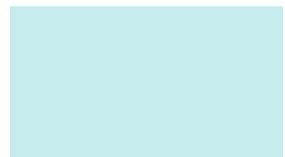




Inspirational Quotes

About Life,
Love, Faith and Hope





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Inspiring quotes are like vitamins for the soul. From the heartfelt to the humorous, the words of wisdom you'll find here will strengthen your faith, lift your spirits, and even spark a positive change in your life.

This collection of some of our favorite inspirational quotes from religious figures, world leaders, authors, celebrities and folks just like you will comfort, amuse, enlighten, and—above all—inspire you.

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Faith

"The significance and joy in my science comes in the occasional moments of discovering something new and saying to myself, 'So that's how God did it!'"

—HENRY "FRITZ" SCHAEFER III,
AUTHOR AND CHEMIST

"God always answers prayers. Sometimes it's 'yes.'
Sometimes the answer is 'no.'
Sometimes it's 'you gotta be kidding'."

—JIMMY CARTER,
FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT

"I had the choice to either grow up and find God in the situation or become bitter. I chose to find God. And I experienced freedom like I never knew before."

—HEATHER MERCER,
AID WORKER IMPRISONED BY THE TALIBAN

"Faith that does not translate into actions is no faith at all."

—THE DALAI LAMA

"Deep faith is paranoia turned inside out.... It allows us to trust ourselves and others even if we and they have proven untrustworthy in the past."

—THOMAS MOORE,
AUTHOR

"Faith is building on what you know is here so that you can reach what you know is there."

—CULLEN HIGHTOWER,
AUTHOR

"The opposite of love is not hate,
it's indifference...
The opposite of faith is not heresy,
it's indifference."

—ELIE WIESEL,
HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR,
AUTHOR AND NOBEL PEACE PRIZE RECIPIENT





Life

"Never be afraid to try something new.
Remember that amateurs built the Ark.
Professionals built the Titanic."

—DAVE BARRY,
HUMOR COLUMNIST

"Life is given to you like a flat piece of land
and everything has to be done.
I hope that when I'm finished,
my piece of land will be a beautiful garden."

—JEANNE MOREAU,
ACTRESS AND DIRECTOR

"Life is too marvelous, too wonderful,
too brimming with color for me to get tired."

—EARTHA KITT,
ACTRESS AND SINGER

"We cannot change our past but we can start now to affect our future by how we handle the present."

—JOAN SHIVERS,
GUIDEPOSTS READER

"Losing's a great motivator."

—YOGI BERRA,
HALL OF FAME CATCHER

"Money, position, pride and power seem so important—until they're not.

At the end of their lives no one says, 'I wish I spent more time at the office!'"

—MICHAEL JOSEPHSON,
FOUNDER OF THE CHARACTER COUNTS! COALITION.

"Real life is about reacting quickly to the opportunity at hand, not the opportunity you envisioned. Not thinking and scheming for the future, but letting it happen."

—CONAN O'BRIEN,
LATE NIGHT TALK SHOW HOST



Hope

"No matter how sad you are today,
happiness and laughter and even joy
are distinct possibilities for tomorrow..."

—LINDA RICHMAN,
AUTHOR

"Hope is not just one single quality or promise.
Hope has to do with believing
beyond today—knowing there's
a garden of beauty that awaits me."

—JOYCE RUPP,
AUTHOR

"Hope is much more than a mood.
It involves a commitment to action....
What we hope for should be
what we are prepared to work for...
as far as that power lies in us. "

—JOHN POLKINGHORNE,
AUTHOR

"Hope is the ability to hear the music of the future;
faith is the courage to dance to it today."

—PETER KUZMIC,
THEOLOGIAN AND AUTHOR

"Hope begins in the dark,
the stubborn hope that if you just show up
and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come.
You wait and watch and work: You don't give up."

—ANNE LAMOTT,
AUTHOR

"All people have is hope. That's what
brings the next day and whatever that
day may bring. A hope grounded in the
real world of living, friendship, work, family."

—BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN,
MUSICIAN, SINGER AND SONGWRITER

"Cynicism is irresponsible. Having hope
is a much more healthy way to live.

—BARBARA KINGSOLVER,
NOVELIST AND ESSAYIST





Love

"Love is good will towards others.
Love is concern for others.
Love wants good things to happen to others,
even our enemies."

—REV. RICHARD TAYLOR

"Love is the only thing in the world
that you have to give away to get."

—JACK CANFIELD AND MARK VICTOR HANSEN,
CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL AUTHORS

"If you ask me what still keeps me here on this earth,
what keeps me alive,
then I would answer without hesitation: love."

—IMRE KERTÉSZ,
AUSCHWITZ SURVIVOR

"God loves us not for what we do or say or achieve.
God loves us for, and sometimes in spite of,
who we are."

— REV. WILLIAM TULLY

"My day was a success. I made my husband laugh."

—LORETTA WADSWORTH,
GUIDEPOSTS READER, PLAINVILLE, INDIANA

"Love and kindness are never wasted.
They always make a difference.
They bless the one who receives them,
and they bless you, the giver."

—BARBARA DE ANGELIS,
PH.D., AUTHOR

"It's no trick loving somebody at their best.
Love is loving them at their worst."

—TOM STOPPARD,
PLAYWRIGHT



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