

Pope Benedict XVI Quotes

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The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Truth is not determined by a majority vote.

~Pope Benedict XVI

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.

~Pope Benedict XVI

The cross reminds us that there is no true love without suffering, there is no gift of life without pain.

~Pope Benedict XVI

If we allow the love of Christ to change our heart, then we can change the world. This is the secret of authentic happiness.

~Pope Benedict XVI

We were looking for a 'good shepherd,' and instead we got a German shepherd.

~Pope Benedict XVI

I have a mustard seed; and I am not afraid to use it.

~Pope Benedict XVI

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 Benedict XVI

Look at the face of the other... discover that he has a soul, a history and a life, that he is a person and that God loves this person.

~Pope Benedict XVI

We are moving toward a dictatorship of relativism which does not recognize anything as for certain and which has as its highest goal one's own ego and one's own desires.

~Pope Benedict XVI

When politicians presume to do God's work, they do not become divine but diabolical.

~Pope Benedict XVI

There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Do you want to know yourself better? Then discover silence.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Do not be afraid of Christ. He takes nothing away and he gives you everything.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Dear brothers and sisters, after the great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me - a simple, humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Evil draws its power from indecision and concern for what other people think.

~Pope Benedict XVI

God is always faithful to His promises, but He often surprises us in the way He fulfills them.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Dear young people, do not be satisfied with anything less than Truth and Love, do not be content with anything less than Christ

~Pope Benedict XVI

Everything is a gift from God: it is only by recognizing this crucial dependence on the Creator that we will find freedom and peace.

~Pope Benedict XVI

The new evangelization ... begins in the confessional.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Every human being is loved by God the Father. No one need feel forgotten, for every name is written in the Lord's loving heart.

~Pope Benedict XVI

God came into the world to reawaken the thirst for great things in us.

~Pope Benedict XVI

What does Sunday, the day of the Lord, mean for us? It is a day for rest and for family, but first of all a day for Him.

~Pope Benedict XVI

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

Advent is the spiritual season of hope par excellence, and in this season the whole Church is called to be hope, for itself and for the world.

~Pope Benedict XVI

May we be enlightened by a ray of the light that comes from Bethlehem, the light of He who is 'The Greatest' and made himself

small.

~Pope Benedict XVI

May you always experience the joy that comes from putting Christ at the centre of your lives.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Forgiveness does not replace justice.

~Pope Benedict XVI

It was easy to know the doctrine. It's much harder to help a billion people live it.

~Pope Benedict XVI

God seeks us where we are, not so that we stay there, but so that we may come to be where He is, so that we may get beyond ourselves.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Holiness never goes out of fashion.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Wherever politics tries to be redemptive, it is promising too much. Where it wishes to do the work of God, it becomes not divine, but demonic.

~Pope Benedict XVI

We must trust in the mighty power of God's mercy. We are all sinners, but His grace transforms us and makes us new.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Believing is nothing other than, in the darkness of the world, touching the hand of God, and in this way, in silence, hearing the Word, seeing love.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Indeed, truth draws strength from itself and not from the number of votes in its favour.

~Pope Benedict XVI

The ways of the Lord are not easy, but we were not created for an easy life, but for great things, for goodness.

~Pope Benedict XVI

We are no longer able to hear God - There are too many frequencies filling our ears.

~Pope Benedict XVI

We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Make sure that every person, of whatever background, can find in you a welcoming heart.

~Pope Benedict XVI

An Adult faith does not follow the waves of fashion and the latest novelties.

~Pope Benedict XVI

The closer a person is to God, the closer he is to people.

~Pope Benedict XVI

A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.

~Pope Benedict XVI

The fact that the Church is convinced of not having the right to confer priestly ordination on women, is now considered by some as

irreconcilable with the European Constitution.

~Pope Benedict XVI

I am convinced that music really is the universal language of beauty which can bring together all people of good will on earth

~Pope Benedict XVI

But Palm Sunday tells us that ... it is the cross that is the true tree of life.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Nature expresses a design of love and truth.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Freedom is not only a gift, but a summons to personal responsibility.

~Pope Benedict XVI

God loves us; we need only to summon up the humility to allow ourselves to be loved.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Mary's greatness consists in the fact that she wants to magnify God, not herself.

~Pope Benedict XVI

If we take the Lord's hand and let ourselves be guided by him, the path we take will be right and good.

~Pope Benedict XVI

The happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist.

~Pope Benedict XVI

What a treasure is hidden in two small words: 'thank you!'

~Pope Benedict XVI

All the Saints of God are there to protect me, to sustain me and to carry me. And your prayers, my dear friends, your indulgence, your love, your faith and your hope accompany me.

~Pope Benedict XVI

We can fall, but in the end we fall into God's hands, and God's hands are good hands.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Because the truth of God is love, conversion to God is conversion to love.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Only from God does true revolution come... the definitive way to change the world.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Being a Christian means having love. That is unbelievably difficult and, at the same time, incredibly simple.

~Pope Benedict XVI

One who has hope lives differently.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Many people perceive Christianity as something institutional - rather than as an encounter with Christ - which explains why they don't see it as a source of joy.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Celibacy is not a matter of compulsion. Someone is accepted as a priest only when he does it of his own accord.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Everything in this world will pass away. In eternity only Love will remain.

~Pope Benedict XVI

The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations, and towards humanity as a whole.

~Pope Benedict XVI

The evangelization of the person and of human communities depends totally on this encounter with Jesus Christ.

~Pope Benedict XVI

In the face of horror ... there is no other answer than the cross of Christ: Love that descends to the abyss of evil.

~Pope Benedict XVI

How much we need, in the church and in society, witnesses of the beauty of holiness, witnesses of the splendour of truth, witnesses of the joy and freedom born of a living relationship with Christ!

~Pope Benedict XVI

The Gospel purifies and renews, it bears fruit, wherever the community of believers hears it and receives God's grace in truth and charity. This is my confidence, this is my joy.

~Pope Benedict XVI

The new Pope knows that his task is to make the light of Christ shine before men and women of world - not his own light, but that of Christ.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Today we bury his remains in the earth as a seed of immortality. Our hearts are full of sadness, yet at the same time of joyful hope and profound gratitude.

~Pope Benedict XVI

I am simply a pilgrim beginning the last leg of his pilgrimage on this earth.

~Pope Benedict XVI

At the time of Galileo the Church remained much more reasonable than Galileo himself. The process against Galileo was reasonable and just.

~Pope Benedict XVI

We are still awaiting Easter; we are not yet standing in the full light but walking toward it full of trust.

~Pope Benedict XVI

In Jesus Christ, God took on a human face and became our friend and brother.

~Pope Benedict XVI

The promotion of human rights remains the most effective strategy for eliminating inequalities between countries and social groups, and for increasing security.

~Pope Benedict XVI

I, retired in prayer, will always be with you, and together we will move ahead with the Lord in certainty. The Lord is victorious.

~Pope Benedict XVI

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the Earth.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Friends, do not be afraid of silence or stillness. Listen to God. Adore Him in the Eucharist.

~Pope Benedict XVI

With the Eucharist, therefore, heaven comes down to earth, the tomorrow of God descends into the present and it is as if time remains embraced by divine eternity.

~Pope Benedict XVI

With the Synod Assembly, therefore, I heartily recommend to the Church's pastors and to the People of God the practice of Eucharistic Adoration, both individually and in community

~Pope Benedict XVI

Only if there is love, if hearts are opened, can one person truly know the other.

~Pope Benedict XVI

To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Can we remain indifferent before the problems associated with such realities as climate change?

~Pope Benedict XVI

For me, it's a great joy to be together with priests: in the end, the bishop of Rome is the bishop and brother of all priests. His mandate is to confirm the brothers in the faith.

~Pope Benedict XVI

The abuse of faith has to be resisted precisely.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Anyone who has discovered Christ must lead others to him. A great joy cannot be kept to oneself. It has to be passed on.

~Pope Benedict XVI

In this regard, I reiterate that the prohibition against torture cannot be contravened under any circumstances.

~Pope Benedict XVI

The Faith does not mean an alienation from any culture for any people because all cultures await Christ and are not destroyed by the Lord. In fact, they reach their maturity.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Terrorist activity is continually recurring in various parts of the world, sowing death and destruction and plunging many of our brothers and sisters into grief and despair

~Pope Benedict XVI

It is a symbol evoking a reality that touches the depths of the person ... the light of goodness that vanquishes evil, of love that overcomes hatred, of life that defeats death.

~Pope Benedict XVI

In an ever more open world, building peace through dialogue is no longer a choice but a necessity!

~Pope Benedict XVI

The Church is not a political power, nor a political party, but rather a moral reality, a moral force.

~Pope Benedict XVI

The missionary experience is part of Christian formation and it is important for adolescents and young people to be able to live it personally.

~Pope Benedict XVI

You have suffered grievously and I am truly sorry. I know that nothing can undo the wrong you have endured. Your trust has been betrayed

and your dignity has been violated.

~Pope Benedict XVI

During the season of Lent which begins today, we renew our commitment to the path of conversion, making more room for God in our lives.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Our Christian conviction is that Christ is also the messiah of Israel. Certainly it is in the hands of God how and when the unification of Jews and Christians into the people of God will take place.

~Pope Benedict XVI

These days we are all pained by the disaster caused by the hurricane in the United States of America.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Young people in particular, I appeal to you: bear witness to your faith through the digital world.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Nourishment is a factor which touches on the fundamental right to life.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Dialogue is the fundamental unfolding of a gift of oneself to another.

~Pope Benedict XVI

We can learn from him that suffering and the gift of himself is an essential gift we need in our time.

~Pope Benedict XVI

I too hope in this short reign to be a man of peace.

~Pope Benedict XVI

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