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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September:

That those feeling so crushed by life that they wish to end it
may sense the nearness of God's love.



Recently the world's media was filled with glowing reports on Pope Francis' fresh approach to those pesky social issues of abortion,

contraception and homosexuality. To read the news reports, one might now mistakenly believe the Church has demoted these formally grave sins to minor infractions - while condemning those who might have championed any alternative viewpoint.

Throughout the ages, the universal Catholic Church has challenged us to continually explore and renew our faith. How do we balance the Lord's dual commands to be "salt of the earth" as well as to "love one another?" Trying to live a complete Catholic Faith is full of tension very similar to trying to raise thoughtful, respectful, law abiding children. There must be truth (rules, doctrine) but there must also be acceptance and love for each soul. Complete love is truth, but Truth can be hard - hard to speak as well as hard to accept.

And yet it is so beautiful to see how words, rules and thoughts speak to us individually-to our gifts and to our sins. We each can read the same words but understand them completely differently. When we search for Truth, we need to invite the Holy Spirit to read and work along with us; only with His help can we be convicted to live more fully our Catholic faith in the way Christ intended.

Pope Francis's interview has had a wide range of "takes" depending on where the reader is in their "walk." We invite you to read the interview in its entirety or, at the very least, the synopsis and then read the "take" of those who have made a commitment to listen and implant God's word into their lives through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. If you get confused by the words the Pope used, pull out the Catechism of the Catholic Church to remind you that the Pope is not changing anything written in that wonderful doctrinal and pastoral compendium but speaking from his heart to every person in every country in the world.

Link to entire text of the Pope's interview:

www.americamagazine.org/pope-interview

Link that paraphrases the Pope's interview:

www.aleteia.org/en/religion/article/the-16-most-important-quotes-from-pope-francis-interview-5278188389269504

The "take" by Catholics who have devoted their life to the work of the Catholic Church:

Chicago's Archbishop, Cardinal Francis George:

www.shar.es/KJo2U

Syndicated columnist, George Weigel:

www.nationalreview.com/article/359042/christ-centered-pope-george-weigel

Carl Anderson, National Review Online, Popes in the News:
www.nationalreview.com/article/359142/pop-es-news-carl-anderson

Bishop Robert Vasa (Santa Rosa, CA):
www.catholicworldreport.com/Blog/2588/bishop_robert_vasa_remarks_on_pope_francis_interview.aspx#.UkXOYGt5mSM

Dr. Janet Smith (Father McGivney Chair of Life Ethics at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, MI):
www.firstthings.com/onthesquare/2013/09/are-we-obsessed

Archbishop Chaput of Philadelphia:
www.catholicphilly.com/2013/09/think-tank/weekly-message-from-archbishop-chaput/pope-francis-and-the-interview/

Press Conference with Archbishop Dolan and Father Barron:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BP8mQnwX_8

Zenit report on Pope Francis' address at the Vatican to Catholic Gynecologists:
www.zenit.org/en/articles/francis-address-to-group-of-catholic-gynecologists

Dr. Robert Moynihan in Inside the Vatican magazine:
www.themoynihanletters.com/from-the-desk-of/letter-89-afterthoughts

Pray for our World Sunday, October 13, 2013

Does the state of our world today scare you?

Join in prayer with Pope Francis on Sunday, October 13, as he consecrates the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Beginning with the rosary, and followed by the celebration of the Mass in St. Peter's Square, Our Holy Father will entrust our world to the Blessed Mother in front of the original statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

Doesn't our world need a miracle now? Miracles in response to prayers have happened in the past. One in recent history might be new to you....

On March 25, 1984, as tensions mounted due to the European missile crisis, Blessed Pope John Paul II consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Seven weeks later, on May 13th -the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, an explosion at the Soviet's Severomorsk Naval Base crippled the fighting capacity of the Soviet's Northern Fleet. In this explosion two-thirds of all the strategic missiles stockpiled at the naval base were destroyed. The Russians never reported anything about the explosion, but Jane's Defense Weekly reported that it was the worst naval disaster suffered by the Soviets since World War II.

St. James Cathedral invites all to participate in the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by celebrating a holy hour on Sunday, October 13 at 3 p.m. The prayer will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, Prayer of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary and Benediction.

Believe in miracles!

Believe Our Mother will hear our prayers!



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