## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES FOR HOMILIES, TALKS AND RETREATS

There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every [person] which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus.

Blaise Paschal

Despite everything, I believe that people are really good at heart.

Anne Frank

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

Helen Keller

## **M**ATTERS OF THE **H**EART

The face is the mirror of the mind, and eyes without speaking confess the secrets of the heart.

St Jerome

'Since the Bible teaches us that God does not look to appearances, but to the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), we can also say that it is from the heart that we see God.'

Pope Francis

It is the heart which perceives God and not the reason. That is what faith is: God perceived by the heart, not by reason.

Blaise Paschal

Peoples everywhere, open the doors to Christ!

Pope Saint John Paul II

**Mercy:** the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.

Pope Francis

**Mercy:** the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us.

Pope Francis

Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life.

Pope Francis

Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

By accepting Christ, you open yourselves to the definitive Word of God, to the One in whom God has made himself fully known and has shown us the path to himself.

Pope Saint John Paul II

## A HEART TO HEART RELATIONSHIP

Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.

Pope Francis

**Mercy:** the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

Pope Francis

I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ... I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day.

Pope Francis

Let us more and more insist on raising funds of love, of kindness, of understanding, of peace. Money will come if we seek first the Kingdom of God

the rest will be given.

Blessed Mother Teresa

He that is kind is free, though he is a slave. He that is evil is a slave, though he be a king.

St Augustine

`ALL WHO ARE ON THE SIDE OF TRUTH LISTEN TO MY VOICE'

JOHN 18:37

I would rather die and come to Jesus Christ than be king over the entire earth.

Him I seek who died for us; Him I love who rose again because of us.

St Ignatius of Antioch

'You pay God a compliment by asking great things of Him.'

St Teresa of Avila