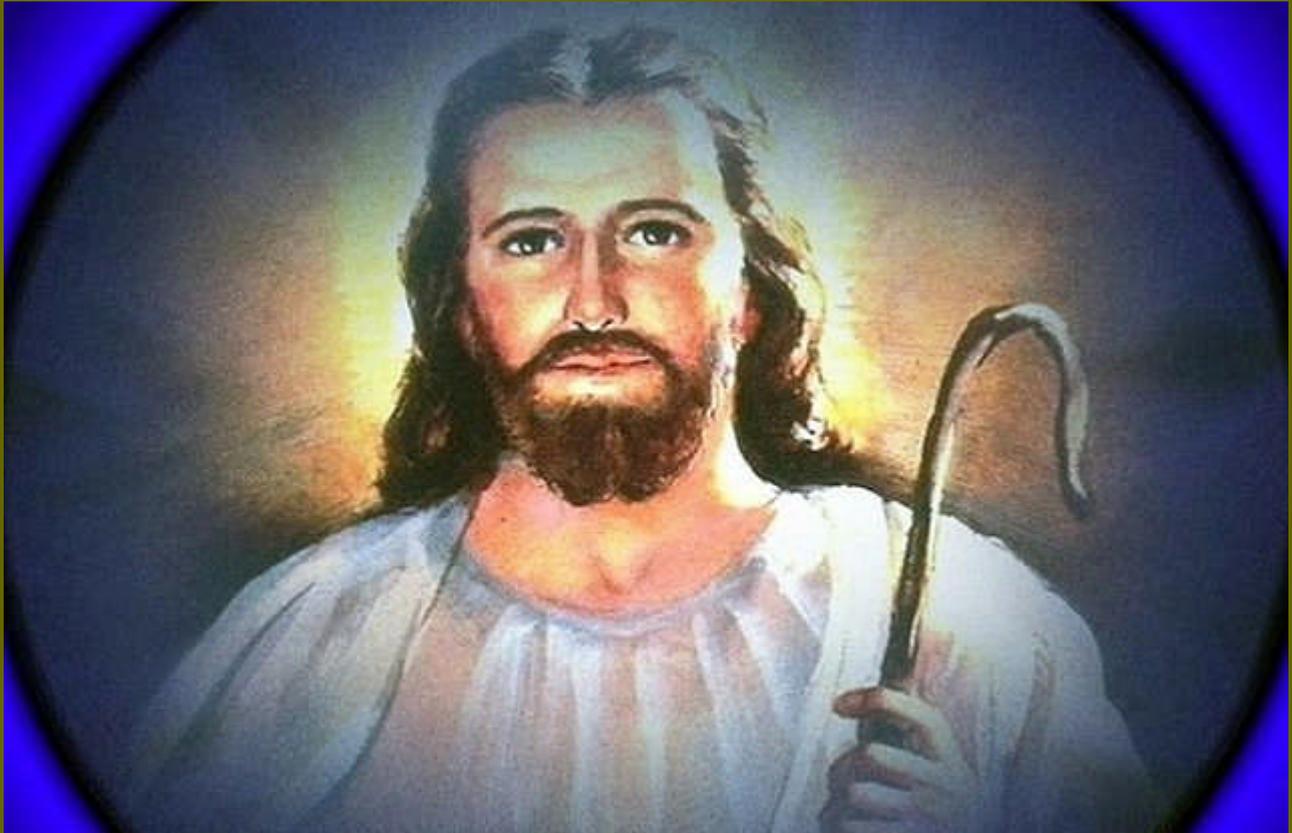




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(John 15:17)

**BLESSINGS OF GOD BE
YOURS...**



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" Your steadfast love , O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds." (Psalm 36:5)

Father God! O Holy One !I adore You. O Righteous One I praise You. I praise You God Most High !

**Lord God Your Great Love extends up to the Heavens! I praise You ! Your faithfulness rises up to the cloud
O Lord! I glorify You. Lord You know the difficulties faced by me an impoverished one and the injustices
face within my family ! Lord I am unable to bear the insults, ignoring looks and hurtful words from those
love! O Lord Your justice is higher than the highest mountains! Lord I stand in need of Your great love and
Your justice. Lord my God Your thoughts and Your judgments are so deep. You who preserve everything
Keep me within Your loving glance and shelter me.Lord be my Refuge and my fortress and safeguard m
from the attacks of all evil and dangers.**



**Lord be my armour and my shield and keep me safe
from all evil and injustices. Save my family. May
Your Great Love spring forth from our hearts. Lord
shield us from all bitterness , ego or petty pleasures
that attack our lives. Lord ! Your love for us is so
sweet! Thankyou ! My Lord ! Thankyou ! AMEN
ALLELUIA !**

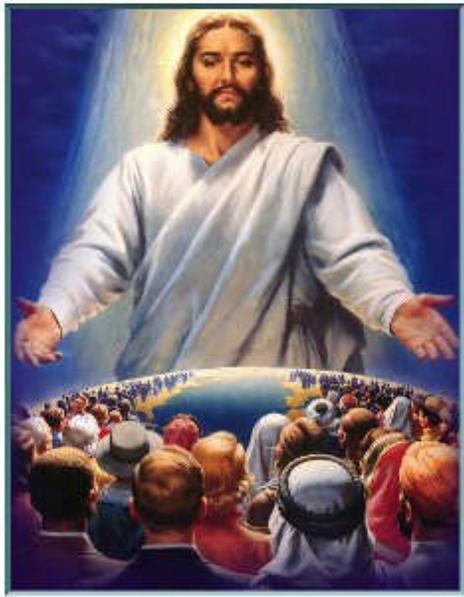
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BELOVED IN CHRIST...



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After Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, told them, "For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." (John 13:15) There are no boundaries to the love of Jesus. He did not consider Himself great, by thinking, " I am the Son of God, the Eternal God". He did not ostracize His disciples, He was not egoistic about His greatness , He crossed all limits in understanding and respected His disciples who are mere men and loved them . He fell at their feet and washed them showing how much He respected them. As the ego of 'Self' dominates in several of our families, groups and in the society, the fruit of love that emanates from our hearts gets hindered. Just as the lands and fields dry up when the bunds dry, so too do our families dry up and become bitter. **The Lord's disciples are always the devotees of His Blessed Mother, and if we wish to reflect this in our life, we should first remove all hurdles and boundaries to the great love that flows from our heart.**

When we love beyond limit, " does not mean that we can do anything". Love springs forth from Truth. No being faithful to one another, cheating on another or speaking lies are not signs of love. The true meaning of Love is truth, justice and sacrifice. For example if a man considers that a woman is widowed young and that she needs his love, and so if he starts living with her without the knowledge of his wife, then , " this is not love that goes beyond limits. This is an evil action which is far away from truth." This love does not spring from truth, but is due to the selfishness of lust. Our Lord's Words, His command , "You must love one another" is the good model of societal living. May this love be the basis of family life. I wish you Joy.

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The 16th of October 1978! An unforgettable day it was! It was on that day that I had completed my Doctoral studies. I had submitted my thesis (research papers) at the Gregorian university in Rome and hurried towards St. Peter's Basilica. Pope John Paul I after guiding the Church , seated on the throne of St. Peter for a mere 33 days, left for his heavenly abode. Just one month after his demise there was an urgency to elect a new leader to head the Church. About 111 Cardinals gathered at the Roman Basilica from all corners of the Universal Catholic Church. After spending a week in silent Retreat and Prayer, they went around lined up from the left side of the altar of the Basilica on the 14th of October. After bowing down at the altar, they entered the Sistine chapel one by one, where the Papal election would take place. After they had entered, the head of the Group of Bishops locked the door and kept the key in his custody. The Room is called the Secret Conclave. The cardinals will remain inside the hall till the New Pope is elected. Meals and staying facility was made for any number of days needed. Every room will be provided with a brief life sketch of each of the Cardinals.

They should come to know each other by reading the matter. They are not allowed to see each other or to recommend for one another. Spending time in deep meditation each one should elect a suitable leader according to their conscience. It was a time when all the Italian channels were busy raining News. The question as to who would be elected as the head of the Church made waves and aroused sensational ideas.

Around 6.30 in the evening hours of the 14th of October 1978, after the first elections, there was no decision on who would head the Church. And there was black smoke coming out of the chimney on the left side of the Sistine chapel. The people returned home in despair. Similarly on the 15th even after several sittings the name of the Pope was not finalised. There were already seven sittings up to the noon of the 16th. It was already dusk, and I made my way in haste to the compound of St. Peter's Basilica from the university. Getting a place in the compound was very difficult. Even then I made my way through the crowds and settled near the Egyptian Obelisk standing tall in the middle of the compound.



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From there one could have a clearer view of the chimney on the top floor of the Conclave. I was greatly excited. There should be a new Pope elected at least in the eighth sitting. And I eagerly looked forward to seeing the white smoke emanating from the chimney. There was great excitement among the Italians. It was a time when the Italians were expecting the Cardinal from the famous city of Genoa Bishop Joseph Seeri or the Cardinal from the city of Florence Giovanni Benely. Suddenly around 6.30 p.m. white smoke came trickling out of the chimney above the Conclave. Instantaneously the crowds started cheering and all cried out in unison from every corner, "Viva il Papa". People started discussing with great eagerness as to who the next Pope would be, about his name. They wanted to see his face.

In about ten minutes two assistants of the Basilica came and spread a big carpet on the balcony. Immediately the head of the group of Bishops came out and announced aloud, "HABEMUS PAPAM", "We have a Pope".

As the crowds continued to cheer, he announced, his name, "John Paul II". As the Cardinal continued to announce his original name Karol Jozef Wostyla, , several Italians standing around me started screaming "He's a foreigner, he's a foreigner" and lowered their raised hands. People were troubled as to who he could be. And within a few seconds, the newly elected Pope came in front of the crowds to introduce himself. The very first words pronounced by him were "AVE MARIA". And on hearing that there was a thunderous applause from the crowds which extended to more than five minutes. He then delivered his first message in Italian.

**" I Am Scared To Take Up This Big
Responsibility. But In Obedient Attitude To Our
Lord And In Total Commitment To The Most
Blessed Mother Mary, I Accepted This."**

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A Brief Sketch Of The Life Of The Pope

Pope John Paul II's Original Name Is Karol Jozef Wostyla .He Was Born On 18th May 1920 At Wadowicze In Poland. His Father's Name Is Karol Wostyla. His Mother's Name Is Emilia Kazoroska. Jozef Lost His Mother When He Was Barely Eight Years Old. The Eldest Daughter Olga Born Of His Parents Died In Her Very Infancy. His Elder Brother Edmund Who Was 14 Years Older To Him Was A Doctor. But Even He Died Suddenly. Hence Jozef Grew Up In The Custody Of His Father. He Got Trained As A Skilled Player While He Was Very Young. He Loved Playing Football. In The College Where He Studied And The City Where He Dwelt, He Had Several Friends. He Maintained Good Relationship Even With The Jewish Youngsters.

In 1938 His Father Migrated To Grakow A Big City Along With His Son. He Began His University Education There At The Jagiellonian University. He Became An Expert In Several Languages At The University. He Learnt 12 Languages. He Had Exhibited His Talents In Arts During These Days. He Not Only Worked As A Librarian In His College Days, He Also Underwent Compulsory Military Training.

It was during this time in 1939, that Hitler's German Nazi troops occupied Poland and hence they closed down the university. They pulled out several youngsters and forced them to hard and slavish manual labour. Jozef was forced to work in a hotel and in a stone quarry. When the Nazi troops forcefully took away the youngsters to be mercenaries, he hid himself working in a chemical factory. At this time his father who was serving as a small officer in the Polish army, died of heart attack in 1941. At a later stage while he was reminiscing over his past, he was reminded of that:

"I was neither at the death bed of my mother, I was never at the death bed of my brother. Nor was I present even at the death bed of my father! When I was 20 years old, I had lost all those whom I loved."

**"God Led His Children Through The Desert And Brought Them To The
Promised Land."**



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He was left alone after the demise of his father. A thought and longing to become a priest arose in his heart. Later over the years he realized that this liking itself was the call of God. Being fully convinced that God had called him to priesthood, He went to meet the Archbishop of Grakow, Adam Stefan Cardinal Sapieha. When he revealed his desire to become a priest, the Archbishop immediately gave him permission and at once admitted him in the Seminary situated in the basement of the Archbishop's house.

One day when he had been to town on a certain task, the military vehicle of the Nazis dashed and pushed him to the ground. But the German soldiers themselves took him, healed his wounds, nursed and sent him back. It took several weeks to get healed of the internal wounds. He was then completely healed and regained his health. He considered his being saved from this accident as a sign of confirmation to the call to priesthood. It was during this time that the Nazi soldiers forced the Polish youngsters to fight in the battle field. Jozef escaped from this tight situation and found refuge in the Archbishop's house. He continued his studies in hiding.

The German forces were beginning to lose power. On the night of 17th January 1945, the German troops withdrew in haste, to run away from the town and from the university. The seminary was in shambles. The soldiers had destroyed it. Jozef cleaned all the toilets with the help of a few others.

On November 1st 1946, on the Feast of All Saints, he was ordained a priest. To continue his further studies he went to the Papal University Athenaeum Angelicum in Rome. He completed his doctorate in two years.



As soon as he returned to Poland in 1948, he was appointed parish priest in a small hamlet about 20 km from Grakow. As soon as he reached the hamlet called Niegowich, he knelt down and kissed the ground. About 100 years ago when John Mary Vianney was appointed a Parish priest in Ars, France, he knelt down, kissed the ground and began his work. It was this practice that the young Karol Jozef followed as a parish priest. Later when he visited 129 countries as the Pope, as soon as he stepped on a soil, he at once bowed and kissed the ground as God's land and thus embraced the people.

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Father Karol Jozef's service grew in bounds and leaps and spread everywhere. Within a year in 1949, he became a professor in the same university where he studied. He also served the Lublin university. As he was working as a professor, he also obtained his second Doctorate in Philosophy. He wrote several research papers in the Polish language. In 1960, he wrote 'Love and responsibility' based on the principles of the Catholic marriage and published it as a book.

Karol Jozef's deep spirituality and the great attachment to the Church shone as a beacon light on a hill. He was appointed as the auxiliary Bishop of Grakow in 1958. He took office as the youngest Bishop of Poland when he was just 38 years old.

The II Vatican Council took place in Rome between 1962 and 1965. He held great responsibility while participating in it. He played a major role in several doctrines issued by the General Council. In "Dignitatis Humanae" (Religious freedom) and " Gaudium et Spes" (Church in the modern age) he sought to incorporate his ideas. He was appointed as the Cardinal of Grakow in 1964 , even before the General Council came to an end, after being Arch bishop of the same place. The Communists were ruling Poland. The Polish people were living in slavery under the Communist government in Russia. Poland is a totally Catholic country. Although the Communists were ruling the place, the faith of the people and their spiritual life were preserved from destruction due to the tireless work of the priests and the able guidance of the Bishops.

It was at this time on October 16th 1978 that Karol Jozef Wostyla was elected in his 58th year , as the leader of the Universal Catholic Church under the name John Paul II.

Beginning from 1978 to 2005 he lived for 27 years , as the world famous guide of the Church, a preacher of Spirituality and as a person filled with deep faith.He led the faithful in their spiritual journey in a dynamic mode with the thought, " The Future is not tomorrow, it begins today." He has given us the teachings and doctrines of the Church in 14 Encyclicals.

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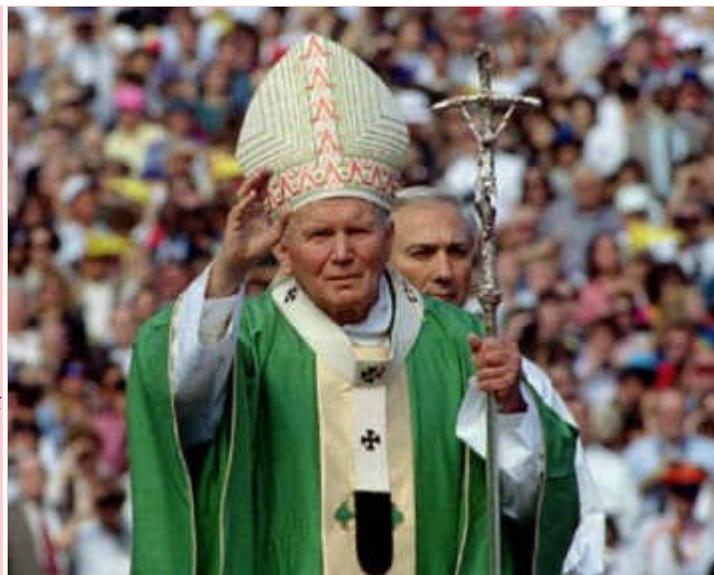
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Some of the precious pearls from his writings.

1. Human body is sacred. It is worthy of respect. We should not destroy it.
2. May we see newness in Christ. We do not meet Him under a small framework but as the Son of God. Not as an Institution, but Jesus is the One who redeems us.
3. Man is inferior to God. Without God all creations will come to naught. Freedom will always lie dependant on Truth. Freedom sans Truth is a falsity, a maya, a mirage.
4. Human knowledge will grow depending on the faith one invests on God. This is human wisdom.
5. The respect shown to women will preserve the family. This is the future of humanity.
6. The Living Word of God will save human life. Human life is precious. It belongs to God. Man should not take it away or destroy it.

A country is how a family is. The standard of human life will depend on the way a country is. When Pope John Paul II visited the countries of the world, he gave a special place for the youth. He was very considerate towards them. Similarly he met the leaders of the world religions, sought for unity among religions and established firm relationships. All religious leaders saw in him a guide to spirituality.

We cannot forget an incident which stunned everyone. In the third year after resuming office as the Pope, on May 13th 1981, while the Pope was on his rounds visiting thousands of the faithful on the grounds of St. Peter's Basilica, he was shot by one Mehmed Ali Agca of Turkey with a 9 cm automatic hand gun. Several bullets penetrated his stomach. They rushed the Pope to the Gemelli Hospital. It is a surprise that his life was saved. It was the Feast day of Our Lady of Fatima.



“THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED”



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The Pope remembered this after several years: How can I forget that day? It was on that day that Christ's Mother appeared to little children at Fatima in Portugal. Everything that happened to me that day, happened with the protection and embrace of the Mother in a surprising manner. The embrace of the Mother was stronger than the deadly bullets."

Two years after, in 1983, about two days after Christmas The Pope met Mechmed Ali Agca in prison. The Pope met him as a brother and conversed with him for about twenty minutes. "I forgive him. I place my full trust in him."

The whole world was overwhelmed with disbelief and praised the forgiving nature of the Pope.

On the 1st of May this year, on Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI who leads the Church today, declared to the world, Pope John Paul II as Beatified, as holy. Several people pray to Saint Pope John Paul II and are being healed of various illnesses.

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