

For all you fans of JEOPARDY, you may recall one of the categories is “Quotable Quotes”. Here is a list of “quotable quotes” on PRAYER from the saints:

All that the beginner in prayer has to do – and you must not forget this, for it is very important – is to labor and be resolute and prepare oneself with all possible diligence to bring one’s will into conformity with the will of God. – St. Theresa of Avila

For me, prayer means launching out of the heart towards God; it means lifting one’s eyes, quite simply, to Heaven, a cry of grateful love from the crest of joy or the trough of despair; prayer is a vast, spiritual force which opens out my heart, and binds me close to Jesus. – St. Therese of Lisieux (the Little Flower)

Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at this disposition and listening to his voice at the depth of our hearts. – St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Souls without prayer are like people whose bodies or limbs are paralyzed: they possess feet and hands, but they cannot control them. In the same way there are souls so infirm and so accustomed to busying themselves with outside affairs that they seem incapable of entering into prayer. – St. Theresa of Avila

Great talent is a gift of God, but it is a gift which is by no means necessary in order to pray well. The gift of talent is required to converse well with others; but it is not necessary in order to speak well with God. For that, one needs good desires, and nothing more. – St. John of the Cross

However great temptations may be, if we know how to use the weapon of prayer well, we shall come off as conquerors, for prayer is more powerful than all evil. – St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Build a cell in your heart and retire there to pray. – St. Catherine of Siena

Pray as if everything depended on God; work as if everything depends on you. – St. Augustine

It is simply impossible to live, without the aid of prayer, a virtuous life. – St. John Chrysostom