

# Kathleen Norris

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Friendship is an art, and very few persons are born with a natural gift for it.

~Kathleen Norris

Just the knowledge that a good book is waiting one at the end of a long day makes that day happier.

~Kathleen Norris

Prayer is not asking for what you think you want, but asking to be changed in ways you can't imagine.

~Kathleen Norris

I wonder if children don't begin to reject both poetry and religion for similar reasons, because the way both are taught takes the life out of them.

~Kathleen Norris

Not money, or success, or position or travel or love makes happiness,--service is the secret.

~Kathleen Norris

In spite of the cost of living, it's still popular.

~Kathleen Norris

But hope has an astonishing resilience and strength. Its very persistence in our hearts indicates that it is not a tonic for wishful thinkers but the ground on which realists stand.

~Kathleen Norris

Disconnecting from change does not recapture the past. It loses the future.

~Kathleen Norris

Peace - that was the other name for home.

~Kathleen Norris

They are fruit and transport: ripening melons, prairie schooners journeying under full sail.

~Kathleen Norris

Only Christ could have brought us all together, in this place, doing such absurd but necessary things.

~Kathleen Norris

Spring seems far off, impossible, but it is coming. Already there is dusk instead of darkness at five in the afternoon; already hope is stirring at the edges of the day.

~Kathleen Norris

But in order to have an adult faith, most of us have to outgrow and unlearn much of what we were taught about religion.

~Kathleen Norris

One may have been a fool, but there's no foolishness like being bitter.

~Kathleen Norris

I sense that striving for wholeness is, increasingly, a countercultural goal, as fragmented people make for better consumers.

~Kathleen Norris

There seems to be so much more winter than we need this year.

~Kathleen Norris

I am learning to see loneliness as a seed that, when planted deep enough, can grow into writing that goes back out into the world.

~Kathleen Norris

Pay close attention to objects, events and natural phenomenon that

would otherwise get chewed up in the daily grind.

~Kathleen Norris

Men are more conventional than women and much slower to change their ideas.

~Kathleen Norris

The ordinary activities I find most compatible with contemplation are walking, baking bread, and doing laundry.

~Kathleen Norris

I've come to see conspiracy theories as the refuge of those who have lost their natural curiosity and ability to cope with change.

~Kathleen Norris

You can only see one thing clearly, and that is your goal. Form a mental vision of that, and cling to it through thick and thin.

~Kathleen Norris

If we are lucky, we can give in and rest without feeling guilty. We can stop doing and concentrate on being.

~Kathleen Norris

Changing husbands is only changing troubles.

~Kathleen Norris

Wariness about change is a kind of prairie wisdom.

~Kathleen Norris

This is a God who is not identified with the help of a dictionary but through a relationship.

~Kathleen Norris

We can't give our children the future, strive though we may to make it

secure. But we can give them the present.

~Kathleen Norris

I was taught that I had to 'master' subjects. But who can 'master' beauty, or peace, or joy?

~Kathleen Norris

When you come to a place where you have to left or right, go straight ahead.

~Kathleen Norris

Any life lived attentively is disillusioning as it forces us to know us as we are.

~Kathleen Norris

It's all so beautiful . . . the spring . . . and books and music and fires. . . . Why aren't they enough?

~Kathleen Norris

Traversing a slow page, to come upon a lode of the pure shining metal is to exult inwardly for greedy hours.

~Kathleen Norris

There are men I could spend eternity with. But not this life.

~Kathleen Norris

When you are unhappy, is there anything more maddening than to be told that you should be contented with your lot?

~Kathleen Norris

The often heard lament, 'I have so little time,' gives the lie to the delusion that the daily is of little significance.

~Kathleen Norris

Over and over again mediocrity is promoted because real worth isn't to be found.

~Kathleen Norris

I write what I would like to read.

~Kathleen Norris

The High Plains, the beginning of the desert West, often act as a crucible for those who inhabit them.

~Kathleen Norris

To be an American is to move on, as if we could outrun change. To attach oneself to place is to surrender to it, and suffer with it.

~Kathleen Norris

Poets and monks... We're both sort of peripheral to the world.

~Kathleen Norris

In middle age we are apt to reach the horrifying conclusion that all sorrow, all pain, all passionate regret and loss and bitter disillusionment are self-made

~Kathleen Norris

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