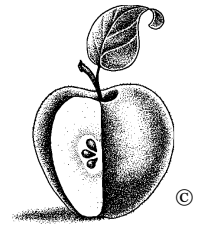


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A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, TOR

“Grant us, O Lord:
 The hope to envision new dreams;
 The strength to rise above our limitations,
 our fears and whatever holds us
 down;
 The courage to stand on our own, to stretch our
 imagination, and to experience being fully
 human, fully alive;
 The faith to live our lives in your image and
 likeness.
 Guide us, O Lord, this new year, every way, every
 day. Amen.”

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jim Rohn
www.jimrohn.com

“You must take personal responsibility. You
 cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or
 the wind, but you can change yourself. That is
 something you have charge of. You don’t have
 charge of the constellations, but you do have
 charge of whether you read, develop new skills,
 and take new classes.”

ON DILIGENCE Ben Franklin, *Poor Richard*

“Diligence is the mother of good luck.”

LIFE LONG STRUGGLE Henry Ward Beecher

“It is not what we read, but what we remem-
 ber that makes us learned. It is not what we
 intend, but what we do that makes us useful. It is
 not a few faint wishes, but a life long struggle
 that makes us valiant.”

TODAY IS UNIQUE Charles Swindoll *The Quest for Character*, p. 191

“Today is unique! It has never occur-
 ed before and it will never be repeated.
 At midnight it will end, quietly, suddenly,
 totally. Forever. But the hours between
 now and then are opportunities with
 eternal possibilities.”



LAUGHTER IS A LEAP

G.K. Chesterton

“It is really a natural trend to lapse into
 taking oneself too seriously because it’s
 the easiest thing to do. Solemnity and
 seriousness flow out of us naturally. But
 laughter is a leap into the light. It is easy to
 be heavy, hard to be light. And never forget that
 Satan fell by force of gravity.”

KEEP YOUR ZEST

John Gardner

“You can keep your zest until the day you
 die. If I may offer you a simple maxim: Be inter-
 ested. Everyone wants to be interesting, but the
 vitalizing thing is to be interested. Keep your
 curiosity, your sense of wonder. Discover new
 things. Care. Risk. Reach out.”

ON ENCOURAGEMENT Charles M. Schwab First president of U.S. Steel Corp.

“I have never seen a person who could do
 real work except under the stimulus of encour-
 agement and enthusiasm and the approval of the
 people for whom one is working.”

ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY Fr. John Powell, SJ *Christian Vision*

“The way we see, interpret and react to
 whatever happens to us is the important thing.
 Sometimes the worst thing that may happen to
 us can bring about the best thing that could ever
 happen *in us*. And we must assume this responsi-
 bility for what happens in us....for our attitudes.
 Only if we accept this responsibility can we grow
 through the various circumstances of life.”

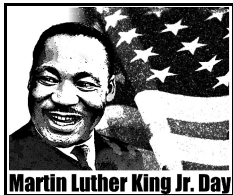
TO LIVE IN FAITH Bishop Thomas J. Grady CATHOLIC DIGEST, Oct. '91, p. 80

“Every person is called to be a child
 of light and to walk in the darkness of
 faith. To cling to the light is to cling to the
 love of God and to love and service of
 neighbor, to put off the darkness of self-
 interest and to mirror the virtues of

Christ. To live in faith is to accept the ambiguity of life — to search for God’s will day by day, to be patient with uncertainty, and in all the shifting circumstances of life to put our absolute trust in God, who is all-wise and all-loving. Only in heaven, present to the unapproachable light of God, will we be fully children of light.”

HAVE TO REPENT Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.
MLK QUOTES: The Best Things Dr. Martin Luther King Ever Said

“Not only will we have to repent for the sins of bad people; but we also will have to repent for the appalling silence of good people.”



HEARTILY EARNEST Royal Bank of Canada
“What Can A Person Do?”, Vol. 56, #12

“Be heartily earnest, believing in what you are doing. Persevere in spite of hindrances of discouragements and impossibilities. Add resolution and concentration to your natural ability.”

IS YOUR FAMILY HOLY? Mitch Finley
CATHOLIC DIGEST, Jan. 1993, p. 39

“When the Bible says holy it means ‘separate’ or ‘different.’ The word implies being healthy and whole in a world where much is un-healthy and fragmented. The English phrase hale and hearty sums up true holiness.

Holiness includes such concepts as humor and laughter, compassion and understanding, and the capacity to forgive and be forgiven, to love and be loved. That’s holiness.

Holy families are not free from conflict, nor do they never hurt one another. Holiness in families, rather, comes from learning to forgive and to be reconciled, and learning to face our problems and do something about them.

In family life, holy means striving to surrender to God’s light within us when the darkness around us seems overwhelming. It means struggling day after day to bring creative order — if only a bit of it — to the chaos in our lives. When we work at cultivating forgiveness, reconciliation, and community, we embody God’s holy will in the context of family life.

A family embodies holiness by striving to be ‘hale and hearty,’ not by trying to be ‘perfect’

according to a set of other worldly standards.”

STRESS THE JOYFUL NOISELETTER, Vol. 19, #1

“Stress is something you get from climbing up molehills.”

“MAKING IT HAPPEN Charles Paul Conn

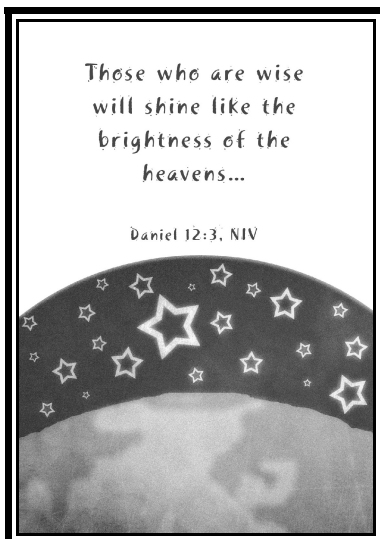
“Whatever it is
However impossible it seems
Whatever the obstacles that lie
between you and it
If it is noble
If it is consistent with God’s kingdom, you must hunger after it
and stretch yourself to reach it.”

EPIPHANY Bishop Norbert Gaughan, 1/5/1986

“Epiphany — a word we little use — but could or should...The Irish writer James Joyce used ‘epiphany’ to signify a change that occurs in a person as a result of some insight, something one learned that day. Christ’s Epiphany is to change us; it says God is in our midst and available.

There are epiphanies all about us. The Lord reveals himself to us in many ways in a day but...we may not be prepared to see Him....He reveals himself in the unexpectedly good thing that suddenly comes upon us.

It’s not luck, or good fortune, but God’s love revealed for us, to us...He is there where we do not expect Him; He comes in the casual, the ordinary. No need to travel far, as the Magi did. But if we are unwilling to meet Him in the unexpected or even the expected, we may miss Him.”



BE THE PEACE Carol Conner

“In your small circles of influence, choose to be the peace you seek.”

DOCTRINE OF ELECTION Msgr. Arthur Tonne

A preacher was once asked to explain the doctrine of election. He said, “Well, it is this way: the Lord is always voting for the person, and the devil is always voting against; then, the person himself votes, and breaks the tie.”