will exhibit Divine characteristics in your life, not good human characteristics. God's life in us expresses itself as God's life, not as a human life trying to be godly.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Our dependence upon God ought to be so entire and absolute that we should never think it necessary, in any kind of distress, to have recourse to human consolations.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

Our hearts are much distressed and burdened, so we go to prayer and maybe spend much time pouring out our petitions before the throne. And too many times we get up immediately, rush out of His presence and often try to answer the prayer by some efforts of our own.

JOHN WRIGHT FOLLETT

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

UNKNOWN

An atheist can't find God for the same reason a thief can't find a policeman.

ADRIAN ROGERS

Your life is short, your duties many, your assistance great, and your reward sure; therefore faint not, hold on and hold up, in ways of well-doing, and heaven shall make amends for all.

THOMAS BROOKS

All the blessings we enjoy are Divine deposits, committed to our trust on this condition, that they should be dispensed for the benefit of our neighbors.

JOHN CALVIN

There are many who have accepted Christ as their Lord, but have never yet come to the final, absolute surrender of everything.

ANDREW MURRAY

If we accept that the results of evil—pain, suffering and death—are not from God, yet He allows them, then we must assume that they play a part in His plan. And since we know that His plan is one of eternal redemption—that the world will be saved—then it's safe to say that pain must play a role in our personal redemption. Pain indeed has a purpose.

ALEX MCFARLAND

If Jesus were born one thousand times in Bethlehem and not in me, then I would still be lost.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

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

The greater perfection a soul aspires after, the more dependent it is upon Divine Grace.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

Learn to lavish the grace of God on others. Be stamped with God's nature, and His blessing will come through you all the time.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

He that lives to live forever, never fears dying.

WILLIAM PENN

The Lord can do great things through those who don't care who gets the credit.

HELEN PEARSON

Of all kinds of knowledge that we can ever obtain, the knowledge of God and the knowledge of ourselves are the most important.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

One act of thanksgiving when things go wrong with us is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclination.

JOHN OF AVILA

In answer to a query about working on Sunday... It should not detract from a man's reverence to do what is required. Even Jesus spoke about the ox in the ditch on the Sabbath. But if your ox gets in the ditch every Sabbath, you should either get rid of the ox or fill up the ditch.

BILLY GRAHAM

To become Christ-like is the only thing in the whole world worth caring for, the thing before which every ambition of man is folly and all lower achievement vain.

HENRY DRUMMOND

I think earth, if chosen instead of Heaven, will turn out to have been, all along, only a region in Hell; and earth, if put second to Heaven, to have been from the beginning a part of Heaven itself.

C. S. LEWIS



As the morning is to you the beginning of a new life; as God has then given you a new enjoyment of yourself and a fresh entrance into the world, it is highly proper that your first devotions should be a praise and thanksgiving to God, as for a new creation; and that you should offer and devote body and soul, all that you are, and all that you have, to his service and glory.

WILLIAM LAW

Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.

MOTHER TERESA

One act of thanksgiving when things go wrong with us is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclination.

JOHN JEWELL

Real goodness is always simple. Simplicity is so attractive and so profitable that it is strange that so few people lead truly simple lives.

LEO TOLSTOY

Trouble is one of God's great servants because it reminds us how much we continually need the Lord.

JIM CYMBALA

All the way to heaven is heaven.

CATHERINE OF SIENA

God is waiting for us to come to Him with our needs...God's throne room is always open...Every single believer in the whole world could walk into the throne room all at one time, and it would not even be crowded.

CHARLES STANLEY

God wants you to give Him your body. Some people do foolish things with their bodies. God wants your body as a holy sacrifice.

WARREN WIERSBE

O Christ, I see thy crown of thorns in every eye, thy bleeding, naked, wounded body in every soul; thy death liveth in every memory; thy crucified Person is embalmed in every affection; thy pierced feet are bathed in everyone's tears; and it is my privilege to enter with thee into every soul.

THOMAS TRAHERNE

A priest ought to be in no place where his Master would not go, nor employed in anything which his Master would not do.

HENRY E. MANNING

Witnessing is not a spare-time occupation or a once-a-week activity. It must be a quality of life. You don't go witnessing, you are a witness.

DAN GREENE

God wants to speak into areas of your life you have never even considered. He wants to give you words and wisdom you didn't think were possible. He desires to do exceedingly more than you can hope or expect.

MARGARET FEINBERG

If Christians would follow the law, there would be no rich and no poor.

LEO TOLSTOY

I don't doubt that the Holy Spirit guides your decisions from within when you make them with the intention of pleasing God. The error would be to think that He speaks only within, whereas in reality He speaks also through Scripture, the Church, Christian friends, and books.

C. S. LEWIS

To be almost saved is to be totally lost.

UNKNOWN

God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them.

AUGUSTINE

The legend about the wandering Jew who was suffering the punishment of eternal life is very true. In the same way, there is a legend about a man who was punished by being given a life without any suffering.

LEO TOLSTOY

Where there is no love, pour love in, and you will draw love out.

JOHN OF THE CROSS

More people have been brought into the church by the kindness of real Christian love than by all the theological arguments in the world, and more people have been driven from the church by the hardness and ugliness of so-called Christianity than by all the doubts in the world.

WILLIAM BARCLAY

Love comes while we rest against our Father's chest. Joy comes when we catch the rhythms of His heart. Peace comes when we live in harmony with those rhythms.

KEN GIRE

God doesn't want your ability—he wants your availability.

BOBBY BOWDEN

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

TOMMY TENNEY

If a man has a soul—and he has—and if that soul can be won or lost for eternity—and it can—then the most important thing in the world is to bring that man to Jesus Christ.

UNKNOWN

The only way we can teach the Word of God is to live the Word  
of God.

HENRIETTA C. MEARS

Christ is not only a remedy for your weariness and trouble, but he  
will give you an abundance of the contrary: joy and delight.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

He who is filled with love is filled with God Himself.

AUGUSTINE

Our broken lives are not lost or useless. God's love is still  
working. He comes in and takes the calamity and uses it  
victoriously, working out His wonderful plan of love.

ERIC LIDDELL

I am pleased for my brothers to study the scriptures as long as  
they do not neglect application to prayers.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The dark moments of our life will last only as long as is  
necessary for God to accomplish His purpose in us.

CHARLES STANLEY

The world is not impressed when Christians get rich and say  
thanks to God. They are impressed when God is so satisfying that  
we give our riches away for Christ's sake and count it gain.

JOHN PIPER

Jesus has forced open a door that had been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because he has done so.

C. S. LEWIS

Faith is an activity; it is something that has to be applied.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

Nothing is ever wasted in the kingdom of God. Not one tear, not all our pain, not the unanswered prayers...nothing will be wasted if we give our lives to God. And if we are willing to be patient until the grace of God is made manifest, whether it takes one year or ninety, it will be worth the wait.

REBECCA MANLEY PIPPERT

The Christian is a person who makes it easy for others to believe in God.

ROBERT M'CHEYNE

There is nothing so refreshing as to watch a new Christian before he has heard too many sermons and watched too many Christians.

A. W. TOZER

Afflictions are the steps to heaven.

ELIZABETH ANN SETON

If instead of a gem, or even a flower, we should cast the gift of a loving thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels give.

GEORGE MACDONALD

The most fruitful and the most joy-filled Christians are the most pruned Christians.

BRUCE WILKINSON

Do you know that nothing you do in this life will ever matter, unless it is about loving God?

FRANCIS CHAN

Thou hast made us for Thyself, and the heart of man is restless until it finds its rest in Thee.

AUGUSTINE

God has set Eternity in our heart, and man's infinite capacity cannot be filled or satisfied with the things of time and sense.

F. B. MEYER

We have given too much attention to methods and to machinery and to resources, and too little to the Source of Power, the filling with the Holy Ghost.

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

Fear will always knock on your door. Just don't invite it in for dinner. And for heaven's sake, don't offer it a bed for the night.

MAX LUCADO

The true goal of the Christian life is heaven: nothing more, nothing less, and nothing else.

SHERWOOD ELIOT WIRT

God never burglarizes the human will. He may long to come in and help, but he will never cross the picket line of our unwillingness.

JAMES JAUNCEY

Determine a plan of action in the morning, and then evaluate yourself at night. How have you behaved today? What were your words, your deeds, your thoughts?

THOMAS À KEMPIS

Anchor to the throne of God, and then shorten the rope!

UNKNOWN

O God, my God, the night has values that the day never dreamed of.

THOMAS MERTON

Three-hundred million years from now, the only thing that will matter is whether you're in Heaven or in Hell.

MARK CAHILL



Christians often talk far too glibly and easily about God. “I have heard students,” says Professor Eugene Rosenstock-Huessy, “talking about the attributes of God in a way that made me feel ashamed. They knew everything about God except that He was listening to them. They showed no sense of shame.” They were theological students. Dietrich Bonhoeffer says more than once in his letters from prison that he finds a continually deepening meaning in the fact that the Israelites never allowed themselves to pronounce the name of God.

JOHN H. OLDHEM

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. But since our greatest need was forgiveness, God sent us a Savior.

ROY LESSIN

Oh, how greatly has the man advanced who has learned not to be his own, not to be governed by his own reason, but to surrender his mind to God!

JOHN CALVIN

There is no hell on earth like horizontal living without God.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

Live with your destination in view.

UNKNOWN

Has he taken over your heart? Perhaps he resides there, but does  
he preside there?

VANCE HAVNER

A life without purpose is a languid, drifting thing. Everyday we  
ought to renew our purpose, saying to ourselves: This day let us  
make a sound beginning.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

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

ROBERT M'CHEYNE

Our business is to present the Christian faith clothed in modern  
terms, not to propagate modern thought clothed in Christian  
terms...Confusion here is fatal.

J. I. PACKER

The idea that everything would happen exactly as it does  
regardless of whether we pray or not haunts the minds of many  
who sincerely profess belief in God. It makes prayer  
psychologically impossible, replacing it with dead ritual at best.

DALLAS WILLARD

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

PHILLIPS BROOKS

Our battles are first won or lost in the secret places of our will  
in God's presence, never in full view of the world.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Perhaps one reason God delays his answer to our prayers is  
because He knows we need to be with Him far more than we  
need the things we ask of Him.

BEN PATTERSON

Without Christ life is as the twilight with dark night ahead; with  
Christ, it is the dawn of morning with the light and warmth of a  
full day ahead.

PHILIP SCHAFF

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

AUGUSTINE

How can you possess the miseries of envy when you possess in  
Christ the best of all portions?

C. H. SPURGEON

If there is a Creator God, there is nothing illogical at all about the  
possibility of miracles. After all, if he created everything out of  
nothing, it would hardly be a problem for him to rearrange parts  
of it as and when he wishes.

TIMOTHY KELLER

What the sunshine is to the flower, the Lord Jesus Christ is to my  
soul.

ALFRED TENNYSON

Let me find thy light in my darkness, thy life in my death, thy joy  
in my sorrow, thy grace in my sin, thy riches in my poverty, thy  
glory in my valley.

ARTHUR BENNETT

The great thing is to be found at one's post as a child of God,  
living each day as though it were our last, but planning as  
though our world might last a hundred years.

C. S. LEWIS

Learn to pray to God in such a way that you are trusting Him as  
your Physician to do what He knows is best. Confess to Him the  
disease, and let Him choose the remedy.

AUGUSTINE

To be a Christian, or not to be, is not a matter of being a  
somewhat better man, or a man perhaps not quite so good. It is a  
matter of life or death.

JAMES DENNEY

Prayer is not learned in a classroom but in the closet.

E. M. BOUNDS

Grace is love that cares and stoops and rescues.

JOHN STOTT

The less I pray, the harder it gets. The more I pray, the better it goes.

MARTIN LUTHER

You are a Christian today because somebody cared. Now it's your turn.

WARREN WIERSBE

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

Remember, you are the only one who can keep you from becoming the person God wants you to be.

NEIL ANDERSON

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

You can do everything else right as a parent, but if you don't begin with loving God, you're going to fail.

ALVIN VANDER GRIEND

Is it not wonderful news to believe that salvation lies outside ourselves?

MARTIN LUTHER

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

MAX LUCADO

In life troubles will come which seem as if they never will pass away. The night and the storm look as though they will last forever; but calm and the morning cannot be stayed; the storm in its very nature is transient. The effort of nature, as that of the human heart, is to return to its repose, for God is peace.

GEORGE MACDONALD

Original sin is in us, like the beard. We are shaved today and look clean, and have a smooth chin; tomorrow our beard has grown again, nor does it cease growing while we remain on earth.

MARTIN LUTHER

Give some time, if it is only half an hour in every day, to devotional reading, which is as necessary to the well ordering of the mind as the hand of the gardener is to prevent weeds destroying your favorite flowers.

ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Nothing can separate you from His love, absolutely nothing. God is enough for time, and God is enough for eternity. God is enough!

HANNAH WHITALL SMITH

A guest at a country house coming down to breakfast one morning was met by the child of the house, who running up to him and putting his hand in his, looked up into his face with a smile, saying, "I'm your friend now; I put you in my prayer last night!"

UNKNOWN

Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus.

MOTHER TERESA

The service of the Holy Spirit is that He helps us to distinguish pleasure from happiness and develop real joy.

There are many experiences which give us temporary pleasure but do not add up to abiding satisfaction. Their thrills pass quickly, and sometimes leave a trail of regret and remorse. Some of our sense pleasures are like lightning flashes, while true joy is like the sunlight.

RALPH W. SOCKMAN

The loneliest place in the world is the human heart when love is absent.

UNKNOWN

To obey God in some things and not in others shows an unsound heart. Childlike obedience moves toward every command of God, as the needle points where the lodestone draws.

THOMAS WATSON

A rule I have had for years is to treat the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal friend. His is not a creed, a mere empty doctrine, but it is He Himself we have.

D. L. MOODY

It matters not how much Bible reading and prayer and catechism saying and godly teaching there may be in a home, if gentleness is lacking; that is lacking which most of all the young need in the life of a home. A child must have love. Love is to its life what sunshine is to plants and flowers. No young life can ever grow to its best in a home without gentleness. The lack is one which leaves an irreparable hurt in the lives of children.

UNKNOWN

We do the praying but not the waiting. Let us not be afraid to be silent before Him thinking it is wasted time.

JOHN WRIGHT FOLLETT

Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting.

MOTHER TERESA



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

GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS

The closer to the Shepherd, the farther from the wolf.

JULIE ACKERMAN LINK

In the rush and noise of life, as you have intervals, step home  
within yourselves and be still. Wait upon God, and feel his good  
presence; this will carry you evenly through your day's business.

WILLIAM PENN

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

W. J. CAMERON

A single grateful thought raised to heaven is the most perfect  
prayer.

GOTTHOLD EPHRAIM LESSING

Many Christians estimate difficulties in the light of their own  
resources, and thus attempt little and often fail in the little they  
attempt. All God's giants have been weak men who did great  
things for God because they reckoned on His power and  
presence being with them.

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

Forgiveness is God's invention for coming to terms with a world in which, despite their best intentions, people are unfair to each other and hurt each other deeply.

SHARON JAYNES

Forgiveness is God's invention for coming to terms with a world in which, despite their best intentions, people are unfair to each other and hurt each other deeply. He began by forgiving us. And he invites us all to forgive each other.

LEWIS SMEDES

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

AUGUSTINE

Prayer purifies; it is a self-preached sermon.

JEAN PAUL RICHTER

Love is superior to all extraordinary gifts. It is better than the gift of tongues; than the gifts of prophecy and knowledge; and than the gift of miracles. All outward works of charity without it are worthless. Love has this superiority, first, because of its inherent excellence; and secondly, because of its perpetuity.

CHARLES HODGE

Faith and works should travel side by side, step answering to step, like the legs of men walking. First faith, and then works; and then faith again, and then works again—until you can scarcely distinguish which is one and which is the other.

WILLIAM BOOTH

The universe is one of God's thoughts.

JOHANN SCHILLER

Having a sense of nearness to God gives me the sense of being exactly where I belong.

CHRISTINE DALLMAN

The measure of our love for others can largely be determined by the frequency and earnestness of our prayers for them.

A. W. PINK

What's wrong today is wrong tomorrow, and what's right yesterday is still right today. Rights and wrongs don't change for one simple reason: God doesn't change. He is truth. He is right.

ALEX MCFARLAND

Watch lest prosperity destroy generosity.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

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

JAY BAKKER

Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice,  
here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing  
the smallest things right, and doing all for love.

THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

Think of this—we may live together with Him here and now, a  
daily walking with Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

ELISABETH ELLIOT

Children are not casual guests in our home. They have been  
loaned to us temporarily for the purpose of loving them and  
instilling a foundation of values on which their future lives will  
be built.

JAMES DOBSON

If you would master temptation, you must first let Christ master  
you.

UNKNOWN

How different our standard is from Christ's. We ask how much a  
man gives. He asks how much he keeps.

ANDREW MURRAY

Learn to humble yourself, you who are but earth and clay.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

A man who gives into temptation after five minutes simply  
does not know what it would have been like an hour later.

C. S. LEWIS

All our difficulties are only platforms for the manifestation of His  
grace, power and love.

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

One day a lady criticized D. L. Moody for his methods of  
evangelism in attempting to win people to the Lord. Moody's  
reply was "I agree with you. I don't like the way I do it either.  
Tell me, how do you do it?" The lady replied, "I don't do it."  
Moody retorted, "Then I like my way of doing it better than  
your way of not doing it."

D. L. MOODY

It is great wisdom not to be rash in our sayings nor to maintain  
too obstinately our own opinions.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

Sometimes we feel that evil is winning. Then Easter comes to  
remind us that there is no grave deep enough, no seal imposing  
enough, no stone heavy enough, no evil strong enough, to keep  
Christ in the grave.

JAMES W. MOORE

Doing little things with a strong desire to please God makes them  
really great.

FRANCIS DE SALES

Prayer is not our most natural response to the world. Left to our own impulses, we will always want to do something else before we pray.

HENRI NOUWEN

You can never speak to the wrong person about Christ.

UNKNOWN

My children, the three acts of faith, hope, and charity contain all the happiness of man upon the earth.

JOHN VIANNEY

If you can explain what God is doing in your ministry, then God is not really in it.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

There is practically nothing that men do not prefer to God. A tiresome detail of business, an occupation utterly pernicious to health, the employment of time in ways one does not dare to mention. Anything rather than God.

FRANCOIS FENELON

Every time you make a choice, you are turning the central part of you, the part that chooses, into something a little different from what it was before.

C. S. LEWIS

Be not proud of race, face, place, or grace.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

God does not give us everything we want, but He does fulfill all His promises as He leads us along the best and straightest paths to Himself.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

The center of God's will is our only safety.

BETSIE TEN BOOM

The only purpose of life consists in helping to establish the kingdom of God.

LEO TOLSTOY

One can hardly think too little of oneself. One can hardly think too much of one's soul.

G. K. CHESTERTON

Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.

JOHN CANTIUS

To please God...to be a real ingredient in the divine happiness... to be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delight in, as an artist delights in this work or a father in a son...it seems impossible, a weight or burden of glory which your thoughts can hardly sustain. But it is so!

C. S. LEWIS

They who live upon Christ may have fresh supplies from him for all eternity; they may have an increase of blessedness that is new, and new still, and which never will come to an end.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

Jesus is all we have; He is all we need and all we want. We are shipwrecked on God and stranded on omnipotence!

VANCE HAVNER

In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Then you will know that you are nothing. It is only when you realize your nothingness, your emptiness, that God can fill you with Himself. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence.

MOTHER TERESA

Often, without being at all aware of it, men judge themselves, not by God's rule, but by their own.

CHARLES FINNEY



Learn the lesson that, if you are to do the work of a prophet, what  
you need is not a scepter but a hoe.

BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

At Bethlehem God became what He was not before, but did not  
cease being what He always was.

PAUL LOWENBERG

The more you have the less you can give, and the less you have  
the more you can give.

MOTHER TERESA

The wrath of God is as pure as the holiness of God. When God is  
angry he is perfectly angry. When he is displeased there is every  
reason he should be. We tend to think of anger as sin; but  
sometimes it is sinful not to be angry. It is unthinkable that God  
would not be purely and perfectly angry with sin.

STUART BRISCOE

Christianity can be condensed into four words: admit, submit,  
commit and transmit.

SAMUEL WILBERFORCE

We may pray most when we say least, and we may pray least  
when we say most.

AUGUSTINE

My life is an instant, a fleeting hour. My life is a moment, which swiftly escapes me. O my God, you know that on earth I have only today to love you.

THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

In so much as anyone pushes you nearer to God, he or she is your friend.

UNKNOWN

Too many times we miss so much because we live on the low level of the natural, the ordinary, the explainable.

VANCE HAVNER

What I do, you cannot do; but what you do, I cannot do. The needs are great, and none of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love and together we can do something wonderful.

MOTHER TERESA

Understanding is the reward of faith.

AUGUSTINE

Whatever is your best time in the day, give that to communion with God.

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

All your life an unattainable ecstasy has hovered just beyond the grasp of your consciousness. The day is coming when you will wake to find, beyond all hope, that you have attained it, or else, that it was within your reach and you have lost it forever.

C. S. LEWIS

Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is a key that opens God's heart. You must speak to Jesus, not only with your lips, but also with your heart; actually, on certain occasions, you should speak with only your heart.

PADRE PIO

The constant struggle between flesh and spirit will never be finished. This struggle is eternal and the essence of life. The purpose of life is loving, the penetration of everything with love. It is the slow and gradual change from evil to good, it is the creation of the real life, the life filled with love.

LEO TOLSTOY

God is the God of human history, and He is at work continuously, mysteriously, accomplishing His eternal purposes in us, through us, for us, and in spite of us.

ELISABETH ELLIOT

If you should temporarily lose your sense of well-being, don't be too quick to despair. With humility and patience, wait for God who is able to give you back even more comfort. There is nothing novel about this to those who are familiar with God's ways. The great saints and ancient prophets frequently experienced the alternation of up and down, joy and sorrow.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

Has it ever struck you that the vast majority of the will of God for your life has already been revealed in the Bible? That is a crucial thing to grasp.

PAUL LITTLE

It would seem, after having been a Christian for almost 80 years, that I would no longer do ugly things that need forgiving. Yet I am constantly doing things to others that cause me to have to go back and ask their forgiveness. Sometimes these are things I actually do—other times they are simply attitudes I let creep in which break the circle of God's perfect love.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

It is presumptuous in me to wish to choose my path, because I cannot tell which path is best for me. I must leave it to the Lord, who knows me, to lead me by the path which is best for me, so that in all things His will may be done.

TERESA OF AVILA

We all carry about in our pockets His very nails.

MARTIN LUTHER

My Lord, God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please you. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. And I know that if I do this, You will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death, I will not fear, for You are ever with me and You will never leave me to face my perils alone.

THOMAS MERTON

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

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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

AUGUSTINE

To possess money is very well; it may be a most valuable servant; to be possessed by it is to be possessed by a devil, and one of the meanest and worst kinds of devils.

TRYON EDWARDS

Every person we ever meet is God's opportunity.

FRANK LAUBACH

Therefore once for all this short command is given to you. “Love and do what you will.” If you keep silent, keep silent by love; if you speak, speak by love; if you correct, correct by love; if you pardon, pardon by love: let love be rooted in you, and from the root nothing but good can grow.

AUGUSTINE

We are not our own, any more than what we possess is our own.

We did not make ourselves; we cannot be supreme over ourselves. We cannot be our own masters. We are God’s property by creation, by redemption, by regeneration.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

One of the wonderful things about being a Christian is the knowledge that God has a plan for our lives.

WARREN WIERSBE

Sin is my nature, the only thing I know how to do.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

More prayer, more exercise of faith, more patient waiting, and the result will be blessing, abundant blessing. Thus I have found it many hundreds of times, and therefore I continually say to myself, “Hope thou in God.”

GEORGE MULLER

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. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come 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

Meekness is power under control.

WARREN WIERSEBE

To try to pray is to pray. You can't fail at it. It's the only human endeavor I can think of where trying is doing. Reaching out is holding on. Joining in is letting go.

RICK HAMLIN

Training a child to follow Christ is easy for parents; all they have to do is lead the way.

UNKNOWN

Joy is a by-product not of happy circumstances, education or talent, but of a healthy relationship with God and a determination to love Him no matter what.

BARBARA JOHNSON

It is one thing for sin to live in us; it is another for us to live in sin.

JOHN MURRAY

Scholarship should follow faith, not guide it or intrude upon it. I am, after all, beyond human comprehension and I do things you cannot understand.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

Care for the next minute is just as foolish as care for the morrow, or for a day in the next thousand years—in neither can we do anything, in both God is doing everything.

GEORGE MACDONALD

Our sanctification did not depend upon changing our works, but in doing that for God's sake which we commonly do for our own.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

Solitude is the furnace of transformation.

HENRI NOUWEN

Let the day have a blessed baptism by giving your first waking hours and thoughts into the bosom of God. The first hour of the morning is the rudder of the day.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties.

OSWALD CHAMBERS



I can understand the greatness of God but I cannot understand his humility. It becomes so clear in him being in love with each one of us separately and completely. It is as if there is no one but me in the world. He loves me so much. Each one of us can say this with great conviction.

MOTHER TERESA

My son, now will I teach thee the way of peace and inward liberty. Be desirous to do the will of another rather than thine own. Choose always to have less rather than more. Seek always the lowest place, and to be inferior to everyone. Wish always, and pray, that the will of God may be wholly fulfilled in thee.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

What unnumbered cathedrals has He reared in the forest shades, vast and grand, full of curious carvings, and haunted evermore by tremulous music; and in the heavens above, how do stars seem to have flown out of His hand faster than sparks out of a mighty forge!

HENRY WARD BEECHER

You don't need to know where you're going...as long as you know the One who does.

UNKNOWN

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

ROBERT SCHULLER

You live through the darkness from what you learned in the light.

HOPE MACDONALD

Death is never sudden to a saint; no guest comes unawares to him who keeps a constant table.

GEORGE SWINNOCK

Christ would have lived, and taught, and preached, and prophesied, and wrought miracles in vain, if he had not crowned all by dying for our sins as our substitute! His death was our life. His death was the payment of our debt to God. Without his death we should have been of all creatures most miserable.

J. C. RYLE

Preach the gospel everyday; if necessary, use words.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

No one knocks at my door who is not sent by God.

UNKNOWN

To live in prayer together is to walk in love together.

MARGARET MOORE JACOBS

Too many Christians envy the sinners their pleasure and the saints their joy, because they don't have either one.

MARTIN LUTHER

Practice the pause. When in doubt, pause. When angry, pause. When tired, pause. When stressed, pause. And when you pause, pray.

TOBY MAC

The main thing in this world is not being sure what God's will is, but seeking it sincerely, and following what we do understand of it. The only possible answer to the destiny of man is to seek without respite to fulfill God's purpose.

PAUL TOURNIER

Let it not be imagined that the life of a good Christian must be a life of melancholy and gloominess; for he only resigns some pleasures to enjoy others infinitely better.

BLAISE PASCAL

This world is our passage not our portion.

MATTHEW HENRY

Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

THOMAS MOORE

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

WILLIAM TOMS

The grace of God is infinite and eternal. As it had no beginning,  
so it can have no end, and being an attribute of God, it is as  
boundless as infinitude.

A. W. TOZER

A man who lives right, and is right, has more power in his silence  
than another has by his words.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

Our children, relations, friends, honors, houses, lands, and  
endowments, the goods of nature and fortune, nay, even of grace  
itself, are only lent. It is our misfortune and our sin, to fancy they  
are given. We start, therefore, and are angry when the loan is  
called in. We think ourselves masters, when we are only  
stewards, and forget that to each of us it will one day be said,  
“Give an account of thy stewardship.”

THOMAS H. HORNE

The Lord has taught us that nobody can know God unless God  
teaches him.

IRENÆUS

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are  
truly endless.

MOTHER TERESA

We are often hindered from giving up our treasures to the Lord out of fear for their safety; this is especially true when those treasures are loved relatives and friends. But we need have no such fears. Our Lord came not to destroy but to save. Everything is safe which we commit to Him, and nothing is really safe which is not so committed.

A. W. TOZER

Every thing that a man leans upon but God, will be a dart that will certainly pierce his heart through and through. He, who leans only upon Christ, lives the highest, choicest, safest, and sweetest life.

THOMAS BROOKS

The Sabbath is meant to be a “day trip to eternity.”

PETER EATON

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

People who make decisions based merely on what seems most advisable to them will inevitably choose something inferior to God's best. Jesus, the ultimate model for the Christian life, did not rely on His own best thinking, but depended completely on His heavenly Father for wisdom in everything.

HENRY BLACKABY

To ascertain where you really are with the Lord, recall what saddened you the past month. Was it the realization that you do not love Jesus enough? That you did not seek his face in prayer often enough? That you did not care for his people enough? Or did you get depressed over a lack of respect, criticism from an authority figure, your finances, a lack of friends, fears about the future, or your bulging waistline?

BRENNAN MANNING

It is impossible to have the feeling of peace and serenity without being at rest with God.

DOROTHY H. PENTECOST

You are not tempted because you are evil; you are tempted because you are human.

FULTON J. SHEEN

We never pray for folks we gossip about, and we never gossip about the folk for whom we pray!

LEONARD RAVENHILL

I can say from experience that 95% of knowing the will of God consists in being prepared to do it before you know what it is.

DONALD GREY BARNHOUSE

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

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

Whatever happens to you, never give up praying. It would be like giving up breathing.

HENRI NOUWEN

It is ours to offer what we can, His to supply what we cannot.

JEROME

Mark it down. God never turns away the honest seeker. Go to God with your questions. You may not find all the answers, but in finding God, you know the One who does.

MAX LUCADO

All too often, the church holds up a mirror reflecting back the society around it, rather than a window revealing a different way.

PHILIP YANCEY

It is right for the Church to be in the world; it is wrong for the world to be in the Church. A boat in water is good; that is what boats are for. However, water inside the boat causes it to sink.

HAROLD LINDSELL

Nothing is more dangerous than to live out the will of God in today's contemporary world. It changes your whole monetary lifestyle...Let me put it quite simply: If Jesus had \$40,000 and knew about the kids who are suffering and dying in Haiti, what kind of car would he buy?

TONY CAMPOLO

A Christian lady was complaining to a friend about the hardness of life and the circumstances that buffeted her and in anger said:

“Oh, I wish to God that I had never been made!” “My dear child,” replied the friend, “you are not yet made; you are only being made, and you are quarreling with God's processes.”

UNKNOWN

God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume...it is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever.

VANCE HAVNER

Faith is a gaze of a soul upon a saving God.

A. W. TOZER

The world has yet to see what God can do with and for and through and in a man who is fully and wholly consecrated to Christ.

HENRY VARLEY

Those who are God's without reserve are, in every sense, content.

HANNAH WHITALL SMITH

Nothing in all creation is so like God as stillness.

MEISTER ECKHART



Sabbath, in the long run, is as essential to your well-being as food and water, and as good as a wood fire on a cold day.

MARK BUCHANAN

God wants the whole person and He will not rest till He gets us in entirety. No part of the man will do.

A. W. TOZER

The equipment for the inner life of prayer is simple. It consists of a quiet place, a quiet hour and a quiet heart.

UNKNOWN

Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?

FULTON J. SHEEN

The Bible was composed in such a way that as beginners mature, its meaning grows with them.

AUGUSTINE

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

Look for a kind life which is in harmony with the will of God, and then you will fulfill the duty of your life.

LEO TOLSTOY

One who makes it a rule to be content in every part and accident of life because it comes from God praises God in a much higher manner than one who has some set time for the singing of psalms.

WILLIAM LAW

Under heaven's lock and key, we are protected by the most efficient security system available: the power of God.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

Have your heart right with Christ, and He will visit you often, and so turn weekdays into Sundays, meals into sacraments, homes into temples and earth into heaven.

C. H. SPURGEON

There can be no doubt that possessive clinging to things is one of the most harmful habits in the Christian life. Because it is so natural, it is rarely recognized for the evil that it is. But its outworkings are tragic.

A. W. TOZER

If all struggles and sufferings were eliminated, the spirit would no more reach maturity than would the child.

ELISABETH ELLIOT

When you concern yourself only with Jesus' opinion of you, life suddenly becomes far less complicated, emptied of fears and regrets, and filled up with honesty and love.

CHRISTINE DALLMAN

The devil will let a preacher prepare a sermon if it will keep him  
from preparing himself.

VANCE HAVNER

He who may have a treasure simply by his grasping it will be  
foolish indeed if he remains poor.

C. H. SPURGEON

Unless there is within us that which is above us, we shall soon  
yield to that which is about us.

P. T. FORSYTH

Man still wishes to be happy even when he so lives as to make  
happiness impossible.

AUGUSTINE

In this crazy world, there's an enormous distinction between  
good times and bad, between sorrow and joy. But in the eyes of  
God, they're never separated. Where there is pain, there is  
healing. Where there is mourning, there is dancing. Where  
there is poverty, there is the kingdom.

HENRI NOUWEN

When God would make His name known to mankind, He could  
find no better word than "I AM." "I am that I am," says God, "I  
change not." Everyone and everything else measures from that  
fixed point.

A. W. TOZER

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

HELEN KELLER

It is possible to offer fervent prayer even while waiting in public or strolling alone, or seated in your shop...while buying or selling...or even while cooking.

JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

God does not want to be at the top of our list of important people and things. He wants to be at the center of them all, since they all revolve around him anyway.

RON DiCIANNI

Temptations discover what we are.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

If God is here for us and not elsewhere, then in fact this place is holy and this moment is sacred.

ISABEL ANDERS

God's people have no assurances that the dark experiences of life will be held at bay, much less that God will provide some sort of running commentary on the meaning of each day's allotment of confusion, boredom, pain, or achievement. It is no great matter where we are, provided we see that the Lord has placed us there, and that He is with us.

JOHN NEWTON

Rest is not a hallowed feeling that comes over us in church; it is  
the repose of a heart set deep in God.

HENRY DRUMMOND

This is God's way. We advance by going backwards, we become  
strong by becoming weak, we become wise by being fools.

FREDERICK WHITFIELD

God is never late and never early but always right on time.

RICK WARREN

Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.

VICTOR BORGE

Disregard the study of God and you sentence yourself to stumble  
and blunder through life, blindfolded, as it were, with no sense of  
direction and no understanding of what surrounds you.

J. I. PACKER

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

We will never know victory over worry until we treat it for what  
it is: sin.

UNKNOWN

I am put often to ask if Christ and I did ever shake hands together  
in earnest.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

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.

C. H. SPURGEON

Christ desires nothing more of us than that we speak of him.

MARTIN LUTHER

O Lord, forgive what I have been, sanctify what I am, and order  
what I shall be.

THOMAS WILSON

In order to arrive at having pleasure in everything, desire to have  
pleasure in nothing.

JOHN OF THE CROSS

The future is as bright as the promises of God.

ADONIRAM JUDSON

We are more sure to arise out of our graves than out of our beds.

THOMAS WATSON

Next to the wonder of seeing my Savior will be, I think, the wonder that I made so little use of the power of prayer.

D. L. MOODY

The wonder of Christmas is that God who dwelt among us now can dwell within us.

ROY LESSIN

Oh, God, we go through life so lonely, needing what other people can give us, yet ashamed to show that need. And other people go through life so lonely, hungering for what it would be such a joy for us to give. Dear God, please bring us together, the people who need each other, who can help each other, and would so enjoy each other.

MARJORIE HOLMES

You who are letting miserable misunderstandings run on from year to year, meaning to clear them up some day; you who are keeping wretched quarrels alive because you cannot quite make up your minds that now is the day to sacrifice your pride and kill them; you who are letting your neighbor starve until you hear that he is dying of starvation or letting your friend's heart ache for a word of appreciation or sympathy, which you mean to give him some day; if you could only know and see and feel all of a sudden that time is short, how it would break the "spell." How you would go instantly and do the thing which you might never have another chance to do.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

He is the Source.  
Of everything.  
Strength for your day.  
Wisdom for your task.  
Comfort for your soul.  
Grace for your battle.  
Provision for each need.  
Understanding for each failure.  
Assistance for every encounter.

JACK HAYFORD

God often takes a course for accomplishing His purposes directly contrary to what our narrow views would prescribe. He brings a death upon our feelings, wishes and prospects when He is about to give us the desire of our hearts.

JOHN NEWTON

The most marvelous ingredient in the forgiveness of God is that he also forgets, the one thing a human being can never do. Forgetting with God is a divine attribute; God's forgiveness forgets.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

The sermon of your life in tough times ministers to people more powerfully than the most eloquent speaker.

BILL BRIGHT

The Best Book reads you.

ERIC ELDER



Prayer should not be regarded as a duty which must be performed, but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty.

E. M. BOUNDS

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

The God of Christianity never claims to be fair. He goes beyond fair. The Bible teaches that he decided not to give us what we deserve—that's mercy. In addition, God decided to give us exactly what we didn't deserve—we call that grace.

ANDY STANLEY

When you recognize God as Creator, you will admire him.  
When you recognize his wisdom, you will learn from him.  
When you discover his strength, you will rely on him. But only when he saves you will you worship him.

MAX LUCADO

You are what you think about all day long.

ROBERT SCHULLER

When by the Spirit of God, I understood these words, "The just shall live by faith," I felt born again like a new man: I entered through the open doors into the very Paradise of God!

MARTIN LUTHER

We honor God by asking for great things when they are a part of His promise. We dishonor Him and cheat ourselves when we ask for molehills where He has promised mountains.

VANCE HAVNER

Choices can change our lives profoundly. The choice to mend a broken relationship, to say “yes” to a difficult assignment, to lay aside some important work to play with a child, to visit some forgotten person—these small choices may affect many lives eternally.

GLORIA GAITHER

My number one responsibility is to evangelize my children.

JAMES DOBSON

What a pity that so many people are living with so few friends when the world is full of lonesome strangers who would give anything just to be somebody’s friend.

MILO L. ARNOLD

I am sure as I live that nothing is so near to me as God. God is nearer to me than I am to myself.

MEISTER ECKHART

Reach boldly for the miracle. God knows your gifts, your hindrances, and the condition you’re in at every moment.

BRUCE WILKINSON

What is the mark of a Christian? Faith working by love.

BASIL OF CAESAREA

A heart out of tune, out of sync with God's heart, will produce a life of spiritual barrenness and missed opportunities.

JIM CYMBALA

One might better try to sail the Atlantic in a paper boat than to get to heaven on good works.

C. H. SPURGEON

Attempt great things for God and expect great things from God.

WILLIAM CAREY

When we celebrate Christmas we are celebrating that amazing time when the Word that shouted all the galaxies into being, limited all power, and for the love of us came to us in the powerless body of a human baby.

MADELEINE L'ENGLE

My determination is to transfer this habit of worry into an instant moment of prayer and leaving it with God.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

As much of heaven is visible as we have eyes to see.

WILLIAM WINTER

An essential part of the journey to holiness is bringing our frenetic activity on God's behalf to a halt, and opening up time for Him to act directly.

CHRISTOPHER WEBB

You can do more than praying after you have prayed. You can never do more than praying before you have prayed.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

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

There are such things as consecrated griefs, sorrows that may be common to everyone but which take on a special character when accepted intelligently and offered to God in loving submission.

A. W. TOZER

Praying is no easy matter. It demands a relationship in which you allow someone other than yourself to enter into the very center of your being, and to see there what you would rather leave in darkness, to touch there what you would rather leave untouched.

HENRI NOUWEN

Just pray for a tough hide and a tender heart.

RUTH BELL GRAHAM

We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.

MOTHER TERESA

He who consciously or unconsciously has chosen to ignore God  
is an orphan in the universe.

EMILE CAILLIET

The springs of love are in God, not in us.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

To live is nothing, unless to live be to know Him by whom we  
live.

JOHN RUSKIN

If your prayers were always answered, you'd have a reason to  
doubt the wisdom of God.

UNKNOWN

The triumphant Christian does not fight for victory; he celebrates  
a victory already won.

REGINALD WALLIS

Lord, send me where Thou wilt, only go with me; lay on me  
what Thou wilt, only sustain me. Cut any cord but the one that  
binds me to Thy cause, to Thy heart.

TITUS COAN

You cannot glorify God better than by a calm and joyous life.

C. H. SPURGEON

Faith means trusting in advance what will only make sense in reverse.

PHILIP YANCEY

Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in; aim at earth and you will get neither.

C. S. LEWIS

We Christians must simplify our lives or lose untold treasures on earth and in eternity. Modern civilization is so complex as to make the devotional life all but impossible. The need for solitude and quietness was never greater than it is today.

A. W. TOZER

The mind is like a clock that is constantly running down. It has to be wound up daily with good thoughts.

FULTON J. SHEEN

Love slays what we have been that we may be what we are not.

AUGUSTINE

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

C. S. LEWIS

There is no stopping place in this life—no, nor is there ever one for any man, no matter how far along his way he's gone.

MEISTER ECKHART

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 J. FOSTER

That we ought to give ourselves to God with regard to things both temporal and spiritual, and seek our satisfaction only in the fulfilling His will, whether He lead us by suffering, or by consolation, for all would be equal to a soul truly resigned. Prayer is nothing else but a sense of God's presence.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

He prays well who is so absorbed with God that he does not know he is praying.

FRANCIS DE SALES

This day and your life are God's gifts to you: so give thanks and be joyful always!

JIM BEGGS

When Christ reveals himself there is satisfaction in the slenderest portion, and without Christ there is emptiness in the greatest fullness.

ALEXANDER GROSSE

God is God. He knows what he is doing. When you can't trace  
his hand, trust this heart.

MAX LUCADO

You can never truly enjoy Christmas until you can look up into  
the Father's face and tell him you have received his Christmas  
gift.

JOHN RICE

The smallest good act today is the capture of a strategic point  
from which, a few months later, you may be able to go on to  
victories you never dreamed of.

C. S. LEWIS

Evil is a test for greater love.

MOTHER TERESA

Only God's chosen task for you will ultimately satisfy. Do not  
wait until it is too late to realize the privilege of serving Him in  
His chosen position for you.

BETH MOORE

Fulfillment doesn't automatically happen as a result of linking  
up with the "right" person, job, or even ministry. Fulfillment  
happens as a result of being in God's will.

MARILYN OLSON



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

UNKNOWN

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful. Beauty is  
God's handwriting.

CHARLES KINGSLEY

To be with God, there is no need to be continually in church. We  
may make an oratory of our heart wherein to retire from time to  
time to converse with him in meekness, humility and love. There is  
not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that  
of a continual conversation with God.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

When I was young, I was sure of everything. In a few years,  
having been mistaken a thousand times, I was not half so sure of  
most things as I was before. At present, I am hardly sure of  
anything but what God has revealed to man.

JOHN WESLEY

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

LEIGHTON FORD

The Holy Spirit is the One who is poured out upon you like a  
healing balm—to sooth, to calm, and to comfort. He is the One  
who renews your strength, revives your spirit, refills your cup,  
restores your strength, and refreshes your spirit.

ROY LESSIN

Oh, men and women, pray through; pray through! Do not just begin to pray and pray a little while and throw up your hands and quit, but pray and pray and pray until God bends the heavens and comes down!

R. A. TORREY

God is pleased with no music below so much as with the thanksgiving songs of relieved widows and supported orphans; of rejoicing, comforted, and thankful persons.

JEREMY TAYLOR

We do not want suffering; we want success. We identify not with those who are low and hurt but with those who are high and healthy. We don't like lepers or losers very well; we prefer climbers and comers. For Christians, the temptation to be conformed to this world is desperately sweet and strong. Yet, says the apostle Paul, we are children of God if we suffer with Christ.

CORNELIUS PLANTINGA JR.

When we are humble enough to allow God to fill us with His love, a miracle happens.

KIM MOORE

God looks not at the oratory of your prayers, how elegant they may be; nor at the geometry of your prayers, how long they may be; nor at the arithmetic of your prayers, how many they may be; nor at the logic of your prayers, how methodical they may be; but the sincerity of them, he looks at.

THOMAS BROOKS

Let us thus think often that our only business in this life is to please God.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

God is with us in the evening,  
and in the morning,  
and in each new day.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

I sometimes wonder whether all pleasures are not substitutes for joy.

C. S. LEWIS

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

CHARLES WEST

Many do not advance in Christian progress because they stick in penances and particular exercises, while they neglect the love of God, which is the end.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

God is voting for us all the time. The devil is voting against us all the time. The way we vote carries the election.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

A man's spiritual health is exactly proportional to his love for God.

C. S. LEWIS

Let Christ stay throughout the meal. Don't dismiss Him with the blessing.

UNKNOWN

The effective Christians of history have been men and women of great personal discipline—mental discipline, discipline of the body, discipline of the tongue, and discipline of the emotion.

BILLY GRAHAM

If the veil of the world's machinery were lifted off, how much we would find is done in answer to the prayers of God's children.

ROBERT M'CHEYNE

Blind as we are, we hinder God, and stop the current of His graces. But when He finds a soul penetrated with a lively faith, He pours into it His graces and favors plentifully.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

We are not necessarily doubting that God will do the best for us,  
we are wondering how painful the best will turn out to be.

C. S. LEWIS

Set me free from evil passions, and heal my heart of all  
inordinate affections; that being inwardly cured and thoroughly  
cleansed, I may be made fit to love, courageous to suffer, steady  
to persevere.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

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

REUBIN WELCH

I more fear what is within me than what comes from without.

MARTIN LUTHER

We demand God's gifts to satisfy our cravings. Yet, only His  
presence can do the trick.

LESLIE WILLIAMS

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

FREDERICK FABER

You have been created by God and for God, and someday you will stand amazed at the simple yet profound ways He has used you even when you weren't aware of it.

KAY ARTHUR

Struggling with God over the issues of life doesn't show a lack of faith—that is faith.

LEE STROBEL

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

GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS

To the true disciple a miracle only manifests the power and love which are silently at work everywhere as divinely in the gift of daily bread as in the miraculous multiplication of the loaves.

F. W. ROBERTSON

If you want to know God as he speaks to you through the Bible, you should study the Bible daily, systematically, comprehensively, devotionally, and prayerfully.

JAMES MONTGOMERY BOICE

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

TRYON EDWARDS

Every day is a messenger of God.

RUSSIAN PROVERB

Life becomes harder for us when we live for others, but it also  
becomes richer and happier.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

I have handed Jesus the key to my secret hideout.

PADDY BAKER

Which would you prefer? To be king of the mountain for a day?  
Or to be a child of God for eternity?

MAX LUCADO

Lord, make me more like Yourself, less like myself.

UNKNOWN

Not how much we give, but what we do not give, is the test of  
our Christianity.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

You thought God was to hear and answer you by making  
everything straight and pleasant—not so are nations or  
churches or men and women born; not so is character made.

God is answering your prayer in His way.

MARY SLESSOR

The all-important aim in Christian meditation is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more not only a reality, but...that reality which gives meaning and shape and purpose to everything we do; to everything we are.

JOHN MAIN

Not what the disciple says in public prayer, not what he preaches from pulpit or platform, not what he writes on paper or in letters, but what he is in his heart which God alone knows, determines God's revelation of himself to him. Character determines revelation.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.

G. K. CHESTERTON

Earthly fears are no fears at all. Answer the big question of eternity, and the little questions of life fall into perspective.

MAX LUCADO

For one man who can introduce another to Jesus Christ by the way he lives and by the atmosphere of his life, there are a thousand who can only talk jargon about him.

OSWALD CHAMBERS



Take that gift God has entrusted to you, and use it in the service of Christ and your fellow men. He will make it glow and shine like the very stars of heaven.

JOHN SUTHERLAND BONNELL

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.

AMBROSE OF MILAN

God's loving initiative to step into time and space to restore us to Himself is still a cause for wonder and praise.

GLORIA GAITHER

Happiness is caused by things that happen around me, and circumstances will mar it; but joy flows right on through trouble; joy flows in the night as well as in the day; joy flows through persecution and opposition. It is an unceasing fountain bubbling up in the heart; a secret spring the world can't see and doesn't know anything about.

D. L. MOODY

"Forgiveness," says one youngster, "Is when you leave your Dad's saw out in the rain, and he says it was rusty anyway."

NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

God comes right out and tells us why He gives us more money than we need. It's not so we can find more ways to spend it. It's not so we can indulge ourselves and spoil our children. It's not so we can insulate ourselves from needing God's provision. It's so we can give and give generously.

RANDY ALCORN

Health is a good thing, but sickness is far better, if it leads us to God.

J. C. RYLE

When Jesus is truly our Lord, he directs our lives and we gladly obey him. Indeed, we bring every part of our lives under his lordship—our home and family, our sexuality and marriage, our job or unemployment, our money and possessions, our ambitions and recreations.

JOHN STOTT

We have too many people who have plenty of medals and no scars.

WARREN WIERSBE

Christianity provides a unified answer for the whole of life.

FRANCIS SCHAEFFER

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

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

AUGUSTINE

All our fret and worry is caused by calculating without God.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

A wise man once said, “Whatever came to me, I looked on as God's gift for some special purpose. If it was a difficulty, I knew He gave it to me to struggle with, to strengthen my mind and my faith.” That idea has sweetened and helped me all of my life.

UNKNOWN

One of the most powerful concepts, one which is a sure cure for lack of confidence, is the thought that God is with you and helping you. This is one of the simplest teachings in religion, namely, that Almighty God will be your companion, will stand by you, help you, and see you through. No other idea is so powerful in developing self-confidence as this simple belief when practiced. To practice it simply affirm “God is with me; God is helping me; God is guiding me.” Spend several minutes each day visualizing his presence. Then practice believing that affirmation.

NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

True freedom from fear consists of totally resigning one's life into the hands of the Lord.

DAVID WILKERSON

Since you cannot do good to all, you are to pay special regard to those who, by the accidents of time, or place, or circumstances, are brought into closer connection with you.

AUGUSTINE

Those who have failed miserably are often the first to see God's formula for success.

ERWIN. W. LUTZER

The vague and tenuous hope that God is too kind to punish the ungodly has become a deadly opiate for the consciences of millions.

A. W. TOZER

A keen sense of humor helps us to overlook the unbecoming, understand the unconventional, tolerate the unpleasant, overcome the unexpected, and outlast the unbearable.

BILLY GRAHAM

Other sins find their vent in the accomplishment of evil deeds, whereas pride lies in wait for good deeds, to destroy them.

AUGUSTINE

When one life is changed, the world is changed.

THOMAS JOHNS

Forgiveness is every person's deepest need and the greatest quality of being like Jesus.

FRANKLIN GRAHAM

Your life is to be lived in such a way as to reflect Him, to show the world the character of God—His love, His peace, His mercy, His gentleness. You are to live for Him, to accomplish His will. To miss this purpose is to miss fulfillment. It is to have existed rather than to have lived.

KAY ARTHUR

Giving thanks means little unless you are living thanks.

UNKNOWN

God in His nature is most simple and cannot admit of any duplicity. If we then would be conformable to Him, we should try to become by virtue what He is by nature. We should be simple in our affections, intentions, actions, and words; we should do what we find to do without artifice or guile, making our exterior conformable to our interior. We should have no other object but God in our actions and seek to please Him alone in all things.

VINCENT DE PAUL

Cry the gospel with your whole life.

CHARLES DE FOUCAULD

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

How rarely we weight our neighbour in the same balance in which we weigh ourselves.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

When we understand that God has called us individually by name, it profoundly alters the way we live.

MARY ANGELICA

We are silent at the beginning of the day because God should have the first word, and we are silent before going to sleep because the last word also belongs to God.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

The truth about man is that he needs to be loved the most when he deserves it the least. Only God can fulfill this incredible need. Only God can provide a love so deep it saves from the depths.

UNKNOWN

Prayer is the most important thing in my life. If I should neglect prayer for a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith.

MARTIN LUTHER

Here then I am, far from the busy ways of men. I sit down alone;  
only God is here.

JOHN WESLEY

If you can't pray a door open, don't pry it open.

LYELL RADER

Very often what God first helps us towards is not the virtue itself but just this power of always trying again. For however important chastity (or courage, or truthfulness, or any other virtue) may be, this process trains us in habits of the soul which are more important still.

C. S. LEWIS

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace. It is so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.

MARTIN LUTHER

Say to yourself, "I am loved by God more than I can either conceive or understand." Let this fill all your soul and all your prayers and never leave you. You will soon see that this is the way to find God.

HENRI DE TOURVILLE

For what else are the servants of God than His singers, whose duty it is to lift up the hearts of men and move them to spiritual joy?

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

We are all fallen creatures and all very hard to live with.

C. S. LEWIS

Peace does not dwell in outward things, but within the soul; we may preserve it in the midst of the bitterest pain, if our will remain firm and submissive. Peace in this life springs from acquiescence to, not in an exemption from, suffering.

FRANCOIS FENELON

Nothing fails quite so totally as success without God.

VIC PENTZ

Just think: Every promise God has ever made finds its fulfillment in Jesus. God doesn't just give us grace; he gives us Jesus, the Lord of grace. If it's peace, it's only found in Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Even life itself is found in the Resurrection and the Life. Christianity isn't all that complicated. . .it's Jesus.

EARECKSON JONI TADA

Afflictions are but the shadow of God's wings.

GEORGE MACDONALD

What we believe about God is the most important thing about us.

A. W. TOZER

Christmas is the day that holds all time together.

ALEXANDER SMITH



Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly.

FRANCIS DE SALES

God has charged Himself with full responsibility for our eternal happiness and stands ready to take over the management of our lives the moment we turn in faith to Him.

A. W. TOZER

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

SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE

Prayer shouldn't be casual or sporadic, dictated only by the needs of the moment. Prayer should be as much a part of our lives as breathing.

BILLY GRAHAM

Keep your life so constant in its contact with God that His surprising power may break out on the right hand and on the left. Always be in a state of expectancy and see that you leave room for God to come in as He likes.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Love was born at Christmas.

CHRISTINA G. ROSSETTI

God our Father, you who exhort us to pray to you and give us what has been asked of you, listen to me, who am shivering in this darkness, and stretch out your hand to me. Let me see your light. Bring me back from errors and bring it about that under your guidance I may return again to myself and to you.

AUGUSTINE

Recently I've been learning that life comes down to this: God is in everything. Regardless of what difficulties I am experiencing at the moment, or what things aren't as I would like them to be, I look at the circumstances and say, "Lord, what are you trying to teach me?"

CATHERINE MARSHALL

Every trial that we pass through is capable of being the seed of a noble character. Every temptation that we meet in the path of duty is another chance of filling our souls with the power of Heaven.

FREDERICK TEMPLE

Enemy-occupied territory—that is what the world is.

C. S. LEWIS

It is said that sheep may get lost simply by nibbling away at the grass and never looking up. That can be true for any of us. We can focus so much on what is immediately before us that we fail to see life in larger perspective.

DONALD BITSBERGER

God sends rain and fruitful seasons, but though they come, they never come in the same way in any one year, and I find that, as a rule, when I need anything, that it comes from a quarter that I never expected, and that from the quarter where it had come before it does not now. Thus God keeps the eye on Himself and not on the donor.

J. B. STONEY

As we are involved in unceasing thinking, so we are called to unceasing prayer.

HENRI NOUWEN

I feel as if God had, by giving the Sabbath, given fifty-two springs in every year.

SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE

The life of the Spirit is not our life, but the life of God within us.

TERESA OF AVILA

Whatever you do, He will make good of it. But not the good He had prepared for you if you had obeyed him.

C. S. LEWIS

Satan does not do his most subtle work in the saloon, but in the sanctuary.

RALPH STOLL

The men who followed Him were unique in their generation. They turned the world upside down because their hearts had been turned right side up. The world has never been the same.

BILLY GRAHAM

Every part of our Lord's life was centered and guided by His continuing communication with the Father.

HENRY BLACKABY

Forgiveness is the greatest expression of love.

UNKNOWN

One of the dangers of having a lot of money is that you may be quite satisfied with the kinds of happiness money can give and so fail to realize your need for God. If everything seems to come simply by signing checks, you may forget that you are at every moment totally dependent on God.

C. S. LEWIS

You must live life beautifully and not allow the spirit of the world that makes gods out of power, riches, and pleasure make you forget that you have been created for greater things: to love and to be loved.

MOTHER TERESA

Love for the Lord is not an ethereal, intellectual, dreamlike thing; it is the intensest, most vital, most passionate love of which the human heart is capable.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Take courage. We walk in the wilderness today and in the  
Promised Land tomorrow.

D. L. MOODY

Difficulties are God's errands; and when we are sent upon them  
we should esteem it a proof of God's confidence—as a  
compliment from him.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

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

ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING

The value of a life can only be estimated by its relationship to  
God.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

We Christians do not believe that Jesus Christ was the only one  
that ever rose from the dead. We believe that every death-bed is a  
resurrection; that from every grave the stone is rolled away.

C. H. SPURGEON

Your eyes see your guilt.  
Your faith sees his blood.

MAX LUCADO

Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.

JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

However holy or Christlike a Christian may become, he is still in the condition of “being changed.”

JOHN STOTT

The Lord has made a promise to late repentance, but where has he made a promise of late repentance?

THOMAS BROOKS

There is not greatness where there is not simplicity, goodness and truth.

LEO TOLSTOY

Find joy in everything that leads to God.

TERESA OF AVILA

Some days, it is enough encouragement just to watch the clouds break up and disappear, leaving behind a blue patch of sky and bright sunshine that is so warm upon my face. It's a glimpse of divinity; a kiss from heaven.

UNKNOWN

Take my heart and make it your dwelling place so that everyone I  
touch will be touched also by you!

ALICE JOYCE DAVIDSON

The last and greatest lesson that the soul has to learn is the fact  
that God, and God alone, is enough for all its needs This is the  
lesson that all His dealings with us are meant to teach; and this is  
the crowning discovery of our whole Christian life. God is  
enough!

HANNAH WHITALL SMITH

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

The giant step in the walk of faith is the one we take when we  
decide God no longer is a part of our lives. He is our life.

BETH MOORE

We are not human beings having a spiritual experience; we are  
spiritual beings having a human experience.

PIERRE TEILHARD DE CHARDIN

We do not content ourselves with the life we have in  
ourselves; we desire to live an imaginary life in the minds of  
others, and for this purpose we endeavor to shine.

BLAISE PASCAL

Those who put themselves in His hands will become perfect, as He is perfect—perfect in love, wisdom, joy, beauty, health, and immortality. The change will not be completed in this life, for death is an important part of the treatment. How far the change will have gone before death in any particular Christian is uncertain.

C. S. LEWIS

Our future is not about what we have or don't have, or about what might happen or what might not happen. Our future is all about Who we know and how well we know Him.

CINDI MCMENAMIN

The very contradictions in my life are in some ways signs of God's mercy to me.

THOMAS MERTON

Oh, God, I have no rest until I find rest in you.

AUGUSTINE

May not a single moment of my life be spent outside the light, love, and joy of God's presence, and not a moment without the entire surrender of myself as a vessel for Him to fill full of His Spirit and His love.

ANDREW MURRAY

My main ambition in life is to be on the devil's most wanted list.

LEONARD RAVENHILL



If you are willing to honor a person out of respect for God, you  
can be assured that God will honor you.

BETH MOORE

Kindness is just the word for [certain] small acts. Kindness is love  
flowing out in little gentlenesses. We ought to carry our lives so  
that they will be perpetual benedictions wherever we go. All we  
need for such a ministry is a heart full of love for Christ; for if we  
truly love Christ we shall also love our fellow men, and love will  
always find ways of helping. A heart filled with gentleness cannot  
be miserly of its benedictions.

JAMES R. MILLER

We must always invite Jesus to be the navigator of our plans,  
desires, wills, and emotions, for He is the way.

BILL BRIGHT

You should pray every hour. The most necessary and the most  
difficult form of prayer is to remember—in spite of the  
numerous distractions of life—your obligations to God, to his  
law. You become scared, you become upset, you become  
embarrassed, you become too involved or distracted by  
something. But you should always remember who you are and  
what you should do. This is what a real prayer should be about.  
This is difficult in the beginning, but with time you can work  
and create this habit.

LEO TOLSTOY

One of the greatest diseases is to be nobody to anybody.

MOTHER TERESA

You can see God from anywhere if your mind is set to love and obey Him.

A. W. TOZER

To see God in everything makes life the greatest adventure there is.

UNKNOWN

Poverty is life without Jesus, but close friendship with Him is incalculable wealth.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

Doing God's will is never hard. The only thing that is hard is not doing His will.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Faith is simply taking God at His word.

UNKNOWN

As the salt flavors every drop in the Atlantic, so does sin affect every atom of our nature.

C. H. SPURGEON

Our problem is that we come to a point in our Christian life where we become comfortable and we stop surrendering all things to Christ. Surrender means that I have given God permission to change, mold or to rid my life of anything that hinders me from becoming all that He wants me to be. We need to surrender to God and allow Him to change us.

JEFF SIMMS

If you believe what you like in the gospel, and reject what you do not like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourselves.

AUGUSTINE

No man truly has joy unless he lives in love.

THOMAS AQUINAS

To falter before the forces of life when the power of God is available is unfortunate and above all unnecessary.

E. RAY JONES

I find my Lord going and coming seven times a day. His visits are short; but they are frequent and sweet.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

In the evening of our lives we shall be examined on love.

JOHN OF THE CROSS

For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards heaven, it is a cry of recognition of love, embracing both trial and joy.

THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

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

HENRY WARD BEECHER

How dangerous it is for our salvation, how unworthy of God and of ourselves, how pernicious even for the peace of our hearts, to want always to stay where we are! Our whole life was only given us to advance us by great strides toward our heavenly country.

FRANCOIS FENELON

I came from God, and I'm going back to God, and I won't have any gaps of death in the middle of my life.

GEORGE MACDONALD

He who has the Holy Spirit in his heart and the Scripture in his hands has all he needs.

ALEXANDER MACLAREN

So long as you do not quarrel with sin, you will never be a truly happy man.

J. C. RYLE

The moment you wake up each morning, all your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists in shoving it all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other, larger, stronger, quieter life coming flowing in.

C. S. LEWIS

Silence is the first language of God; all else is a poor translation.

THOMAS MERTON

Not tongues nor faith nor prophecy nor knowledge nor martyrdom nor philanthropy, but love is the Christian's mark of distinction.

VANCE HAVNER

You cannot change the past, but the past can change you, either for better or for worse. It all depends on how you look at it. The past can be a rudder that guides you or an anchor that hinders you. Leave your past mistakes with God, and look to the future by faith.

WARREN WIERSBE

The wonder of our Lord is that He is so accessible to us in the common things of our lives: the cup of water...breaking of the bread...welcoming children into our arms...fellowship over a meal...giving thanks. A simple attitude of caring, listening, and lovingly telling the truth.

NANCIE CARMICHAEL

One way to define spiritual life is getting so tired and fed up with yourself you go on to something better, which is following Jesus.

EUGENE PETERSON

Two works of mercy set a man free: forgive and you will be forgiven, and give and you will receive.

AUGUSTINE

Your unhappiness is due not to a want of something outside of you, but to a want of something inside you. You were made for perfect happiness. No wonder everything short of God disappoints you.

FULTON J. SHEEN

Man finds it hard to get what he wants because he does not want the best; God finds it hard to give because he would give the best and man will not take it.

GEORGE MACDONALD

No man knows how bad he is till he has tried very hard to be good.

C. S. LEWIS

If, at the end of each day, a person could look back on three tiny acts of self-denial, he would already be on the way to a happy life.

FULTON J. SHEEN

If God lights the candle, none can blow it out.

C. H. SPURGEON

Let a man set his heart only on doing the will of God and he is instantly free. If we understand our first and sole duty to consist of loving God supremely and loving everyone, even our enemies, for God's dear sake, then we can enjoy spiritual tranquility under every circumstance.

A. W. TOZER

A soul enkindled with love is a gentle, meek, humble, and patient soul.

JOHN OF THE CROSS

Christians, above all others, are people of the long view, the long purpose, and the long plan. They plan how to live today, how to live tomorrow, how to live forever. And they plan this for all people, for they have not only the long view, they have also the wide view. They think in terms of the world as a whole.

E. STANLEY JONES

Never be afraid of the world's censure; it's praise is much more to be dreaded.

C. H. SPURGEON

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

MOTHER TERESA

If we will feed Christ with the food of our houses, even outward food, Christ will reward us with the food of his house, which is spiritual food.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

It seems to me that if we get one look at Christ in His love and beauty, this world and its pleasures will look very small to us.

D. L. MOODY

I discovered that it is not on our forgiveness any more than on our goodness that the world's healing hinges, but on His. When He tells us to love our enemies, He gives, along with the command, the love itself.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

The greatest challenge here is faithfulness, which must be lived in the choices of every moment. When your eating, drinking, working, playing, speaking, or writing is no longer for the glory of God, you should stop it immediately, because you no longer live for the glory of God, you begin living for your own glory. Then you will separate yourself from God and do yourself harm.

HENRI NOUWEN

Jesus Christ is the meeting place of eternity and time, the joining of deity and humanity, the junction of heaven and earth.

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Sin has remained unchanged, although man has done his best to alter it. We've tried to dress it up with other names. We've put new labels on the same old bottle of poison. We've tried to whitewash the old barn and pretend it was another building.

We've tried calling sin "errors" or "mistakes" or "poor judgment" but sin itself has stayed the same. No matter how we try to salve our conscience, we've known all along that men are still sinners and the results of sin are still disease, disappointment, disillusionment, despair and death.

BILLY GRAHAM

Progress towards maturity is not to be measured by victory over the sins we are aware of, but by hatred of the sins which we had overlooked and which we now see all too clearly.

ARTHUR C. CUSTANCE

If life be short, then moderate your worldly cares and projects; do not cumber yourselves with too much provision for a short voyage.

THOMAS MANTON

Whatever happens, the worst will only be a weary traveler receiving a joyful and heavenly welcome home.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

If God took time to create beauty, how can we be too busy to appreciate it?

RANDALL B. CORBIN

Nothing is really ours until we share it.

C. S. LEWIS

Often, in the midst of great problems, we stop short of the real blessing God has for us, which is a fresh vision of who He is.

ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ

My worth to God in public is what I am in private.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

If you're going to care about the fall of the sparrow you can't pick and choose who's going to be the sparrow. It's everybody.

MADELEINE L'ENGLE

The greatest enemy to human souls is the self-righteous spirit which makes men look to themselves for salvation.

C. H. SPURGEON

One phrase summarizes the horror of hell. "God isn't there."

MAX LUCADO

Jesus invited us, not to a picnic, but to a pilgrimage; not to a frolic, but to a fight. He offered us, not an excursion, but an execution. Our Savior said that we would have to be ready to die to self, sin, and the world.

BILLY GRAHAM

There are very few who in their hearts do not believe in God, but  
what they will not do is give him exclusive right of way.

D. L. MOODY

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

UNKNOWN

Every day bring God sacrifices and be the priest in this  
reasonable service, offering thy body and the virtue of thy soul.

JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

“O God,” I cried, and that was all. But what are the prayers of all  
the universe more than expansions of that one cry? It is not what  
God can give us, but God that we want.

GEORGE MACDONALD

Within each of us exists the image of God, however disfigured  
and corrupted by sin it may presently be. God is able to recover  
this image through grace as we are conformed to Christ.

ALISTER MCGRATH

We're prone to want God to change our circumstances, but He  
wants to change our character. We think that peace comes from  
the outside in, but it comes from the inside out.

WARREN WIERSBE

Nothing sets a person so much out of the devil's reach as  
humility.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

Prayer is the test of everything; prayer is also the source of  
everything; prayer is the driving force of everything; prayer is also  
the director of everything. If prayer is right, everything is right. For  
prayer will not allow anything to go wrong.

THEOPHAN THE RECLUSE

The problem is not that the churches are filled with empty  
pews, but that the pews are filled with empty people.

CHARLIE SHEDD

When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take  
things for granted or take them with gratitude.

G. K. CHESTERTON

Fear is a greater evil than the evil itself... What do you fear?

No, fear not; you walk on the sea amid the winds and the  
waves, but it is with Jesus. What is there to fear? But if fear  
seizes you, cry loudly, "O Lord, save me." He will give you  
his hand: clasp it tight and go joyously on.

FRANCIS DE SALES

There is nothing we can desire or want that we do not find in  
God.

CATHERINE OF SIENA

The easiest place in which to be spiritual is in public; the most difficult is at home.

CHARLES RYRIE

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

S. C. MCAULEY

To know the will of God is the highest of all wisdom.

BILLY GRAHAM

Taking us through suffering, not out of it, is one of the primary means that the Spirit uses today in bringing us to God.

DANIEL WALLACE

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

No one ever told me that grief felt so much like fear.

C. S. LEWIS

It is an unhappy division that has been made between faith and works, though in my intellect I may divide them, just as in a candle I know there is both light and heat; but yet, put out the candle and they are both gone; one remains not without the other. So it is betwixt faith and works.

JOHN SELDEN

Some people have received Christ but have never reached spiritual maturity. We should grow as Christians every day, and we are not completely mature until we live in the presence of Christ.

BILLY GRAHAM

Prayer is the sum of our relationship with God. We are what we pray. The degree of our faith is the degree of our prayer. Our ability to love is our ability to pray.

CARLO CARRETTO

Give yourself to God to be what He wills you to be.

DAVID LIVINGSTONE

Lust is a poor, weak, whimpering, whispering thing compared with that richness and energy of desire which will arise when lust has been killed.

C. S. LEWIS

It is by no haphazard chance that in every age men have risen early to pray. The first thing that marks decline in spiritual life is our relationship to the early morning.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

I do not at all understand the mystery of grace—only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us.

ANNE LAMOTT

How sad it is that we give up on people who are just like us.

FRED ROGERS

At a certain meeting two and a half people were converted to Christ. A friend asked if he meant two adults and a child. The facts were just the opposite two children and an adult. When a child is led to Christ, a whole life is saved!

D. L. MOODY

There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.

C. S. LEWIS

Live in faith and hope, though it be in darkness, for in this darkness God protects the soul. Cast your care upon God for you are His and He will not forget you. Do not think that He is leaving you alone, for that would be to wrong Him.

JOHN OF THE CROSS

The degree of our faith is the degree of our prayer. The strength of our hope is the strength of our prayer. The warmth of our charity is the warmth of our prayer.

CARLO CARRETTO

We may easily be too big for God to use, but never too small.

D. L. MOODY

If my life is surrendered to God, all is well. Let me not grab it back, as though it were in peril in His hand but would be safer in mine!

ELISABETH ELLIOT

I have found in the Bible words for my inmost thoughts, songs for my joy, utterance for my hidden grief's and pleadings for my shame and feebleness.

SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE

The next moment is as much beyond our grasp, and as much in God's care, as that a hundred years away. Care for the next minute is just as foolish as care for a day in the next thousand years. In neither can we do anything, in both God is doing everything.

C. S. LEWIS

It is very important that children learn from their fathers and mothers how to love one another—not in the school, not from the teacher, but from you. It is very important that you share with your children the joy of that smile. There will be misunderstandings; every family has its cross, its suffering. Always be the first to forgive with a smile. Be cheerful, be happy.

MOTHER TERESA

I am mended by my sickness, enriched by my poverty, and strengthened by my weakness.

ABRAHAM WRIGHT



The divine art of miracle is not an art of suspending the pattern to which events conform, but of feeding new events into that pattern.

C. S. LEWIS

Someday you will read in the papers that D. L. Moody of East Northfield is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. At that moment I shall be more alive than now. I shall have gone up higher, that is all—out of this old clay tenement into a house that is immortal; a body that death cannot touch, that sin cannot taint, a body fashioned like unto his glorious body. That which is born of the flesh may die. That which is born of the spirit will live forever.

D. L. MOODY

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

I learned as never before that persistent calling upon the Lord breaks through every stronghold of the devil, for nothing is impossible with God. For Christians in these troubled times, there is simply no other way.

JIM CYMBALA

By space the universe embraces me and swallows me up like an atom, by thought I embrace the universe.

BLAISE PASCAL

Words. Do you fully understand their power? Can any of us really grasp the mighty force behind the things we say? Do we stop and think before we speak, considering the potency of the words we utter?

EARECKSON JONI TADA

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

UNKNOWN

The secret is Christ in me, not me in a different set of circumstances.

ELISABETH ELLIOT

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

Suddenly I heard the words of Christ and understood them, and life and death ceased to seem to me evil, and instead of despair I experienced happiness and the joy of life undisturbed by death.

LEO TOLSTOY

The devil is content to let us profess Christianity as long as we do not practice it.

UNKNOWN

Give rest to the weary, visit the sick, support the poor; for this  
also is prayer.

APHRAHAT

Spend your time in nothing you know must be repented of; in  
nothing on which you might not pray the blessing of God; in  
nothing which you could not review with a quiet conscience on  
your dying bed; in nothing which you might not safely and  
properly be found doing if death should surprise you in the act.

J. SIDLOW BAXTER

Every choice we make in life has the possibility of changing our  
lives forever.

JIMMY HOUSTON

Our lives are a manifestation of what we think about God.

UNKNOWN

I was frustrated out of my mind, trying to figure out the will of  
God. I was doing everything but letting into the presence of God  
and asking Him to show me.

PAUL LITTLE

The greatest good and the most profitable gain come when we  
are up against a blank wall. Then we learn to pray in plain  
language.

ARTHUR LYNIP

He enjoys much who is thankful for little.

THOMAS SECKER

The degree of blessing enjoyed by any man will correspond exactly with the completeness of God's victory over him.

A. W. TOZER

When I speak of a person growing in grace, I mean simply this—that his sense of sin is becoming deeper, his faith stronger, his hope brighter, his love more extensive, and his spiritual mindedness more marked.

J. C. RYLE

He who desires nothing but God is rich and happy.

ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

To love God is something greater than to know him.

THOMAS AQUINAS

Learn to hold loosely all that is not eternal.

A. MAUDE ROYDEN

Two wings are necessary to lift our souls toward God: prayer and praise. Prayer asks. Praise accepts the answer.

L. B. COWMAN

Anxiety is the natural result when our hopes are centered in anything short of God and His will for us.

BILLY GRAHAM

The enjoyment of God is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied. To go to heaven, fully to enjoy God, is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here.

Fathers and mothers, husbands, wives, or children, or the company of earthly friends, are but shadows; but God is the substance. These are but scattered beams, but God is the sun.

These are but streams. But God is the ocean.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

I thought when I became a Christian I had nothing to do but just to lay my oars in the bottom of the boat and float along. But I soon found that I would have to go against the current.

D. L. MOODY

No matter how discouraged you are about your Christian life—today, you are the best Christian many are ever going to meet!

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A man may study because his brain is hungry for knowledge, even Bible knowledge. But he prays because his soul is hungry for God.

LEONARD RAVENHILL

Our superfluities should be given up for the convenience of others. Our conveniences should give place to the necessities of others. And even our necessities give way to the extremities of the poor.

ROBERT HOWARD

The Bible is a letter from God with our personal address on it.

SOREN KIERKEGAARD

Go into the desert not to escape other men but in order to find them in God.

THOMAS MERTON

If you, O Servant of God, are upset, for any reason whatever, you should immediately rise up to prayer, and you should remain in the presence of the Most High Father for as long as it takes for Him to restore you to the joy of your salvation.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Christianity is either relevant all the time or useless anytime. It is not just a phase of life; it is life itself.

RICHARD HALVERSON

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

OLIVER THOMAS

Fear not that your life shall come to an end, but rather that it shall  
never have a beginning.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

We should keep up in our hearts a constant sense of our own  
weakness, not with a design to discourage the mind and depress  
the spirits, but with a view to drive us out of ourselves, in search  
of the Divine assistance.

HANNAH MORE

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

UNKNOWN

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

MOTHER TERESA

Help us, O Lord, when we want to do the right thing, but know  
not what it is. But help us most when we know perfectly well  
what we ought to do, and do not want to do it. Amen.

PETER MARSHALL

The man who knows his sins is greater than one who raises a dead  
man by his prayer. He who sighs and grieves within himself for an  
hour is greater than one who teaches the entire universe. He who  
follows Christ, alone and contrite, is greater than one who enjoys  
the favor of crowds in the churches.

ISAAC THE SYRIAN

The world wants your best. God wants your all.

UNKNOWN

He that taketh his own cares upon himself loads himself in vain  
with an uneasy burden. I will cast all my cares on God; he hath  
bidden me; they cannot burden him.

JOSEPH HALL

Anyone can carry his burden, however hard, until nightfall.  
Anyone can do his work, however hard, for one day. Anyone  
can live sweetly patiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes  
down. And this is all that life really means.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

Every step toward Christ kills a doubt. Every thought, word, and  
deed for Him carries you away from discouragement.

THEODORE L. CUYLER

Why is it we can't take the first or second suggestion from the  
Lord rather than the sixth or seventh disaster.

UNKNOWN

Use what you have, that you may have more to use.

C. H. SPURGEON

The believer may be known by his inward warfare as well as by  
his inward peace.

J. C. RYLE



Jesus' resurrection makes it impossible for man's story to end in chaos—it has to move inexorably towards light, towards life, towards love.

CARLO CARRETTO

The more a person loves, the closer he approaches the image of God.

MARTIN LUTHER

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

MOTHER TERESA

God has infinite attention to spare for each one of us. You are as much alone with Him as if you were the only being He had ever created.

C. S. LEWIS

Example is more forceful than precept. People look at me six days a week to see what I mean on the seventh day.

RICHARD CECIL

The cross that Jesus commands you and me to carry is the cross of submissive obedience to the will of God, even when His will includes suffering and hardship and things we don't want to do.

ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ

Because we are loved, we are able to love. Because grace is given to us, we are able to be gracious to others. On the Irish coast there are twin lighthouses, set about 500 feet apart on opposite sides of an estuary. There is a powerful light in one, but no light in the other, only prisms and reflectors that mirror the light from the first. Yet from a distance, both seem to shine equally. Just so our lives can reflect and mirror the love and grace of God.

UNKNOWN

One of our consistent prayers should be for God to reveal the hypocrite in our hearts.

LISA HARPER

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

MOTHER TERESA

Christians who worry believe God can redeem them, break the shackles of Satan, take them from hell to heaven, put them into His kingdom, and give them eternal life, but just don't think He can get them through the next couple of days. That is pretty ridiculous. We can believe God for the greater gift and then stumble and not believe Him for the lessor one.

JOHN MACARTHUR

Thankfulness is the soil in which joy thrives.

UNKNOWN

True faith drops its letter in the post office box and lets it go.  
Distrust holds on to a corner of it and wonders that the answer  
never comes.

A. B. SIMPSON

Sinners cannot find God for the same reason that criminals  
cannot find a policeman: They aren't looking!

BILLY SUNDAY

God was making you ten billion years ago, and he knew what  
he was doing: setting up a world you could live in and lining  
up an ancestry for you. He is making you now, and knows  
what he is doing. He will be making you ten billion years  
from now, and knowing what he is doing.

CARROLL E. SIMCOX

The one concern of the devil is to keep the saints from praying.  
He fears nothing from prayerless studies/work/Christian activity.  
He laughs at our toil, mocks our wisdom, but trembles when we  
pray.

SAMUEL CHADWICK

The world, as we live in it, is like a shop window into which  
some mischievous person has got overnight, and shifted all the  
price-labels so that the cheap things have the high price-labels  
on them, and the really precious things are priced low. We let  
ourselves be taken in. Repentance means getting those price-  
labels back in the right place.

WILLIAM TEMPLE

Should we feel at times disheartened and discouraged, a simple movement of heart toward God will renew our powers.

Whatever he may demand of us, he will give us at the moment the strength and the courage that we need.

FRANCOIS FENELON

One filled with joy preaches without preaching.

MOTHER TERESA

The hope of heaven under troubles is like wind and sails to the soul.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

Many have found the secret of which I speak and, without giving much thought to what is going on with them, constantly practice this habit of inwardly gazing upon God.

A. W. TOZER

No one can go back and make a brand new start, my friend,  
But anyone can start from here and make a brand new end.

UNKNOWN

If you don't take a Sabbath, something is wrong. You're doing too much, you're being too much in charge. You've got to quit, one day a week, and just watch what God is doing when you're not doing anything.

EUGENE PETERSON

I choose gentleness... Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

MAX LUCADO

True, whole prayer is nothing but love.

AUGUSTINE

The cross has revealed to good men that their goodness has not been good enough.

JOHANN H. SCHROEDER

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in loving that we are loved and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

God is able to take mistakes, when they are committed to Him, and make of them something for our good and for His glory.

RUTH BELL GRAHAM

Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done.

C. S. LEWIS

Nothing else but seeing God in everything can make us loving and patient with those who annoy us. When we realize that they are only the instruments for accomplishing His purpose in our lives, we will actually be able to thank them [inwardly] for the blessings they bring us.

HANNAH WHITALL SMITH

Cleave to the teachings of Christ completely, and let go of other teachings, just as a sailor reads his compass, though other signs around him might contradict it.

LEO TOLSTOY

There is no place for faith if we expect God to fulfill immediately what he promises.

JOHN CALVIN

To forgive is the highest, most beautiful form of love. In return, you will receive untold peace and happiness.

ROBERT MULLER

I have a point of view. You have a point of view. God has view.

MADELEINE L'ENGLE

That the Potter should die for His clay is a stupendous miracle.

LYNN LANDRUM

So that if in this life we would enjoy the peace of paradise, we  
must accustom ourselves to a familiar, humble, affectionate  
conversation with Him.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

All the holy men seem to have gone off and died. There's no  
one left but us sinners to carry on the ministry.

JAMIE BUCKINGHAM

Life need not be easy to be joyful. Joy is not the absence of  
trouble, but the presence of Christ.

WILLIAM VANDERHOVEN

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

PHILLIPS BROOKS

The reflections on a day well spent furnishes us with joys more  
pleasing than ten thousand triumphs.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

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

LEO TOLSTOY

To forgive heals the wound, to forget heals the scar.

UNKNOWN

Heaven's calendar has seven Sundays a week. God sanctifies each day. He conducts holy business at all hours and in all places.

He uncommons the common by turning kitchen sinks into shrines, cafes into convents, and nine-to-five workdays into spiritual adventures.

MAX LUCADO

To hold on to the plough while wiping our tears, that is Christianity.

WATCHMAN NEE

Deepest communion with God is beyond words, on the other side of silence.

MADELEINE L'ENGLE

We face death, but thanks to Jesus, we only face its shadow.

MAX LUCADO

A Christian is the combination of Christ and you.

GEORGE SWEETING

Perhaps those who say they didn't get a thing out of the sermon didn't bring anything in which to take it home.

N. A. PRICHARD

Fear God and work hard.

DAVID LIVINGSTONE



Nothing can take the place of the touch of God in the soul and the sense of Someone there.

A. W. TOZER

Don't be afraid to desire great mercies from the God of heaven.

JOHN BUNYAN

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

We don't pray to get God's attention. We pray to turn our attention toward him.

CHRISTOPHER KNIPPERS

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 authority of Scripture is greater than the comprehension of the whole of man's reason.

MARTIN LUTHER

Today is the second chance which God gives us to right the wrongs, correct the mistakes, and readjust the differences that marred our yesterdays. Today is another opportunity to cancel, to expiate, to raise, to adorn.

UNKNOWN

Satan fails to speak of the remorse, the futility, the loneliness, and the spiritual devastation which go hand in hand with immorality.

BILLY GRAHAM

Second only to suffering, waiting may be the greatest teacher and trainer in godliness, maturity, and genuine spirituality most of us ever encounter.

RICHARD HENDRIX

Have you ever learned the beautiful art of letting God take care of you and giving all your thought and strength to pray for others and for the kingdom of God? It will relieve you of a thousand cares.

A. B. SIMPSON

Faith has been reduced to a comfortable system of beliefs about God instead of an uncomfortable encounter with God.

MICHAEL YACONELLI

When you can't put your prayers into words, God hears your heart.

UNKNOWN

Your health can be taken and your money stolen—but your place  
at God's table is permanent.

MAX LUCADO

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

BRUCE WILKINSON

Between here and heaven, every minute that the Christian lives  
will be a minute of grace.

C. H. SPURGEON

Have thy tools ready. God will find thee work.

CHARLES KINGSLEY

Many of my prayers are made with my eyes open. You see, it  
seems I'm always praying about something, and it's not always  
convenient—or safe—to close my eyes.

WAYNE OATES

The fewer words, the better prayer.

MARTIN LUTHER

The devil does not tempt unbelievers and sinners who are already  
his own.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

I long to put the experience of fifty years at once into your young lives, to give you at once the key of that treasure chamber every gem of which has cost me tears and struggles and prayers, but you must work for these inward treasures yourselves.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE

God is served only when He is served according to His will.

PADRE PIO

We are of such value to God that He came to live among us . . . and to guide us home. He will go to any length to seek us, even to being lifted high upon the cross to draw us back to Himself.

CATHERINE OF SIENA

Good example is half a sermon.

UNKNOWN

If we only saw the whole, we should see that the Father is doing little else in the world but training his vines.

ROBERT M'CHEYNE

The man who forgets to be thankful has fallen asleep in life.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

We can all humbly say in the sincerity of faith, "I am loved; I am called; I am secure."

FRANKLIN GRAHAM

Little self-denials, little honesties, little passing words of sympathy, little nameless acts of kindness, little silent victories over favorite temptations; these are the silent threads of gold which, when woven together, gleam out so brightly in the pattern of life that God approves.

FREDERICK W. FARRAR

God speaks to me not through the thunder and the earthquake, nor through the ocean and the stars, but through the Son of Man, and speaks in a language adapted to my imperfect sight and hearing.

WILLIAM LYON PHELPS

Prayer is not merely expressing our present desires. Its purpose is to exercise and train our desires, so that we want what he is getting ready to give us. His gift is very great, and we are small vessels for receiving it. So prayer involves widening our hearts to God.

AUGUSTINE

Christ never was in a hurry. There was no rushing forward, no anticipation, 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

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

FRANCIS DE SALES

It is not only impossible but useless to know God without Christ.

BLAISE PASCAL

It is easy to say we believe in God as long as we remain in the little world we choose to live in; but get out into the great world of facts, the noisy world where people are absolutely indifferent to you, where your message is nothing more than a crazy tale belonging to a bygone age, can you believe God there?

OSWALD CHAMBERS

If the Father has the kingdom ready for us, he will take care of us  
on the way.

ANDREW BONAR

Storms can be God's messengers.

ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ

The more we let God take us over, the more truly ourselves we become—because he made us. He invented all the different people that you and I were intended to be. . . It is when I turn to Christ, then I give up myself to His personality, that I first begin to have a real personality of my own.

C. S. LEWIS

How completely satisfying to turn from our limitations to a God who has none. Eternal years lie in His heart. For Him time does not pass, it remains; and those who are in Christ share with Him all the riches of limitless time and endless years. God never hurries. There are no deadlines against which He must work. Only to know this is to quiet our spirits and relax our nerves. For those out of Christ, time is a devouring beast.

A. W. TOZER

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

CHARLES DICKENS

To have a nodding acquaintance with the Creator of the universe is no small thought. But to be on intimate terms with Him is enough to give us heart flutters for the rest of our lives.

JOY DAWSON

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

BILLY GRAHAM

If you completely give of yourself physically, you become exhausted. But when you give of yourself spiritually, you get more strength.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Faithfulness today is the best preparation for the demands of tomorrow.

ELISABETH ELLIOT

Those that think three meals a day little enough for the body ought much more to think three solemn prayers a day little enough for the soul, and to count it a pleasure, not a task.

MATTHEW HENRY

My God, I have never thanked thee for my thorn. I have been looking forward to a world where I shall get compensated for my cross—but I have never thought of my cross as itself a present glory. Teach me the glory of my cross. Teach me the value of my thorn. Show me that my tears made my rainbow.

GEORGE MATTHESON

It is remarkable that the Holy Spirit has given us very few deathbed scenes in the book of God. We have very few in the Old Testament, fewer still in the New. And I take it that the reason may be, because the Holy Ghost would have us to take more account of how we live than how we die, for life is the main business. He who learns to die daily while he lives will find it no difficulty to breathe out his soul for the last time into the hands of his faithful Creator.

C. H. SPURGEON

All, everything that I understand, I understand only because I love.

LEO TOLSTOY



God will answer all our questions in one way and one way only  
—namely, by showing us more of his Son.

WATCHMAN NEE

If God seems far away—guess who moved.

L. JAMES HARVEY

Pain is pain and sorrow is sorrow. It hurts. It limits. It impoverishes. It isolates. It restrains. It works devastation deep within the personality. It circumscribes in a thousand different ways. There is nothing good about it. But the gifts God can give with it are the richest the human spirit can know.

MARGARET CLARKSON

The measure of a life is not its duration but its donation.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

The destiny of every human being depends on his relationship to Jesus Christ. It is not on his relationship to life, or on his service or his usefulness, but simply and solely on his relationship to Jesus Christ.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

God's love never ceases. Never. Our faith does not earn it anymore than our stupidity jeopardizes it. God doesn't love us less if we fail or more if we succeed. God's love never ceases.

MAX LUCADO

To believe on Christ, I say: not merely to believe in him, or to believe something about him, but to believe on him; and this means to entrust your soul to him and to trust in him for wisdom and strength and salvation.

WASHINGTON GLADDEN

There is nothing more harmful to you than improving only your material, animal side of life. There is nothing more beneficial, both for you and for others, than activity directed to the improvement of your soul.

LEO TOLSTOY

Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge to Satan. Prayer will cease a man from sin; or sin will cease a man from prayer.

JOHN BUNYAN

Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength. It does not enable us to escape evil. It makes us unfit to face evil when it comes. It is the interest you pay on trouble before it comes.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

There are times when God asks nothing of His children except silence, patience, and tears.

CHARLES SEYMOUR ROBINSON

One kind word can warm three winter months.

JAPANESE PROVERB

Men who fear God face life fearlessly. Men who do not fear God  
end up fearing everything.

RICHARD HALVERSON

Everything the devil does, God overreaches to serve his own  
purpose.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

God cannot give us happiness and peace apart from Himself,  
because it is not there. There is no such thing.

C. S. LEWIS

God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with  
Him.

WARREN WIERSBE

This life therefore is not righteousness but growth in  
righteousness; not health but healing, not being but becoming,  
not rest but exercise. We are not what we shall be but we are  
growing toward it; the process is not yet finished but it is going  
on; this is not the end but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in  
glory but all is being purified.

MARTIN LUTHER

Who brought me into this world? According to whose command  
do I find myself at this exact place, during this particular time?  
Life is the remembrance of a very short day we spent visiting this  
world.

BLAISE PASCAL

When you steal a penny the devil makes a fortune.

UNKNOWN

To miss the joy is to miss all.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

The darkness I can't change is side by side with the light of the  
Savior who changes everything.

MATTIE JACKSON SELECMAN

The commands of God are all designed to make us more happy  
than we can possibly be without them.

THOMAS WILSON

Obedience must be the struggle and desire of our life. Obedience,  
not hard and forced, but ready, loving and spontaneous; the doing  
of duty, not merely that the duty may be done, but that the soul in  
doing it may become capable of receiving and uttering God.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

If you're a believer—if you're “in Christ”—then kick up your  
heels! Celebrate the Lord! Celebrate yourself! Discover a life of  
pleasure you never dreamed possible.

ANNE ORTLUND

How desperately difficult it is to be honest with oneself. It is  
much easier to be honest with other people.

EDWARD BENSON

God allows us to experience the low points of life in order to teach us lessons that we could learn in no other way.

C. S. LEWIS

May your life become one of glad and unending praise to the Lord as you journey through this world!

TERESA OF AVILA

Whatever God gives you to do, do it as well as you can. This is the best possible preparation for what he may want you to do next.

GEORGE MACDONALD

Use your uniqueness to make a big deal out of God every day of your life!

MAX LUCADO

Joy is distinctly a Christian word and a Christian thing. It is the reverse of happiness. Happiness is the result of what happens of an agreeable sort. Joy has its springs deep down inside. And that spring never runs dry, no matter what happens. Only Jesus gives that joy. He had joy, singing its music within, even under the shadow of the cross. It is an unknown word and thing except as He has sway within.

SAMUEL DICKEY GORDON

Insomuch as love grows in you, so in you beauty grows. For love is the beauty of the soul.

AUGUSTINE

Even when all we see are the tangled threads on the backside of life's tapestry, we know that God is good and is out to do us good always.

RICHARD J. FOSTER

When I came to believe in Christ's teaching, I ceased desiring what I had wished for before. The direction of my life, my desires, became different. What was good and bad changed places.

LEO TOLSTOY

Sight is not faith, and hearing is not faith, neither is feeling faith; but believing when we neither see, hear, nor feel is faith; and everywhere the Bible tells us our salvation is to be by faith. Therefore we must believe before we feel, and often against our feelings, if we would honor God by our faith.

HANNAH WHITALL SMITH

The story of every great Christian achievement is the history of answered prayer.

E. M. BOUNDS

The service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth. It is obvious that man is himself a traveller; that the purpose of this world is not "to have and to hold" but "to give and to serve." There can be no other meaning.

WILFRED T. GRENFELL

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

ANSELM OF CANTERBURY

The great gift of God in prayer is Himself.

MAXIE DUNNAM

The simplest meaning of Easter is that we are living in a world in  
which God has the last word.

UNKNOWN

Never doubt in the dark what God told you in the light.

V. RAYMOND EDMAN

Prayer does not mean simply to pour out one's heart. It means  
rather to find the way to God and to speak with him, whether the  
heart is full or empty.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

The blessedness of Christmas is all wrapped up in the person of  
Jesus. Our relationship determines the measure of the blessing.

UNKNOWN

A stiff apology is a second insult. The injured party does not  
want to be compensated because he has been wronged; he  
wants to be healed because he has been hurt.

G. K. CHESTERTON

We must be watchful, especially in the beginning of the temptation. The enemy is then more easily overcome, if he is not permitted in any wise to enter the door of our hearts, but is resisted without the gate at his first knock...First there comes to the mind a bare thought of evil, then a strong imagination thereof, afterward delight, and an evil motion, and then consent. And so little by little our wicked enemy gets complete entrance, because he is not resisted in the beginning. And the longer a man is slow to resist, so much the weaker does he become daily in himself, and the enemy stronger against him.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

When we ask God to do something for us, He generally wants to do something in us.

UNKNOWN

We all long for heaven where God is, but we have it in our power to be in heaven with Him right now—to be happy with Him at this very moment. But being happy with Him now means loving like He loves, helping like He helps, giving as He gives, serving as He serves, rescuing as He rescues, being with Him twenty-four hours a day—touching Him in His distressing disguise.

MOTHER TERESA

Your quiet time, your prayer time, the time you spend in the Word, is absolutely essential for a happy Christian life.

BILLY GRAHAM



Joy is love exalted; peace is love in repose; long-suffering is love enduring; gentleness is love in society; goodness is love in action; faith is love on the battlefield; meekness is love in school; and temperance is love in training.

D. L. MOODY

A gash in the conscience may disfigure the soul.

C. H. SPURGEON

We are building lives with an eternal purpose in mind.

CHARLES STANLEY

When you pray for anyone you tend to modify your personal attitude toward him.

NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

Being a Christian means accepting the terms of creation, accepting God as our maker and redeemer, and growing day by day into an increasingly glorious creature in Christ, developing joy, experiencing love, maturing in peace.

EUGENE PETERSON

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

GERALD HOPKINS

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

UNKNOWN

Teach us, Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do your will.

IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

We have to pray long, but with few words.

LOUIS EVELY

If people don't know their pastor, it's easy to put the pastor on a pedestal and depersonalize him or her. It's also easy for pastors, who don't know their congregations, simply to classify congregants as saved or unsaved, involved or not involved, tithers or non-tithers.

EUGENE PETERSON

In the Old Testament the New lies hidden; in the New Testament the Old is laid open.

AUGUSTINE

I would rather play with forked lightning, or take in my hand living wires with their fiery current, than speak a reckless word against any servant of Christ, or idly repeat the slanderous darts which thousands of Christians are hurling on others, to the hurt of their own souls and bodies.

A. B. SIMPSON

The saints are the sinners who keep on trying.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

The resurrection never becomes a fact of experience until the risen Lord lives in the heart of the believer.

PETER MARSHALL

The breathing I did yesterday will not keep me alive today—I must continue to breathe afresh every moment, or my life will cease. In like manner, yesterday's grace and spiritual strength must be renewed, and the Holy Spirit must continue to breathe on my soul from moment to moment in order that I may continue to enjoy Him and to work the works He has assigned me.

AUGUSTUS TOPLADY

Every moment and every event of every man's life on earth plants something in his soul. For just as the wind carries thousands of winged seeds, so each moment brings with it germs of spiritual vitality that come to rest imperceptibly in the minds and wills of men.

THOMAS MERTON

Your chief task in life is the care of your soul. You should care for your soul and work to improve it, and you can improve it only with love.

LEO TOLSTOY

Since fasting is a holy exercise both for the humbling of men and for their confession of humility, why should we use it less than the ancients did?

JOHN CALVIN

It is God to whom and with whom we travel, and while He is the  
End of our journey, He is also at every stopping place.

ELISABETH ELLIOT

Never give up praying until the answer comes.

GEORGE MULLER

The gospel starts by teaching us that we, as creatures, are  
absolutely dependent on God, and that he, as Creator, has an  
absolute claim on us. Only when we have learned this can we  
see what sin is, and only when we see what sin is can we  
understand the good news of salvation from sin.

J. I. PACKER

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

The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of  
deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in  
my eyes, and say, "O God, forgive me," or "Help me."

BILLY GRAHAM

What can God have that gives him greater satisfaction than that a  
thousand times a day all his creatures should thus pause to  
withdraw and worship him in the heart.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

His knowledge is not like ours, which has three tenses: present, past, and future. God's knowledge has no change or variation.

AUGUSTINE

In religion our exclusions are nearly always wrong, and our inclusions, however inconsistent, nearly always right.

EVELYN UNDERHILL

A good marriage is the union of two forgivers.

RUTH BELL GRAHAM

Some of us are as dead to the perception of God's gracious call, just because it has been sounded on uninterruptedly, as are the dwellers by a waterfall to its unremitting voice.

ALEXANDER MACLAREN

The music of the Gospel leads us home.

FREDERICK FABER

I grant freely that it costs little to be a mere outward Christian.

J. C. RYLE

A dear old friend of mine used to say with the truest Christian charity, when he heard any one being loudly condemned for some fault: "Ah! well, yes, it seems very bad to me, because it is not my way of sinning!"

CHARLES D. WILLIAMS

For many people in this world, life is cold, lonely and hard. If they had one friend, their lives would not only be different, but happier. In the plan of God, a friendship is a touch of heaven on earth. And we can all bring a touch of heaven into someone's life.

MARK CONNOLLY

Eternity is primary. Heaven must become our first and ultimate point of reference. We are built for it, redeemed for it, and on our way to it. Success demands that we see and respond to now in the light of then. All that we have, are, and accumulate must be seen as resources by which we can influence and impact the world beyond. Even our tragedies are viewed as events that can bring eternal gain.

JOSEPH STOWELL

What makes humility so desirable is the marvelous thing it does to us; it creates in us a capacity for the closest possible intimacy with God.

MONICA BALDWIN

Our prayers lay the track down on which God's power can come. Like a mighty locomotive, his power is irresistible, but it cannot reach us without rails.

WATCHMAN NEE

True humility consists in not presuming on our own strength, but in trusting to obtain all things from the power of God.

THOMAS AQUINAS

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

I'm not afraid of the devil. The devil can handle me—he's got judo I never heard of. But he can't handle the One to whom I'm joined; he can't handle the One to whom I'm united; he can't handle the One whose nature dwells in my nature.

A. W. TOZER

God will never, never, never let us down if we have faith and put our trust in Him. He will always look after us. So we must cleave to Jesus. Our whole life must simply be woven into Jesus.

MOTHER TERESA

It was Paul who had malaria and poor eyesight, who was whipped, imprisoned, stoned and shipwrecked who said, "God has turned my life into a pageant of triumph."

A. BONNINGRAM

Without Christ I was like a fish out of water. With Christ I am in the ocean of love.

SADHU SINGH

The person who bears and suffers evils with meekness and silence, is the sum of a Christian man.

JOHN WESLEY

Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if He wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you strength.

PHILIP NERI

You will find all that is lacking in your heart in the heart of Jesus, dying on the cross. Then you will be enabled to love those who you would naturally, in your pride, hate and crush.

FRANCOIS FENELON

God is a sea of infinite substance.

JOHN OF DAMASCUS

The God who dwells in heaven is willing to dwell also in the heart of the humble believer.

WARREN WIERSBE

Faith is a living thing. It is like a plant that needs constant feeding. If we take daily and active steps to nourish our faith we shall find ourselves kept in God's peace and love, whatever storms may be raging around us. It is only as we spend time worshipping God, concentrating on the nature of his Person, especially his greatness and love, that our faith begins to rise.

DAVID WATSON

A Christian's life is the world's Bible.

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High up in the North, in the land called Svithjod, there stands a rock. It is 100 miles high and 100 miles wide. Once every 1000 years a little bird comes to this rock to sharpen its beak. When the rock has thus been worn away, then a single day of eternity will have gone by.

HENDRICK WILLEM VAN LOON

I think of death as a glad awakening from this troubled sleep which we call life; as an emancipation from a world which, beautiful though it be, is still a land of captivity.

LYMAN ABBOTT

In our faith we follow in someone's steps. In our faith we leave footprints to guide others. It's the principle of discipleship.

MAX LUCADO

The love of the Father is like a sudden rain shower that will pour forth when you least expect it, catching you up into wonder and praise.

RICHARD J. FOSTER

We sleep in peace in the arms of God, when we yield ourselves up to His providence, in a delightful consciousness of His tender mercies; no more restless uncertainties, no more anxious desires, no more impatience at the place we are in; for it is God who has put us there, and who holds us in His arms. Can we be unsafe where He has placed us?

FRANCOIS FENELON

The truest lengthening of life is to live while we live, wasting no time but using every hour for the highest ends. So be it this day.

C. H. SPURGEON

Life lived without forgiveness becomes a prison.

WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD

We struggle with the complexities and avoid the simplicities.

NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

Decisions can take you out of God's will but not out of His reach.

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The faith that saves is the total response of the whole self to the will of God. It is the response of the mind in belief, the heart in trust, the will in conduct. It is to accept the fact that God goes all out for us, and then to be willing to go all out for God.

JOHN A. REDHEAD

Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection.

WATCHMAN NEE

Away with those who want an entirely pure church! That is plainly the same thing as wanting no church at all.

MARTIN LUTHER

One does not surrender a life in an instant. That which is lifelong  
can only be surrendered in a lifetime.

JIM ELLIOT

The value of prayer is not that He will hear us...but that we will  
finally hear Him.

WILLIAM MCGILL

In order to be a realist you must believe in miracles.

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If your hopes are being disappointed just now, it means that they  
are being purified.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

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

God does not need our money. But, you and I need the  
experience of giving it.

JAMES DOBSON

Seek not abroad, turn back into thy self for in the inner man dwells the truth.

AUGUSTINE

Loving relationships are a family's best protection against the challenges of the world.

BERNIE WIEBE

The closer we are to God, the closer we are to those who are close to him.

THOMAS MERTON

The world is not lacking in wonders, but in a sense of wonder.

G. K. CHESTERTON

Next to faith this is the highest art—to be content with the calling in which God has placed you. I have not learned it yet.

MARTIN LUTHER

We do not segment our lives, giving some time to God, some to our business or schooling, while keeping parts to ourselves. The idea is to live all of our lives in the presence of God, under the authority of God, and for the honor and glory of God. That is what the Christian life is all about.

R. C. SPROUL

I have learned to move man by prayer alone.

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

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

A wise man is never less alone than when he is alone.

JONATHAN SWIFT

The prayer of the heart is the source of all good, which refreshes  
the soul as if it were a garden.

GREGORY OF SINAI

There was a time when I dreaded the thought of moving. I have  
enjoyed this house, and in many ways it has been pleasant. But I  
know I will soon have to leave it, so recently I've been consulting  
the blueprints of my future residence. The more I study God's  
Word, the more I'm overwhelmed by the advantages of that new  
home. So much so, that I'm getting eager to go to be with the one  
who is preparing that place for me in the Father's mansions.  
Somehow this old crumbling house is losing its appeal.

M. R. DEHAAN

God never does anything to you that isn't for you.

ELISABETH ELLIOT

The Holy Bible is an abyss. It is impossible to explain how  
profound it is, impossible to explain how simple it is.

ERNEST HELLO

If we learn how to give ourselves, to forgive others, and to live with thanksgiving, we need not seek happiness. It will seek us.

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To fear and not be afraid—that is the paradox of faith.

A. W. TOZER

Do not undertake any course of action, not even the most lowly and insignificant, without first offering it to God.

PADRE PIO

Do you attract attention toward or away from God?

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The morning watch is essential. You must not face the day until you have faced God, nor look into the face of others until you have looked into His. You cannot expect to be victorious, if the day begins only in your own strength. Face the work of every day with the influence of a few thoughtful quiet moments with your heart and God. Do not meet other people, even those of your own home, until you have first met the great guest and honored Companion of your life, Jesus Christ.

STREAMS IN THE DESERT

Some clergy prepare their sermons; others prepare themselves.

SAMUEL WILBERFORCE

A humble knowledge of thyself is a surer way to God than a deep search after learning.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

Without somehow destroying me in the process, how could God reveal himself in a way that would leave no room for doubt? If there were no room for doubt, there would be no room for me.

FREDERICK BUCHNER

There is a language in nature that speaks of the existence of God. It is the language of order, beauty, perfection, and intelligence.

BILLY GRAHAM

The greatest saint in the world is not he who prays most or fasts most; it is not he who gives alms, or is most eminent for temperance, chastity or justice. It is he who is most thankful to God.

WILLIAM LAW

By personal calling and Scripture, I am bound to the Word of God and to the preaching (teaching, writing, speaking, etc.) of what the Bible says. There are few things that burden me more or refresh me more than saying what I see in the Bible.

JOHN PIPER

God uses unlikely fighters to face unbeatable giants, so He can accomplish an unimaginable victory.

GREG STIER

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

L. JAMES HARVEY

The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the  
wide world's joy.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

MORNING PRAYER

Here, Lord, is my life.  
I place it on the altar today.  
Use it as You will.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER