

ASSISTANCE TO THE ASSISTANTS – 3

Quotable Quotes

Mercy

And if you have this (shown love), I wish to know in this way if you love the Lord and me, His servant and yours: that there is not any brother in the world who has sinned – however much he could have sinned – who, after he has looked into your eyes, would ever depart without your mercy; if he is looking for mercy. And if he were not looking for mercy, you would ask him if he wants mercy. And if he would sin a thousand times more before your eyes, love him more than me so that you may draw him to the Lord. (*Letter to a Minister, The Saint, pg 95.*)

Truth

Truth is not determined by a majority vote. (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

Control

When you can't control what's happening, challenge yourself to control the way you respond to what's happening. That's where your power is. (*Nurses' Station Bulletin Board*)

Lifestyle

It is not wrong to want to live better; what is wrong is a style of life which is presumed to be better when it is directed toward "having" rather than "being" and which wants to have more not in order to be more, but in order to spend life in enjoyment as an end in itself. (*Pope St John Paul II*)

Tepid Faith

The Eucharist sustains us in face of hardship and discouragement. The only cure for sagging or fainting faith is Communion. (*JRR Tolkien*)

Experience

Experience is not what happens to you; it's what you do with what happens to you. (*Aldous Huxley*)

Strength

You have been chosen, and you must therefore use such strength and heart and wits as you have. (*JRR Tolkien*)

Only Love

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that. (*Martin Luther King Jr*)

Holiness

Holiness does not consist in making mistakes or never sinning. Holiness grows with the capacity for conversion, repentance, willingness to begin again, and above all with the capacity for reconciliation and forgiveness. *(Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)*

Self-Growth

Be patient with yourself. Self-growth is tender; it's holy ground. There's no greater investment. *(Stephen Covey)*

Ordinary

I can't believe that God put us on this earth to be ordinary. *(Lou Holtz)*

Hell

If you're going through hell, keep going. *(Winston Churchill)*

Caring

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. *(Dr Seuss)*

Talking

Everybody is continuously connected to everybody else on Twitter, on Facebook, on Instagram, on Reddit, e-mailing, texting, faster and faster, with the flood of information jeopardizing meaning. Everybody's talking at once in a hypnotic, hyper din: the cocktail party from hell. *(Maureen Dowd)*

Human Being

Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary. *(Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)*

Peace

Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures. *(John F Kennedy)*

Solidarity

Nonviolence is absolute commitment to the way of love. Love is not emotional bash; it is not empty sentimentalism. It is the active outpouring of one's whole being into the being of another. *(Martin Luther King Jr)*

Behavior

Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify society. *(Little Flowers of St Francis)*

Faithfulness

I die the king's faithful servant, but God's first. *(St Thomas More)*

The Church

The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel. (*Pope Francis*)

Seeing God

When we see God in each other, we will love one another as God loves us all. (*St Mother Teresa*)

The Consistent Ethic of Life

Those who defend the right to life of the weakest among us be equally visible in support of the quality of life of the powerless among us: the old and the young, the hungry and the homeless, the undocumented immigrant and the unemployed worker. Such a quality-of-life posture translated into specific political and economic positions on tax policy, employment generation, welfare policy, nutrition and feeding programs, and health care. (*Joseph Cardinal Bernardin*)

Safely Home

I am no in control. I am not in a hurry. I walk in faith and hope. I greet everyone with peace. I bring back only what God gives me. (*Murry Bodo, "The Place We Call Home"*)

Prejudice and Greed

...personal prejudice and financial greed are the two great evils that threaten courts of law, and once they get the upper-hand they immediately hamstring society, by destroying all justice. (*St Thomas More*)

Difficult People to Love

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 whom we joke with, marry, snub, and exploit. Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses. (*CS Lewis, "The Weight of Glory"*)

Present in the World

What a praiseworthy exchange: to leave temporal things for those that are eternal, to choose heavenly things for earthly goods, to receive a hundredfold instead of one, and to possess life, blessed and eternal. (*St Clare, 1st Letter to Agnes*)

Guidance

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not your harm, to give you a future with hope. (*Jeremiah 29, 11-12*)

Guide our feet into the Way of Peace. (*Luke 1, 79*)

Not Enough

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will provide new gifts to meet new needs. Let us pray that there will be new voices of justice, new prophets who will hear the words of the Lord and stand up, as Christians, to say: Yes, the Spirit of the Lord is upon me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor. (*Msgr Geno C Baroni*)

Night Prayer

O watch, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight. Give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, Lord Jesus. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And all for your love's sake. (*St Augustine*)

Gospel Equality

If we reflect together on the specific traditions which we embrace, our own ideas, values, and convictions are clarified, redefined, and confirmed; our differences are understood; our commonalities are celebrated, and we are empowered for life in an ecumenical age and a pluralistic society. (*Thea Bowman*)