

GOD, RELIGION and PRAYER

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian anymore than going to McDonald's makes you a hamburger.

A coincidence is when God performs a miracle & decides to remain anonymous.

We're not human beings having a spiritual experience; we're spiritual beings having a human experience.

There are two things I've learned: There is a God. And, I'm not God.

Everything we learn about God leads to deeper mystery.

Mark Salzman

Christ is in us and we in Christ. Why should the activity and the presence of Jesus with us not be real and knowable?

Carl Jung

The greatest honor you can give Almighty God is to live joyfully because of the love God gives you.

Julian of Norwich

The reason for loving God is God.

St Bernard of Clairvaux

Without the Eucharist, God becomes a monologue.

Andre Dubus

Ever anew, God asks, What is my love worth?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

As the Body of Christ is hidden beneath the appearances of bread and wine, so God's will is hidden beneath the appearances, the bread and wine, of day-to-day happenings.

Ernesto Cardenal

The love of God surrounds us. God's love is the water we drink, the air we breathe and the light we see. We move in God's love as a fish swims in water.

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The less we say in our prayers, the more room we give God to answer them.

David Yount

Pray devoutly, but hammer stoutly.

Sir William G Benham

God is a verb.

Buckminster Fuller

There is no place where we can hide from God, no place where we are safe from God's power to break in two and recreated the human heart.

Fredrick Buechner

More tears are shed over answered prayers than unanswered ones.

St Teresa of Avila

If the only prayer you say in your life is *thank you*, that would suffice.

Meister Eckhart

Although this work (of contemplation) is performed by the Lord, and we can do nothing to force God to grant us this favor, we can do a great deal to prepare ourselves.

St Teresa of Avila

The world is God's body. God draws it ever upwards.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

In order to understand the world, one has to turn away from it on occasion.

Albert Camus

It is the nature of grace always to fill spaces that have been empty.

Goethe

In prayer, more is accomplished by listening than by talking.

St Francis de Sales

To pray is to be vulnerably open to God's unpredictable grace.

Patricia Loring

When one sits alone with a psalm, one is sitting *with and for* the countless others who are praying them now, who have prayed them for thousands of years.

Kathleen Norris

Religion consists of God's question and our answer.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

I am in God's presence - what a joy! Let us be still.

Anthony Bloom

Human beings must be known to be loved, but divine things must be loved to be known.

Blaise Pascal

Once in a while you have to take a break and visit yourself.

Audrey Giorgi

People who take time to be alone usually have depth, originality, and quiet reserve.

John Miller

The best preacher is the heart; the best teacher is time; the best book is the world; the best friend is God.

Hebrew Proverb

The prayer of the monk is not perfect until he no longer recognizes himself or the fact that he is praying.

St Anthony of Padua

An Icon is not a likeness - it is a sign.

Anthony Bloom

The Bible will never be a living book to us until we are convinced that God is articulate in the universe.

A W Tozer

There is no extra time to pray. Prayer must be put where something else would be. Something else will have to go.

Grace Adolphsen Brame

The day when God is absent, when God is silent - that is the beginning of prayer.

Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh

A prayer makes sense only if it is lived.

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

C S Lewis

We are the wire; God is the current. Our only power is to let the current pass through us.

Carlo Carretto

To most, even good people, God is a belief. To saints, God is an embrace.

Francis Thompson

If you become holy, it is because God made you so. You will not know it, anyway.

Cardinal Basil Hume osb

God is never sought in vain, even when God cannot be found.

St Bernard of Clairvaux

The pursuit of truth especially joins us to God.

St Thomas Aquinas

To love God is something greater than to know God.

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Creation: good broken up into pieces and scattered throughout evil.

Simone Weil

Hell is in heaven and heaven is in hell. But angels see only the light and devils only the darkness.

Jacob Boehme

Just because something is tradition doesn't make it right.

Anthony J D'Angelo

Ask the gods nothing excessive.

Aeschylus

In some places, a 17-year-old girl needs a note for being absent from school, but she does not need one to get an abortion.

George Carlin

Do not do an immoral thing for moral reasons.

Thomas Hardy

Death changes nothing. If we do not learn to enjoy God now, we never will. If we do not learn to praise and thank and rejoice in God now, we never will.

Dorothy Day

Aim above morality. Be not simply good; be good for something.

Thoreau

It may be necessary temporarily to accept a lesser evil, but one must never label a necessary evil as good.

Margaret Mead

The essence of immorality is the tendency to make an exception of myself.

Jane Addams

The true saint goes in and out amongst the people and eats and sleeps with them and buys and sells in the market and takes part in social intercourse - and never forgets God for a single moment.

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