

THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Pope Benedict XVI, Shepherd of Truth

Notable quotations from Pope Benedict XVI and official teachings
of the Roman Catholic Church

FIX YOUR GAZE ON JESUS

With a more fervent participation, let us direct our gaze ... in this time of penance and prayer, at Christ crucified Who, dying on Calvary, revealed fully for us the love of God.

“OVERWHELMING POWER”

It is in the mystery of the Cross that the overwhelming power of the heavenly Father’s mercy is revealed in all its fullness. In order to win back the love of His creature, He accepted to pay a very high price: the blood of His only begotten Son.

“LOOK AT CHRIST”

Let us look at Christ pierced in the Cross!
He is the unsurpassing revelation of God’s love..

GOD WANTS YOUR LOVE

On the Cross, it is God Himself Who begs the love of His creature: He is thirsty for the love of every one of us.

“WELCOME HIS LOVE”

The response the Lord ardently desires of all of us is above all that we welcome His love and allow ourselves to be drawn to Him.



WE MUST RESPOND

Accepting His love ... is not enough. We need to respond to such love and devote ourselves to communicating it to others.
and is in need. Only in this way will we be able to participate fully in the joy of Easter.

A EUCHARISTIC TIME

Let us live Lent ... as a “Eucharistic” time in which, welcoming the love of Jesus, we learn to spread it around with every word and deed.

“THE JOY OF EASTER”

May Lent be for every Christian a renewed experience of God’s love given to us in Christ, a love that each day we, in turn must “regive” to our neighbor, especially to the one who suffers most

OPEN HEARTS

Contemplating “Him Whom they have pierced” moves us ... to open our hearts to others, recognizing the wounds inflicted upon the dignity of the human person; it moves us, in particular, to fight every form of contempt for life and human exploitation and to alleviate the tragedies of loneliness and abandonment of so many people.

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