**40 Reasons to Love God by Deacon Evan G Wittig**

**You can love God because**:

1. God made everything
2. God made you in his image and likeness
3. God revealed himself in nature, so that you can know him and love him.
4. God revealed himself in the Bible so that we can know him and love him better.
5. God is our Father.
6. Each mystery of the rosary gives us a reason to love God.
7. God sent his angel to ask Mary to give us the Messiah of God.
8. We can carry Jesus within us! “The Word became flesh”
9. Baby God was born in Bethlehem for you. Spread the news, Angels.
10. Jesus reveals God’s salvation: Light to the Gentiles, the glory of Israel.
11. If you’ve lost Jesus, you can still find him in his Church.
12. Jesus became sorrowful unto death, because he loves sinners so much.
13. Jesus was scourged, he gave his body to redeem our bodies.
14. By his stripes, we are healed.
15. Jesus crowned with thorns, he humiliated himself to exalt us.
16. Jesus carries our burdens, our sins, our pain and agony.
17. He carried the cross for the joy of repentant sinners, and saved souls.
18. Jesus prays from the cross: “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.”
19. Jesus pays the price for all our sins, “the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life for those who believe.”
20. God loved us first. “For God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son so that those who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.”
21. Your problem is sin. God solved that problem.
22. The crucifixion of Jesus convinces us of God’s love for us.
23. Hell awaits lost souls, but Jesus died so you don’t have to go there.
24. Jesus rose from the dead. He is who he said he was: the Son of God.
25. Jesus ascended into heaven and opened up heaven for the human race.
26. God sent the Holy Spirit to complete our redemption and sanctification.
27. The Holy Spirit makes our faith come alive and Jesus come alive.
28. The Holy Spirit makes the bible and the sacraments come alive for believers.
29. The Holy Spirit restores fallen nature of believers.
30. Jesus was baptized into our humanity. We were baptized into his divinity.
31. Jesus has solidarity with all people, God loves everyone.
32. Jesus brings joy into Christian lives and marriages.
33. Jesus gives us the Kingdom of God: priceless treasures on earth and in heaven.
34. Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, a map to heaven.
35. Jesus transfigured reveals the future divinization of believers.
36. God the Father clearly stated that Jesus of Nazareth was his Son.
37. Jesus gave us the Eucharist, his body, blood, soul and divinity, so that believers could be the body of Christ and dwell in Christ and have Christ dwell within them.
38. The Eucharist is God, there is nothing better than God.
39. Jesus gave us the Mass so that we could worship the Father with Jesus and offer up the one sacrifice of Calvary to the Father for the forgiveness of sins.
40. The Eucharistic Host is Jesus Christ. Holy Communion is God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Angels, saints, the Mystical Body of Christ, and heaven itself are all present in the Host.