

## Quotes of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

The quotes below are from Elizabeth's writings, published in Elizabeth Bayley Seton Collected Writings I-III B, edited by Regina Bechtle, S.C., and Judith Metz, S.C.

Acting well our part in present difficulties is the only way to ensure the Peace of futurity (the future). *From Collected Writings Volume I, page 62*

Afflictions are the steps to heaven. *From Collected Writings Volume IIIb, page 76*

All in the hands of our God so dear and infinitely good, that is my comfort. *From Collected Writings Volume II, page 563*

But O my heavenly Father, I know that...contradictory events are permitted and guided by Your wisdom, which only is light. We are in darkness, and must be thankful that our knowledge is not wanted (needed) to perfect Your work and also keep in mind the infinite mercy, which in permitting the sufferings of the perishing body, has provided for our souls so large an opportunity of comfort and nourishment for our eternal life where we shall assuredly find that all things have worked together for our good-for our sure trust in you. *From Collected Writings Volume I, page 271*

Confiding hope and consoling peace have attended my way through storms and dangers that must have terrified a soul whose rock is not Christ... *From Collected Writings Volume I, page 245*

Do what we can and God will do the rest. What seems so impossible to nature is quite easy to grace. *From Collected Writings Volume IIIa, page 568*

Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, Hope supports it on the other, Experience says it must be and love says let it be. *From Collected Writings Volume II, page 117*

Go to him with faith, love and confidence - He will help. Fill yourself with his Spirit and He himself will govern. *From Collected Writings Volume IIIb, page 38*

I am satisfied to sow in tears if I may reap in joy. And when all the wintry storms of time are past, we shall enjoy the delights of an eternal spring. *From Collected Writings Volume I, page 335*

I resign the present and the future to Him who is the author and conductor of both. *From Collected Writings Volume I, page 49*

Oh! If I did not see our Lord in all and trust it to Him, what an aching heart should I have. But not so, I look all the while to our purification, and then to our Eternity, so long - for love and enjoyment. *From Collected Writings Volume II, page 354*

The black clouds I foresee may pass by harmless, or if in Providence of grace they fall on me, Providence has an immense umbrella to hinder or break the force of the storm. What a comfort. *From Collected Writings Volume II, page 595*

You know the general principle: that God is everywhere. On the throne of His glory among the blessed indeed, but also throughout the whole universe which He fills, governs and preserves, ruling it by wisdom and grace. This we learn in our infancy, as in all of our memory in childhood. Yet in the practice of life, we live along as if we scarcely remembered that God sees us. *From Collected Writings Volume IIIa, page 392*

Do I realize it? The protecting presence, the consoling grace of my Redeemer and God. He raises me from the dust to feel that I am near Him. He drives away all sorrow to fill me with His consolations. He is my guide, my friend and supporter - with such a guide, can I fear? With such a friend, shall I not be satisfied? With such a support, can I fall? Oh! Then, my adored refuge, let not my frail nature shrink at your command... Rather, let me say, "Lord, here am I the creature of your will, rejoicing that You will lead, thankful that You will choose for me. Only continue to (grant) me Your soul-cheering presence. And in life, or in death, let me be Your own.

*From Collected Writings Volume IIIa, page 32*