



# Mother Teresa

«I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing  
God who is sending a love letter to the  
world.»

# Young years

- Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Macedonia, on August 26, 1910. Her family was of Albanian descent. At the age of twelve, she felt strongly the call of God. She knew she had to be a missionary 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.



MOTHER TERESA



If you start judging  
people you will be  
having no time to love  
them...

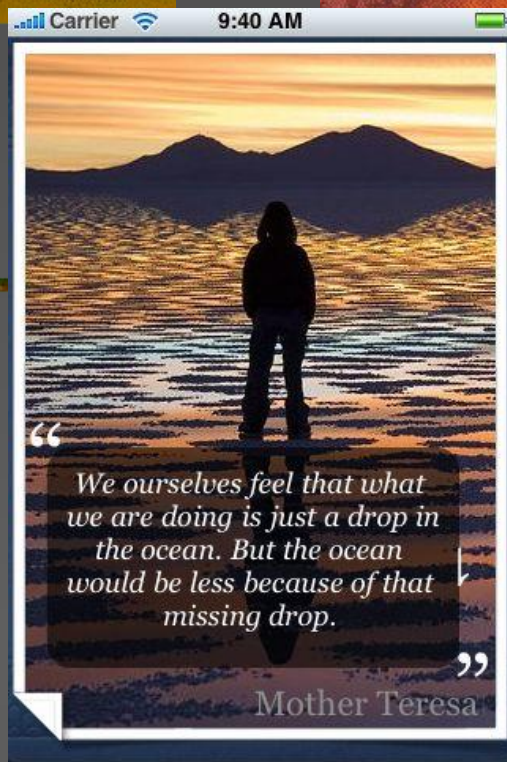


- From 1931 to 1948 Mother Teresa taught at St. Mary's High School in Calcutta, but the suffering and poverty she glimpsed outside the convent walls made such a deep impression on her that in 1948 she received permission from her superiors to leave the convent school and devote herself to working among the poorest of the poor in the slums of Calcutta. Although she had no funds, she depended on Divine Providence, and started an open-air school for slum children. Soon she was joined by voluntary helpers, and financial support was also forthcoming. This made it possible for her to extend the scope of her work.

## MOTHER TERESA

If we cannot love the  
person whom we see,  
how can we love god,  
whom we cannot see ?





- On October 7, 1950, Mother Teresa received permission from the Holy See to start her own order, "The Missionaries of Charity", whose primary task was to love and care for those persons nobody was prepared to look after. In 1965 the Society became an International Religious Family by a decree of Pope Paul VI.

- As the Missionaries of Charity took in increasing numbers of lost children, Mother Teresa felt the need to create a home for them. In 1955 she opened the Children's Home of the Immaculate Heart, as a haven for orphans and homeless youth.
- The order soon began to attract both recruits and charitable donations, and by the 1960s had opened hospices, orphanages and leper houses all over India. Mother Teresa then expanded the order throughout the globe.

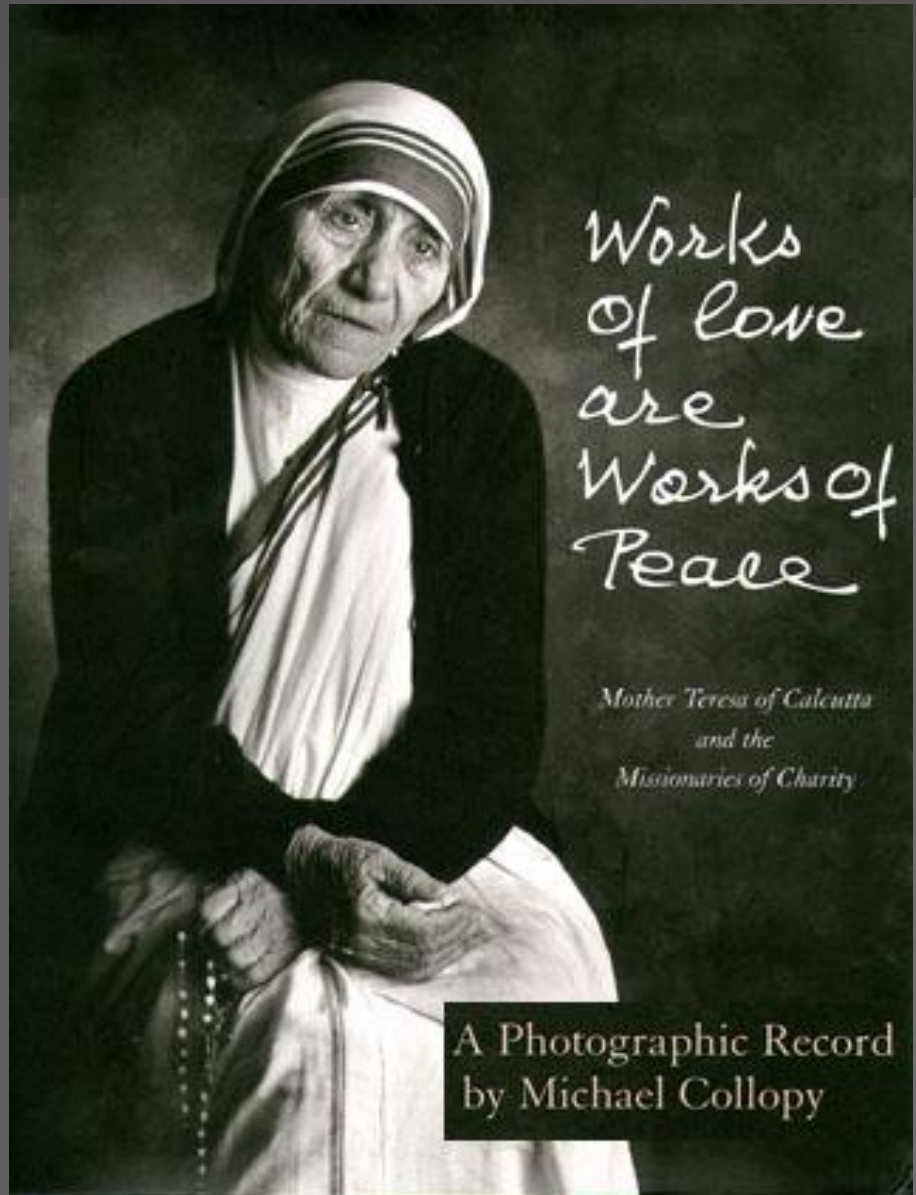






- By blood, I am Albanian. By citizenship, an Indian. By faith, I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus.
- “God still loves the world and He sends you and me to be His love and His compassion to the poor.”
- “I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much.”

- The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.
- Love begins by taking care of the closest ones - the ones at home.
- Intense love does not measure, it just gives.
- God doesn't require us to succeed; he only requires that you try.
- Loneliness is the most terrible poverty.



*People are often unreasonable and self-centered.*

*Forgive them anyway.*

*If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.*

*Be kind anyway.*

*If you are honest, people may cheat you.*

*Be honest anyway.*

*If you find happiness, people may be jealous.*

*Be happy anyway.*

*The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.*

*Do good anyway.*

*Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.*

*Give your best anyway.*

*For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.*

*It was never between you and them anyway.*

*- Mother Theresa*



*«Люди часто бывают глупы и упрямые,  
Эгоцентричны и нелогичны.  
Все равно прощай их.*

*Если ты добр,  
Люди будут обвинять тебя в том,  
Что под маской доброты  
Ты скрываешь корысть.  
Все равно оставайся добрым.*

*Если ты добился успеха,  
Тебя будут окружать притворные друзья  
И подлинные враги.  
Все равно добивайся успеха.*

*Если ты честен и прям  
Люди будут обманывать тебя.  
Все равно будь честным и прямым.*

*То, что ты строишь годы,  
Кто-то разрушит за одну ночь.  
Все равно строй.*

*Если ты спокоен и счастлив,  
Тебе будут завидовать.  
Все равно оставайся счастливым.*

*То добро, которое ты делаешь сегодня,  
Завтра люди забудут.  
Все равно делай добро.*

*Отдай миру самое лучшее  
Из того, что у тебя есть,  
И мир попросит еще.  
Все равно отдавай самое лучшее.*

*Друг мой!  
В конце концов,  
То, что ты делаешь, все равно нужно не людям.  
Это нужно только тебе и Богу.»*

*(Мать Тереза)*

