

Did you know . . .

Lenten Quotes

As we near the end of the Season of Lent, these Lenten quotes may help us to continue along the right paths as we look forward to the joyous occasion of Easter:

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." **-Blessed Teresa of Calcutta**

"The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them." **-St. John of the Cross**

"And though every day a man lives may rightly be a day of repentance, yet is it in these days more becoming, more appropriate, to confess our sins, to fast, and to give alms to the poor; since in these days you may wash clean the sins of the whole year." - **St. John Chrysostom**

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..." **-Pope Benedict XVI**

"Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. 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." **-Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

"May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need." "Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter." **-Pope Francis, Lenten Message for 2019**

Based on the words from these spiritual leaders, may we complete our Lenten Journey toward Easter with great hope and love.

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