



About Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Macedonia, on August 27, 1910. Her family was of Albanian descent. At the age of twelve, she felt strongly the call of God and wished to become a missionary of Christ, helping to spread the love of Christ. At the age of eighteen she left her parental home in Skopje and joined the Sisters of Loreto, an Irish community of nuns with missions in India. After a few months' training in Dublin she was sent to India, where on May 24, 1931, she took her initial vows as a nun. From 1931 to 1948 Mother Teresa taught at a high school in Calcutta. The poverty of India's poor left a profound impression on her and she felt inspired to leave the convent and devote her life to the service and care for the poor.



By 1950 she had been joined by others who were willing to help. She also received permission from the Vatican to start her own order "The missionaries of Charity" This became an official international religious family in 1965.

The activities of the missionaries of charity have now spread all over the world, helping to provide assistance for the most disadvantaged of society. This has included work in the West dealing with victims of AIDS and drug abuse. For her tireless work to serve the poor Mother Teresa has received many awards and notable recognition. Most prominently she was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1979. She did not attend the usual banquet but asked that the money to be given to charity.

Mother Teresa died on 5 September 1997 aged 87. The Vatican have started the process towards beatification.

Quotes by Mother Teresa

1. Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired.
2. Even the rich are hungry for love, for being cared for, for being wanted, for having someone to call their own.
3. Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.
4. I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world.
5. I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love.
6. I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much.
7. I try to give to the poor people for love what the rich could get for money. No, I wouldn't touch a leper for a thousand pounds; yet I willingly cure him for the love of God.
8. If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.
9. If we want a love message to be heard, it has got to be sent out. To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it.
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11. In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.
12. 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.
13. Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go.
14. Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work.
15. We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls.
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17. We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.
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19. We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.