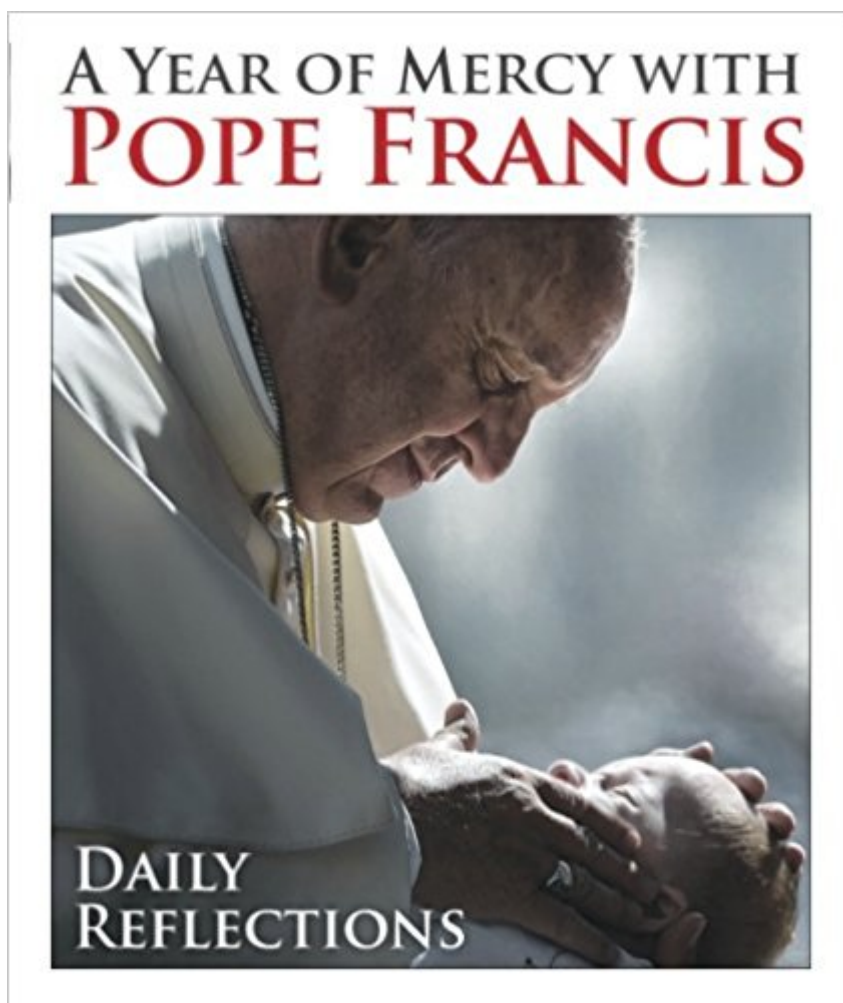


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# A Year Of Mercy With Pope Francis: Daily Reflections



## Synopsis

"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel. - Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 114

A Year of Mercy with Pope Francis will draw you into God's unfailing mercy, strengthening, healing and equipping you to fulfill his plan for your life. Spend a few minutes every day with the Holy Father as you read a brief meditation by him followed by a few reflection questions designed to help you ponder and receive God's love. These bite-sized quotes and engaging questions will fit easily into your busy schedule. But what a powerful few minutes they will be! God doesn't tire of us, Pope Francis has said, but "we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." Join him in exploring the infinite love and unfailing compassion of the God who is always "there first," ready to receive and embrace us.

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It's important to read Pope Francis in his own words. This book will help you walk with the Holy Father each day, be inspired by his message and take on the heart of a Christian disciple. - Edward Sri, author of Pope Francis and the Joy of the Gospel: Rediscovering the Heart of a Disciple

A Year of Mercy with Pope Francis is awesome. Want to grow in your relationship with our Lord? Turn to God's mercy! Let these daily meditations from Pope Francis allow you to experience the mercy of God and show you how to give God's mercy to others. - Matt Fradd, Founder of ThePornEffect.com

Jesus didn't say 'ponder me.' He said 'follow me.' Christianity isn't a theory. It's a

way of life. Kevin Cotter helps us apply the genius of Pope Francis to our lives in practical ways. Take this simple book to heart and it can change your life." - Chris Stefanick, President of Real Life Catholic

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This book presents, for each day of the year, a short passage from Pope Francis on the topic of mercy. That passage is followed by a reflection to help the reader take the Pope's words to prayer for further understanding, particularly as they apply to one's personal life. The book is well suited for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, and beyond. Enough identifying information is given to help those interested find the longer passage from which the shorter quote is taken. This should be greatly helpful to those who want more for a talk or presentation, or for further meditation. Kevin Cotter, the editor of the book, has a wonderful ability to sift through the voluminous words from Pope Francis, find appropriate quotes on mercy, and make them relevant and helpful on the journey we are called to walk daily. This book is likely to be a great blessing to many.

This book of daily meditations is a loving gift to one and all regardless of religion. Pope Francis is a model of compassion so inspiring, and his message is directly for the heart in all of us that seeks forgiveness, mercy, and hope. What a beautiful gift to give ourselves each and every day. Thank you, Pope Francis.

I purchased 5 of these when I first saw it right before Christmas. I began reading it and gave out the other 4 immediately. I loved it from the get go. The daily readings and meditations take less than 5 minutes. The readings are excerpts from the various writings of Pope Francis. A daily reflection is provided at the end of the excerpt. In this year of Mercy this is a most fitting and rewarding daily reflection that I look forward to. If you get behind, or ahead for that matter, you will find it difficult to stop reading. But why not read it more than once. This is also a beautiful opportunity to read all the various writings of Papa Francis.

I keep it by my bedside and read every morning. Selected Scripture and comments and action prompts. I find Papa Francisco speaking directly to me. He is an incredible compassionate and wise man.(I am not Catholic but I am a huge admirer of Pope Francisco.)

This has been an inspiration for me. I am not Catholic. However, the quotes from the Pope are inspirational for anyone of the Christian faith. They are just short enough to read quickly and not worry about whether it's going to fit into my day. There's always time for a short devotional. The comments at the end of each short devotion are food for thought.

I love the daily reminders of how we can take action on our beliefs. These short reflections make us think about the fact that we must convert our beliefs into actually helping someone that day! This keeps us from getting lazy about our beliefs!

This little book of reflections is a wonderful way to encourage and enliven our faith each day. As it is only the beginning of March, I haven't read the entire book. But, based on what I have read, I have no hesitation in saying that it is as quietly joyful and as gently challenging as is our Holy Father himself. I believe this book would be an excellent spiritual companion for any Christian and for anyone - Christian or not - who has found Francis' words an inspiration.

A beautiful collection of daily readings from a beautiful leader of the Catholic Church.

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