

## **Favorite Quotations for Religion**

When you're worried, give your troubles to God. He will be up all night anyway.

Make a list of those things for which you are particularly grateful.

Wherever there is a human being there is an opportunity for kindness.

You need to forgive those who have hurt, offended, or damaged you in your lifetime, regardless of the offense.

Lord, when we're wrong make us willing to change, and when we're right make us easy to live with. Peter Marshall

You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life.

Times of crisis draw people together, and the forces of love always rally to guide us through the dark days.

Celibacy, in linking the priest to God, frees him for all the works required by the care of souls.

A moment of choice is a moment of truth. It's the testing point of our character and competence.

People often complain about lack of time when the lack of direction is the real problem.

Be with wise men and become wise. Be with evil men and become evil.  
Proverbs 13:20

If you can't be generous when it's hard, you won't be when it's easy.

The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.  
Proverbs 21:20

Remember that true happiness comes from virtuous living.

Remember that a gesture of friendship, no matter how small, is always appreciated.

There are two circumstances of major importance through which people are tested for sound character. One comes during the hour of great adversity; the other comes during the hour of victory.

Try to live in peace with everyone; work hard at it. Psalm 34: 14b

A fool is quick-tempered; a wise man stays cool when insulted. Proverbs 12:16

Believe me, he who does not think of the wants of the poor is not a member of the Body of Christ. For if one member suffers, all suffer. (St. Alphege of Canterbury) (c. 954-1012)

God's laws work -- for you if you are with them and against you if you violate them.

One thing that gets the goat of an angry person is a smile when he expects a frown.

Love is never haughty or selfish or rude. (1 Corinthians 13:5)

Always show the people in your life the humility of gratitude.

There is always an opportunity to make a new start!

The most profound fact concerning humanity is this: The Creator gave us the complete, unchallengeable right of prerogative over one thing and only one thing - our mind.

It's not what the teacher says, but what the student hears, that matters.

Cooperation-Friendship-Love. These can only be attained by giving them away.

A wise man controls his temper. He knows that anger causes mistakes. (Proverbs 14:29)

Make certain you are short on promises to your people and long on fulfillment. Action does speak louder than words.

You can change your world!

The person who, like the rich landowner in the Gospel parable, thinks that he can make his life secure by the possession of material goods alone is deluding himself. Life is slipping away from him, and very soon he will find himself bereft of it without ever having appreciated its real meaning: "Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" (Lk. 12:20)

The only thing harder than being a Christian is being a Chicago Cubs fan. (Age 19)

Remember to express gratitude every day by prayer and affirmation for the blessings you have.

Prayer is your greatest power!

Be sure to give daily thanks for your blessings and avoid asking only for what you think you don't have.

You're worth forgiving if you've completed the 4 R's: taking Responsibility, truly feeling Remorse and Regret, making Reparation, and reassuring no Repeat.

As a compass directs you through a storm at sea, values direct you through challenges in life.

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. (Psalm 139:1-3 NIV)

A Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of

Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow  
love.

Where there is injury, pardon,

Where there is doubt, faith,

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light,

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may  
not so much seek to be consoled,  
as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we  
receive;

It is in pardoning that we are  
pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are  
born to eternal life.

A fool thinks he needs no advice, but a wise man listens to others. (Proverbs 12:15)

"I have my room, some books and a nearby chapel. That is complete happiness." (St. Miguel of Ecuador-1854-1910)

“Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly.” (St. Francis de Sales 1567-1622)

“Do no evil to anyone, and do not judge anyone. Observe this and you will be saved.” (St. Paphnutius the Great -died c.350)

“Pray and work.” (St. Benedict of Nursia -c.480-c.547)

Born in Bohemia, ST. John Neumann was ordained priest in New York, where he ministered to German-speaking immigrants. He confessed in his diary, “only a poor priest, one who can endure hardship, can labor here ... he leads a wandering life. There is no pleasure, except for the care of souls.” After his death, the Sacred Congregation declared that his life seemed “a series of ordinary everyday actions performed fearlessly, but not exceptionally.” To which Pope Benedict XV replied: “Work, even the most simple, performed with constant perfection in the midst of inevitable difficulties, spells heroism.” (St. John Nepomucene Neumann (1811-1860))

“So live, therefore, that you may not fear the end of life.” (St. Honoratus of Arles (c.350-429)

“Consider every day that you are then for the first time beginning; and always act with the same fervor as on the first day you began.” (St. Anthony of Padua - 1195-1231)

“Whoever wishes to listen well to divine speech must enclose himself in great silence.” (St. Umilta of Faenza - 1226-1310)

If you love someone you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. (1 Corinthians 13:7a)

Only good people feel guilt.

“Christ comes as often as a poor man approached you, for He said: “As only as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me.” Therefore, do not let your heart be hardened; extend a coin to Christ, from whom you desire to receive a kingdom.” (St. Caesarius of Arles - 470-543)

“Christ is transfigured, not by changing into something He never was before, but by revealing to His disciples what He truly was, in opening their eyes.” (St. John Damascene)

Real love is demanding. I would fail in my mission if I did not clearly tell you so. For it was Jesus - our Jesus Himself - who said, “You are my friends if you do what I command you” (Jn 15:14). Love demands effort and a personal

commitment to the will of God. It means discipline and sacrifice, but it also means joy and human fulfillment.

Some people like to make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise soothe and heal. (Proverbs 12:18)

A wise teacher makes learning a joy; a rebellious teacher spouts foolishness. (Proverbs 15:2)

Kindness consists of loving people more than they deserve.

Pride leads to arguments; be humble, take advice, and become wise (Proverbs 13:10)

You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. (Matthew 25:21, NIV)

A relaxed attitude lengthens a man's life; jealousy rots it away. (Proverbs 14:30)

Go easy on others; then they will do the same for you. (Luke 6:37b)

God loves you – whether you like it or not!

“He who asks of God in faith things needful for this life is sometimes mercifully heard and sometimes mercifully not heard.” (St. Prosper of Aquitaine)

“You have forgotten what you are.” (St. Severinus Boethius - C.480-524)

The important and decisive factor in life is not what happens to us, but the attitude we take toward what happens.

There is no more delightful food for a healthy palate than the word of God.

Don't lie or mislead by omission.

Does anyone remember the old sign over every cash register in the country, In God We Trust - All Others Must Pay Cash?