

# Anselm of Canterbury Quotes

*Believe, God, Canterbury, Order, Prayer, Soul, Greater, Forgiveness, Mind,  
Lord, Remove, Mercy, Illiterate, Omnipotence, Grace, Religious, Ability, Causes,  
Blessed, Disaster*

For I do not seek to understand in order to believe, but I believe in order to understand. For I believe this: unless I believe, I will not understand.

~Anselm of Canterbury

God does not delay to hear our prayers because He has no mind to give; but that, by enlarging our desires, He may give us the more largely.

~Anselm of Canterbury

Remove grace, and you have nothing whereby to be saved. Remove free will and you have nothing that could be saved.

~Anselm of Canterbury

God is that, the greater than which cannot be conceived.

~Anselm of Canterbury

A single Mass offered for oneself during life may be worth more than a thousand celebrated for the same intention after death.

~Anselm of Canterbury

Let no worldly prosperity divert you, nor any worldly adversity restrain you from His praise.

~Anselm of Canterbury

God often works more by the life of the illiterate seeking the things that are God's, than by the ability of the learned seeking the things that are their own.

~Anselm of Canterbury

I believe in order that I may understand.

~Anselm of Canterbury

Therefore Lord, not only are you that than which a greater cannot be

thought but you are also something greater than can be thought.

~Anselm of Canterbury

Idleness is the enemy of the soul.

~Anselm of Canterbury

Spare me through your mercy, do not punish me through your justice.

~Anselm of Canterbury

Disasters teach us humility.

~Anselm of Canterbury

God hath promised pardon to him that repenteth, but he hath not promised repentance to him that sinneth.

~Anselm of Canterbury

It is impossible to save one's soul without devotion to Mary and without her protection.

~Anselm of Canterbury

God was conceived of a most pure Virgin ... it was fitting that the virgin should be radiant with a purity so great that a greater purity cannot be conceived.

~Anselm of Canterbury

Lust desireth not procreation, but pleasure only.

~Anselm of Canterbury

And indeed we believe you [God] to be something than which a greater cannot be conceived.

~Anselm of Canterbury

But a problem occurs about nothing. For that from which something is made is a cause of the thing made from it; and, necessarily, every

cause contributes some assistance to the effect's existence.

~Anselm of Canterbury

Therefore Lord God, you are more truly omnipotent, because you have no power through impotence and nothing can be against you.

~Anselm of Canterbury

I have written the little work that follows . . . in the role of one who strives to raise his mind to the contemplation of God and one who seeks to understand what he believes.

~Anselm of Canterbury

It is, therefore, not proper for God thus to pass over sin unpunished.

~Anselm of Canterbury

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