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## Pope's quotes: The reason for Mass

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A quote from Pope Francis:

?At times someone may ask: ?Why must one go to Church, given that those who regularly participate in Holy Mass are still sinners like the others?? We have heard it many times! In reality, the one celebrating the Eucharist doesn't do so because he believes he is or wants to appear better than others, but precisely because he acknowledges that he is always in need of being accepted and reborn by the mercy of God, made flesh in Jesus Christ. If any one of us does not feel in need of the mercy of God, does not see himself as a sinner, it is better for him not to go to Mass! We go to Mass because we are sinners and we want to receive God's pardon, to participate in the redemption of Jesus, in his forgiveness.?

-- General audience, St. Peter's Square, Feb. 12, 2014

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