

Compassion Toward Animals in Christian Tradition

Biblical passages, historical sources, and prayers

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About this booklet

This booklet gathers biblical passages, historical sources, prayers, and examples from Christian tradition concerning compassion toward animals.

It is a documentary and educational work. Each completed section should help readers encounter sources faithfully, understand their historical setting, and reflect without polemics or pressure.

Editorial status: This is the initial project scaffold. Source texts and commentary will be added only after verification and citation.

0.1 How to read it

Chapters distinguish primary texts from editorial context. Citations will point to the most reliable accessible editions available. The project welcomes corrections and documented additions through its public contribution process.

1 Introduction

This chapter will explain the scope of the booklet, the historical range of its sources, and the editorial distinction between quotation, context, and interpretation.

1.1 Planned contents

- Scope and terminology
- Historical and denominational breadth
- Translation and quotation policy
- How sources were selected

2 Biblical Passages

This chapter will present carefully contextualized passages from the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament.

Each entry should include:

- the passage and translation used;
- its literary and historical context;
- relevant textual or translation notes;
- a complete citation.

3 Witnesses from Christian Tradition

This chapter will document relevant writings and accounts associated with saints, theologians, monastic communities, church leaders, and other historical Christian witnesses.

Attributions and later legends must be clearly distinguished from well-attested primary evidence.

4 Prayers

This chapter will collect prayers from identifiable Christian traditions and historical sources.

Each prayer should state its source, date or period when known, tradition, translation, and attribution status. Newly written prayers should be labeled as original contributions.

5 Further Reading

This chapter will provide an annotated selection of reliable primary editions, historical studies, and reference works for readers who want to investigate further.

Entries should explain their relevance and distinguish scholarly resources from devotional or popular works.

