

GOD'S MERCY

Pope Francis, Shepherd of Truth

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

“AN UNFAILING LOVE”

God's love for us is so great, so deep; it is an unfailing love, one which always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on.

“NEVER LOSE TRUST”

Let us never lose trust in the patience and mercy of God!

LOVE AND PATIENCE

God is patient with us because He loves us, and those who love are able to understand, to hope, to inspire confidence: they do not give up, they do not burn bridges, they are able to forgive.

“GOD ALWAYS WAITS FOR US”

Let us remember this in our lives as Christians: God always waits for us, even when we have left Him behind! He is never far from us, and if we return to Him, He is ready to embrace us.

COURAGE TO RETURN TO GOD

...God's patience has to call forth in us the courage to return to Him, however many mistakes and sins there may be in our lives.



“BOUNDLESS LOVE”

It is ... in the wounds of Jesus, that we are truly secure; there we encounter the boundless love of His heart.

TAKE GOD'S OFFER

We hear many offers from the world around us, but let us take up God's offer instead; His is a caress of love.

CLOSEST TO GOD'S HEART

For God we are not numbers, we are important, indeed, we are the most important thing to Him; even if we are sinners, we are what is closest to His heart.

GOD NEVER FAILS

... I have so often seen God's merciful countenance, His patience; I have also seen so many people find the courage to enter the wounds of Jesus by saying to Him: Lord, I am here, accept my poverty, hide my sin in Your wounds, wash it away with Your blood. And I have always seen God do just that — He accepted them, consoled them, cleansed them, loved them.

TURN TO GOD

... Let us be enveloped by the mercy of God; let us trust in His patience, which always gives us more time. Let us find the courage to return to His house, to dwell in His loving wounds, allowing ourselves to be loved by Him and to encounter His mercy in the sacraments. We will feel His wonderful tenderness, we will feel His embrace, and we too will become more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love.

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