

Tidbits of TRUTH

Daily Quote Cards to Edify & Inspire the
Faith of Busy Parents
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Quote focus:

Martyrs of
the Faith

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

“We have learned that suffering is not the worst thing in the world - disobedience to God is the worst.”

- a Vietnamese Christian pastor imprisoned for his faith



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THURSDAY, MARCH 2

“We are not praying that our borders be opened. We are praying that heaven be opened.”

- The prayer of the church under persecution in Vietnam



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FRIDAY, MARCH 3

"I had the physical sense of being prayed for. Even when I knew nothing and received no letters, I felt warmth as if sitting near a fire. Sometimes this happened in punishment cells, which are very cold. It was like hearing someone pray for and think about me. This supported me so much. It is difficult to explain...I felt and knew I was not forgotten. This was sufficient to make me resist the most difficult moments."

- Irina Ratushinkaia - Christian poet imprisoned in the former Soviet Union until 1987

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MONDAY, MARCH 6

"It is not until a man finds his faith opposed and attacked that he really begins to think about the implications of that faith."



- William Barclay

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TUESDAY, MARCH 7

"If you are not willing to die for what is in the Bible, you should not give money for Bibles. Because if you give, we will smuggle more Bibles. And if we smuggle more Bibles, there will be more martyrs."

- Pastor Richard Wurmbrand, founder of The Voice of the
Martyrs

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

"I will preach until I die."

- Pastor Li Dexian, Chinese house-church pastor who has been arrested for preaching without a license more than twenty times



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THURSDAY, MARCH 9

"God, I do not ask you to make my life easy; I do ask you to make me strong."

- from a Jewish child, found in the rubble of a Jewish ghetto in Poland after it was bombed by the Nazis



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FRIDAY, MARCH 10

"Suffering may prevent sin, but sin will never prevent suffering."

- a handwritten comment found in an 1800s edition of "Foxe's Book of Martyrs"



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MONDAY, MARCH 13

"The cause, not the suffering, makes a genuine martyr."



- Augustine

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TUESDAY, MARCH 14

"A martyr is he who has become the instrument of God, who has lost his will in the will of God... The martyr no longer desires anything for himself."



- T.S. Elliot, "Murder in the Cathedral"

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

“Faith is not even worthy of the name until it erupts into action.”



- Catherine Marshall

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THURSDAY, MARCH 16

“Faith is never passive. It demands a response. It asks for a mission. It demonstrates the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit.”



- Pastor Richard Wurmbrand

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FRIDAY, MARCH 17

"Where there is no cross, there is no crown. This lesson cannot be learned from books, and men do not usually taste this sweetness. This rich life does not exist in a comfortable environment. If the spices are not refined to become oil, the fragrance of the perfume cannot flow forth; and if the grapes are not crushed in the vat, they will not become wine."



- from a Chinese Christian

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MONDAY, MARCH 20

"In spite of the painful reflections and memories, I have no time for bitterness. My life is filled with too much happiness, too many loving, caring people to allow myself to be devoured by the cancer of hate. I rejoice. I sing. I laugh. I celebrate, because I know that my God reigns supreme over all the forces of evil and destruction Satan has ever devised. And best of all - my God reigns supreme in me!"

- Pastor Noble Alexander, imprisoned in Cuba for twenty-two years, "I Will Die Free"



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TUESDAY, MARCH 21

"Persecution does not take us away from home. Persecution helps send us along the way to our true 'home'."



- Pastor J. Colaw

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

"Before prison we heard about God. But in prison we experienced God."

- Pastor Sze - a Chinese house-church leader who was imprisoned for his faith. He survived famine, illness, and an explosion in the coal mine where he was forced to work.



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THURSDAY, MARCH 23

“If we Christians don’t continue to share the gospel and push the envelope, the envelope will close in on us. If we maintain a ‘silent witness,’ there will be no witness, and Christianity will die in America.”



- Ray Thorne, missionary to the persecuted church

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FRIDAY, MARCH 24

“With Him, my beloved Master, it is good everywhere. With Him I have light in the dark dungeon. I had asked Him to be where I am needed, not where it is better for the outward man, but where I can bear fruit. This is my calling.”

- Russian pastor P. Rumatshik, from a letter written when he was imprisoned for the fifth time



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MONDAY, MARCH 27

"Since Christ is no longer on earth,
He wants His body, the church, to
reveal His suffering in its suffering.

Since we are His body, our
sufferings are His sufferings."



- John Piper,
"Desiring God"

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TUESDAY, MARCH 28

"The church has been and always will be
persecuted. Everyone watches us. If we
die in faith, hope, and love, it can change
the history of nations. If we fail to stand in
love and hope for our faith, nations often
can reject Christ."

- from a missionary who works in China and
North Korea



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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

"I asked for strength - and God gave me difficulties to make me strong. I asked for wisdom - and God gave me problems to solve. I asked for prosperity - and God gave me brain and brawn to work. I asked for courage - and God gave me dangers to overcome. I asked for love - and God gave me opportunities. I received nothing I wanted - I received everything I needed. My prayer has been answered."

- from the family of Michael Job, an Indian Christian



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THURSDAY, MARCH 30

"The word 'missionary' is not in the Bible - the word 'witness' is."

- Jim Elliott, missionary to Ecuador who was martyred while trying to bring the gospel to the Auca Indian tribe



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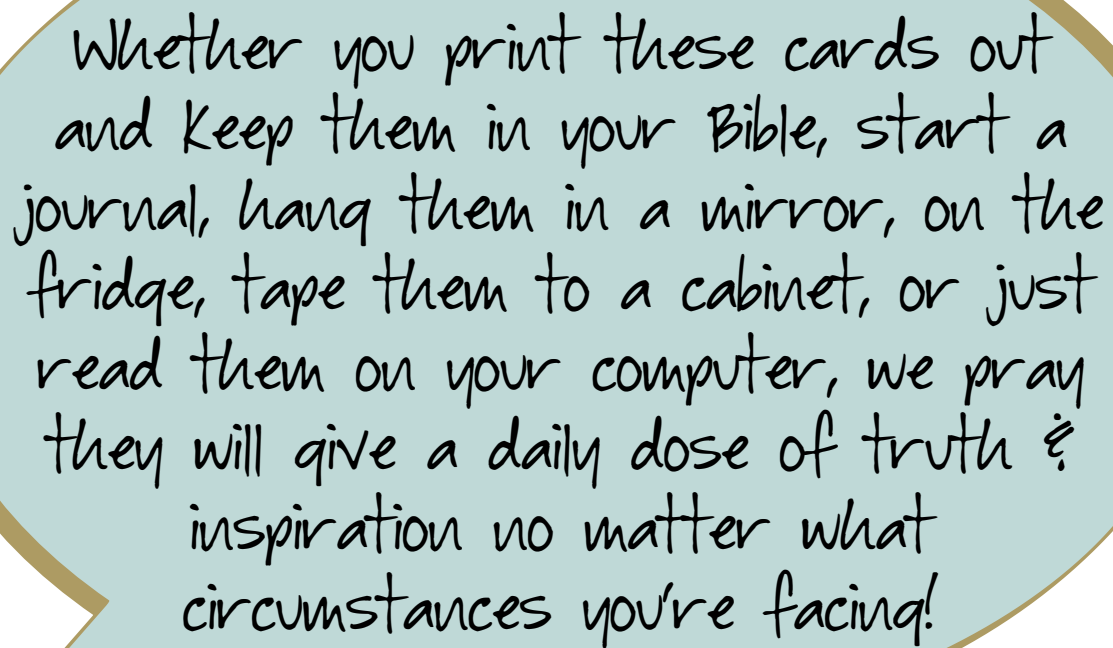
FRIDAY, MARCH 31

“Jesus said that we should go. He never said we would come back.”



- Unknown

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