

Closing Reflection

Spread love everywhere you go;

First of all in your own house.

Give love to your children,

To your wife or husband,

To a next door neighbor...

Let no one ever come to you

Without leaving better and happier.

Be the living expression of God's
kindness;

Kindness in your face,

Kindness in your eyes,

Kindness in your smile,

Kindness in your

warm greeting.



Living a Simple Life...

What can we *ordinary people* do to try to live according to the spirituality of Mother Teresa? She tells us this:

- love begins at home: start to love and serve your family, your neighbors;
- share with the poor and needy around you: a smile, a word, your time, your friendship, your belongings;
- give God, the big 'Other', a capital place in your life: pray, meditate, adore;
- see God's presence in the people you meet daily and treat them as children of God;
- do not waste a second of your time on useless and ugly things;
- live according to God's standards on life;
- God's love is always present in your life. God loved you first and will love you always.

—<http://www.tisv.be/mt/en/spir.htm#idea>

Closing Prayer

Let us go in peace to love as Mother Teresa loved, who loved as Christ loved.

All: Thanks be to God.

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A Simple Path... A Tribute to Mother Teresa



*The fruit of silence is prayer
the fruit of prayer is faith
the fruit of faith is love
the fruit of love is service
the fruit of service is peace. -
-Mother Teresa*

Introduction

One of the most influential people in our modern times was Mother Teresa. Pope John Paul II describes this angel of Mercy: "Mother Teresa marked the history of our century with courage. She served all human beings by promoting their dignity and respect, and made those who had been defeated by life feel the tenderness of God."

When Mother Teresa was very young, she was called by God to help the poor. In addition to the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, Mother Teresa has received other awards for her work with the needy. These awards include the 1971 Pope John XXIII Peace Prize and India's Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding in 1972. Mother Teresa died on September 5, 1997. She is sorely missed by people around the world.

Today's reflection focuses on the spirituality of Mother Teresa. Her words continue to inspire countless people around the world. Through the words of this "modern saint", we can learn about what it means to follow "a simple path".

Opening Prayer: Radiating Christ

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Yours.



Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul.

Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus! Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as You shine, so to shine as to be a light to others; the light, O Jesus, will be all from You; none of it will be mine: it will be You shining on others through me. Amen.

Scripture Reading—

Matthew 25: 34-40

Mother Teresa often quoted the bible when speaking to others. Here is one of her favourite passages.

On the last day, Jesus will say to those at his right hand,



"Come, enter the Kingdom. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was sick and you visited me."

Then Jesus will turn to those on his left hand and say,

"Depart from me because I was hungry and you did not feed me, I was thirsty and you did not give me drink, I was sick and you did not visit me."

These will ask him,

"When did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or sick, and did not come to your help?"

And Jesus will answer them,

"Whatever you neglected to do unto one of the least of these, you neglected to do unto me!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection



People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered:

All: Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives:

All: Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies:

All: Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you:

All: Be frank and honest anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight:

All: Build anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow:

All: Do good anyway.

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

All: Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it's between you and God: It was never between you and them anyway.

