

John Vianney

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There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.

~John Vianney

Do not try to please everybody. Try to please God, the angels, and the saints - they are your public.

~John Vianney

A priest goes to Heaven or a priest goes to Hell with a thousand people behind.

~John Vianney

The Lord is more anxious to forgive our sins than a woman is to carry her baby out of a burning building.

~John Vianney

Humility is like a pair of scales: the lower one side falls, the higher rises the other. Let us humble ourselves like the Blessed Virgin and we shall be exalted.

~John Vianney

If you invoke the Blessed Virgin when you are tempted, she will come at once to your help, and Satan will leave you.

~John Vianney

The virtue of obedience makes the will supple... It inspires the courage with which to fulfill the most difficult tasks.

~John Vianney

God commands you to pray, but forbids you to worry.

~John Vianney

When the heart is pure and simple it cannot help loving, because it has discovered the source of love which is God.

~John Vianney

It is always springtime in the heart that loves God.

~John Vianney

The Devil writes down our sins - our Guardian Angel all our merits. Labor that the Guardian Angel's book may be full, and the Devil's empty.

~John Vianney

You either belong wholly to the world or wholly to God.

~John Vianney

The first thing about the angels that we ought to imitate, is their consciousness of the Presence of God.

~John Vianney

Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.

~John Vianney

The man of impure speech is a person whose lips are but an opening and a supply pipe which hell uses to vomit its impurities upon the earth.

~John Vianney

If you find it impossible to pray, hide behind your good Angel and charge him to pray in your stead.

~John Vianney

The pure soul is a beautiful rose, and the Three Divine Persons descend from Heaven to inhale its fragrance.

~John Vianney

All that we do without offering it to God is wasted.

~John Vianney

If people would do for God what they do for the world, what a great number of Christians would go to Heaven.

~John Vianney

Upon receiving Holy Communion, the Adorable Blood of Jesus Christ really flows in our veins and His Flesh is really blended with ours.

~John Vianney

When we receive Holy Communion, we experience something extraordinary - a joy, a fragrance, a well-being that thrills the whole body and causes it to exalt.

~John Vianney

How happy is that guardian angel who accompanies a soul to Holy Mass!

~John Vianney

If you are attached to the things of this earth, you should give alms sufficient to enable you to punish your avarice by depriving yourself of all that is not absolutely necessary for life.

~John Vianney

The saints had no hatred, no bitterness; they forgive everything and think they deserve much more for their offenses against God.

~John Vianney

When we have been to Holy Communion, the balm of love envelops the soul as the flower envelops the bee.

~John Vianney

Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself.

~John Vianney

When our hands have touched spices, they give fragrance to all they handle. Let us make our prayers pass through the hands of the Blessed Virgin. She will make them fragrant.

~John Vianney

Almighty God sends no trial without consolation.

~John Vianney

We ought to ask the Blessed Virgin, the angels, and the saints to pray for us that we may receive the good God as worthily as it is possible for us to receive him.

~John Vianney

Our Guardian Angels are our most faithful friends, because they are with us day and night, always and everywhere. We ought often to invoke them.

~John Vianney

Sin is the assassin of the soul.

~John Vianney

How sweet it is to die if one has lived on the Cross!

~John Vianney

Oh, how I like those little mortifications that are seen by nobody, such as rising a quarter of an hour sooner, rising for a little while in the night to pray!

~John Vianney

Christian wife! Follow in the footsteps of the ideal of all womanhood, the Blessed Mother of God; in joy and in sorrow, she will be your advocate at the throne of her Son.

~John Vianney

If only we could see the joy of our guardian angel when he sees us fighting our temptations!

~John Vianney

To serve the Queen of Heaven is already to reign there, and to live under her commands is more than to govern.

~John Vianney

Understand this clearly: if you know how to give, you must know how to pay back. . .

~John Vianney

On this path, it is only the first step that counts.

~John Vianney

There were two saints in the desert, who had sewed thorns into all their clothes; and we seek for nothing but comfort!

~John Vianney

Have you been working on Sunday? Have you been buying or selling without necessity in the course of this holy day? Give to the poor some alms which will exceed the profit you have made.

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