

Quotes from Saint Teresa of Calcutta

- “What I can do, you cannot. What you can do, I cannot. But together we can do something beautiful for God.

Yes, you must live life beautifully and not allow the spirit of the world that makes gods out of power, riches and pleasure make you to forget that you have been created for greater things – to love and to be loved. “

- “God has created us to love and to be loved, and this is the beginning of prayer- to know that He loves me, that I have been created for greater things.

God has created us in His image and likeness enabling us to know Him, love Him and serve Him in this world, so as to be happy with Him forever in the life to come. This is the true purpose of life. To live our lives with this aim, our lives have to be woven with prayer.”

- “We are not social workers. We may be doing social work in the eyes of some people, but we must be contemplatives in the heart of the world.

We have to learn to pray the work. To do it with Jesus, for Jesus, to Jesus – then we are 24 hours with Him, and that makes us contemplatives in the heart of the world.”

- “Do ordinary things with extraordinary Love.

Let us love one another as God loves each one of us. How does it begin? By praying together.

God told us, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” So first I must love myself rightly, and then to love my neighbor like that. But how can I love myself unless I accept myself as God has made me?”

- “The child is God’s gift to the family. Each child is created in the special image and likeness of God for greater things – to love and to be loved.”
- “The family that prays together stays together, and if they stay together they will love one another as God has loved each one of them. And works of love are always works of peace.”
- “Holiness is not a luxury of the few; it is a simple duty, for you and for me. Be only all for Jesus through Mary. Be holy. God bless you!

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Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, People may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

Be kind anyway.

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

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, People may cheat you;

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, They may be jealous;

Be happy anyway.

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

Do good anyway.

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

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;

It was never between you and them anyway.

(This is an adaptation of the Paradoxical Commandments by Dr. Kent M. Keith. Mother Teresa put the Paradoxical Commandments up on the wall of her children's home in Calcutta. The fact that the commandments were on her wall was reported in a book compiled by Lucinda Vardey, *Mother Teresa: A Simple Path*, which was published in 1995. As a result, some people have attributed the Paradoxical Commandments to Mother Teresa.)