

101 GREAT QUOTES
TO USE
WHEN WRITING CARDS
AND LETTERS

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What is success?
To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people
And the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics
And endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty;
To find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better, whether by
A healthy child, a garden patch,
Or a redeemed social condition;
To know even one life has breathed
Easier because you have lived;
This is to have succeeded.
Bessie Anderson Stanley



The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto
us.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us and give
us peace.
Anonymous



Give me a sense of humor, Lord;
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some happiness from life
And pass it one to other folk.
Anonymous



There's part of the sun in an apple,
There's part of the moon in a rose;
There's part of the flaming Pleiades in every leaf that grows.
Out of the vast comes nearness;
For the God whose love we sing
Lends a little of his heaven
To every living thing.
Augustus Wright Bamburgher



Give us, O Lord, thankful hearts which never forget your
goodness to us.
St. Thomas Aquinas



May the blessing of the rain be on you – the soft sweet rain.
May it fall upon your spirit

So that all the little flowers may spring up,
And shed their sweetness on the air.

Irish Blessing



May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm on your face,
The rain fall softly on your fields;
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Anonymous



In all this world there is nothing so beautiful as a happy child.

L. Frank Baum



When a child who has been conceived in love is born to a man
and woman, the joy of that birth sings throughout the universe.

Madeleine L'Engle



Life shrinks or expands according to one's courage.

Anais Nin



When you were born, you cried, and the world rejoiced. Live
your life in such a manner that when you die, the world cries
and you rejoice.

Kabir



Having a child changes every aspect of your life, -- for the
better, of course. The sacrifices are large, but what you get in
return is even bigger than the sacrifices you make.

Heath Ledger



I would only believe in a God that knows how to dance.

Friedrich Nietzsche



In the joy of your heart may you feel the living joy that sang
one spring morning, sending its glad voice across a hundred
years.

Rabindranath Tagore



Human felicity is produced not so much by great pieces of
good fortune that seldom happen, as by little advantages that
occur every day.



On the laugh of a child I am borne to the joy of a king.

George William Russell



No one dances sober, unless he is insane.

Cicero



Here is the true meaning and value of compassion and
nonviolence, when it helps us to see the enemy's point of view,
to hear his questions, to know his assessment of ourselves.

Martin Luther King, Jr.



The deeper that sorrow comes into your being, the more joy you can contain.

Kahil Gibran



Fear not that which is now,
Fear not that which is to come.
Life, Death, and Being are as one.
It is a circle.

There is no beginning and no end.
For that which is the beginning is the end of the other.
And, that which is the end is the beginning of the other.

Anonymous



Death, to a good man is but passing through a dark entry, out of one little dusky room of his Father's house into another that is fair and large, lightsome and glorious, and divinely entertaining.

Adam Clarke



Early, bright, transient, chaste, as morning dew she sparkled,
was exhal'd, and went to heaven.

Edward Young



Death is the one thing that connects us all. It reminds us that what's really important is who we've touched, how much we've given. It makes us realize that we have to be good to one another.

Peter Petrelli

What is our death but a night's sleep? For as through sleep all weariness and faintness pass away and cease, and the powers of the spirit come back again, so that in the morning we arise fresh and strong and joyous; so at the Last Day we shall rise again as if we had only slept a night, and shall be fresh and strong.

Martin Luther



So fades a summer cloud away;
So sinks the gale when storms are o'er;
So gently shuts the eye of day;
So dies a wave along the shore.

Anna Laetitia Barbauld



The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

Robert Frost



If you are doing your best, you won't have time to worry about failure.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



'Tis but a little faded flower,
But oh, how fondly dear!
'Twill bring me back one golden hour,
Through many a weary year.

Ellen C. Howarth

Everything passes away – suffering, pain, blood, hunger, pestilence. The sword will pass away, too, but the stars will still remain when the shadows of our presence and our deeds have vanished from the earth. There is no man who does not know that. Why, then, will we not turn our eyes towards the stars? Why?

Mikhail Bulgakov



It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all – in which case, you fail by default.

J.K.Rowling



What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



In matters of style, swim with the current: In matters of principle, stand like a rock.

Thomas Jefferson



Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Erica Frandsen



Wink at small faults; remember thou has great ones.

Benjamin Franklin



Opportunity is missed by most people because it's dressed in overalls and looks like work.

Thomas Edison



All the big thinks in this world are done by people who are naïve and have an idea that is obviously impossible.

Charles Hamilton



To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life.

Robert Louis Stevenson



There is no human life so poor and small as not to hold many a divine possibility.

James Martineau



Reading makes a full man, mediation a profound man, discourse a clear man.

Benjamin Franklin



Don't bother to just be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself.

William Faulkner



Failure plus failure plus failure equal success. You only fail when you quit.

Jack Hyles

A person is only as big as the dream they dare to live.

Unknown



My heart leaps when I behold a rainbow in the sky.

William Wordsworth



Failure makes success so much sweeter, and allows you to
thumb your nose at the crowds.

Wilbur Smith



Mountains loom upon the path we take;
Yonder peak that rises sharp and clear,
Behold us now on its head uplifted;
Planting there our feet, we stand secure.

Song of the Pawnee people



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William Wordsworth



Genius is one percent inspiration, ninety-nine percent
perspiration.

Thomas Edison



A thing of beauty is a joy forever:

Its loveliness increases

It will never pass away into nothingness.

John Keats

The little cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play.

Anonymous



If of thy mortal goods thou art bereft,
And from thy stores two loaves alone to thee are left,
Sell one, and with the dole
Buy hyacinths to feed the soul.

Gulistan of Moslih Eddin Saadi



Let us be like a bird for a moment perched
On a frail branch while he sings;
Though he feels it bend, yet he sing his song,
Knowing that he has wings.

Victor Hugo



Awake, awake, to love and work!
The lark is in the sky;
The fields are wet with diamond dew.

G.A. Studdert-Kennedy



When the intellect and affections are in harmony; when
intellectual consciousness is calm and deep; inspiration will not
be confounded with fancy.

Margaret Fuller

Inspiration is a slender river of brightness leaping from a vast and eternal knowledge. It exceeds reason more perfectly than reason exceeds the knowledge of the senses.

Sri Aurobindo



Who knows where inspiration comes from? Perhaps it arises from desperation. Perhaps it comes from the flukes of the universe, the kindness of the muses.

Amy Tan



If you ever have to make a choice between learning and inspiration, choose learning. It works more of the time.

Lois McMaster Bujold



I believe that music can be an inspirational force in all our lives – music comes from the heart and returns to the heart.

Leopold Stokowski



When you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it's your world for the moment. I want to give that world to someone else.

Georgia O'Keeffe



Today well spent makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Anonymous



All large, important things are made up of many small, seemingly insignificant parts. Every person in part of the world, of human history, of the energy of the planet and the universe.

Veronica Ray



Because you love me, I have much achieved.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar



Age cannot love destroy.

Percy Bysshe Shelley



May your heart stay as active and young as your mind.

Thomas Hyland, Jr.



I love you,
Not only for what you are,
But for what I am
When I am with you.

Roy Croft



The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.

Helen Keller



He that lives in hope dances without music.

English proverb



True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice.

Martin Luther King, Jr.



Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement; nothing can be done without hope.

Helen Keller



Hope is the thing with feathers –
That perches in the soul –
And sings the tune without the words –
And never stops at all.

Emily Dickinson



Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit.
Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.

St Francis de Sala



Hope is definitely not the same thing as optimism. It is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out.

Vaclav Havel



Hope springs eternal in the human breast;
Man never is, but always to be blest.

Alexander Pope



Providence has given human wisdom the choice between two fates; either hope and agitation, or hopelessness and calm.

Evgeny Baratynsky



Dissent is the highest form of patriotism.

Thomas Jefferson



If a law is unjust, a man is not only right to disobey it, he is obligated to do so.

Thomas Jefferson



Act as if you expected to live a hundred years, but might die tomorrow.

Ann Lee



Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.

John Lennon



If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

Steven Wright



If I have to, I can do anything.

I am strong, I am invincible, I am woman.

Helen Reddy



What is success? A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and goes to bed at night and in between does what he wants to do.

Bob Dylan



Ability is what you're capable of doing.
Motivation determines what you do.
Attitude determines how well you do it.

Lou Holz



Nothing comes easy. Nothing is given to you. Whatever you do, you've got to work for it and earn it. Whatever reward you get you've got to know that you've had your input into that success.

Jack Charlton



Life is short, art long, opportunity fleeting, experiment uncertain, and judgment difficult.

Hippocrates



Happiness is having dreams, success is making those dreams come true.

Christopher A. Castro



Success is the result of countless failures you've done in order to attain it.

Mark Aaron A. Corrales



Success often comes to those who dare to act. It seldom goes to the timid who are ever afraid of the consequences.

Jawaharlal Nehru



There is no failure, only learning experiences.

Anonymous



We live in deeds, not years;
in thoughts, not breaths;
in feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs.
He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, and acts the best.

Philip James Bailey



To do the useful thing, to say the courageous thing, to contemplate the beautiful thing: that is enough for one man's life.

T.S.Eliot



I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.

Bill Cosby



Nothing succeeds like the appearance of success.

Christopher Lasch



I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.

Thomas Jefferson



A cluttered desk is a sign of genius.

Anonymous



You ain't heard nothin' yet, folks.

Al Jolson



Float like a butterfly.

Sting like a bee.

Muhammad Ali



They change their skies above them,

But not their hearts that roam.

Rudyard Kipling



Art is the only clean thing on earth, except holiness.

Joris Karl Huysmans



A smattering of everything, and a knowledge of nothing.

Charles Dickens



A little season of love and laughter,
Of light and life, and pleasure and pain,
And a horror of outer darkness after,
And dust returneth to dust again.

John Marshall Harlan



His pen is breathing revenge.

Alexei Tolstoi



Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful,
or believe to be beautiful.

William Morris

