

Tell me, What is Grace?

Quotes and Wisdom

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
John Newton

Grace is when we see the world through God's eyes rather than our own.
Marion Athearn

Children are amazing grace.
Kevin Lee

Grace is what comes to you beyond what you expected, often in spite of what you expected. It is most often seen in the surprise of life, in wonder, in a sudden unfolding of new life. It comes in the midst of our plans, changing them and letting us know, once again, that it is not all up to us.
Laurel Hallman

We thank you for the sudden grace
When you were plainly near,
In spoken word, in friendly face,
In insight sharp and clear.
Lewy Olsson

Grace is God himself, his loving energy at work within his church and within our souls.
Evelyn Underhill

Grace is the opposite of karma, which is all about getting what you deserve. Grace is getting what you don't deserve, and *not* getting what you do deserve.
Justin Holcomb

If someone believes with me in the amazement of Grace, prays with me, and reminds me of God's tenderness, I live more thoroughly and bravely in sacred time.
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I do not at all understand the mystery of grace – only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us.
Anne Lamott

God is always visible the moment the inner eye is clear.
Rufus Jones

The winds of grace are always blowing, but you have to raise the sail.
Sri Ramakrishna

Grace is available for each of us every day – our spiritual daily bread – but we’ve got to remember to ask for it with a grateful heart and not worry about whether there will be enough for tomorrow.
Sarah Ban Breathnach

“It isn’t easy,” said Pooh to himself. “Because Poetry and Hums aren’t things which you get, they’re things which get you. And all you can do is to go where they can find you.”
A.A. Milne, *The House at Pooh Corner*

Silence is simply a preparation for being still....We are able to discern the Spirit because of the stillness of our hearts, not because our bodies are motionless.
John Punshon

To pray is to be vulnerably open to God’s unpredictable grace.
Patricia Loring

How do I remain open to receiving Grace? I don’t know. It comes upon me by surprise and I am floored by it.
Anne Anderson

One thing I understand now is that one’s intellect alone won’t pull one through, and that the greatest service it can perform is to open a window for that thing we call the divine spirit.
Hilda Clark

Grace is given not because we have done good works, but in order that we may be able to do them.
St. Augustine.

While grace in the religious sense comes from God, we give grace to each other through heart.....Grace is the driver who lets you in front of him in heavy traffic. Grace is the fellow shopper who holds the door open for you when your arms are loaded with packages. Grace is the neighbors who bring food to your doorstep when you are sick or you have lost a loved one. Grace is the friend who forgives you for backing into her car.
B.C. Aronson

It is a bold and colossal claim that we put forward – that the whole of life is sacramental, that there are innumerable “means of grace” by which life is revealed and communicated – through nature and through human fellowship and through a thousand things that may become, “the outward and visible sign” of an “inward and spiritual grace.”
Barrett Brown

God is in the prepositions – beyond, among, within, beneath.
Sharon Daloz Parks