

Seeings of the Ages



Mother Teresa (1910 - 1997)

- Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.
- Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.
- Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired.
- Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.
- Even the rich are hungry for love, for being cared for, for being wanted, for having someone to call their own.
- Everybody today seems to be in such a terrible rush, anxious for greater developments and greater riches and so on, so that children have very little time for their parents. Parents have very little time for each other, and in the home begin the disruption of peace of the world.
- Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.
- Good works are links that form a chain of love. I do not pray for success, I ask for faithfulness.
- I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love.
- I want you to be concerned about your next door neighbor. Do you know your next door neighbor?

- If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. 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.
- If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.
- If you judge people, you have no time to love them.
- In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love. Intense love does not measure, it just gives.
- It is a kingly act to assist the fallen.
- It is poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish. It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start.
- It is impossible to walk rapidly and be unhappy.
- It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters.
- Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.
- Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.
- Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.
- 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.
- Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty.
- Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do... but how much love we put in that action.
- Love begins by taking care of the closest ones - the ones at home.
- Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand.
- One of the greatest diseases is to be nobody to anybody.
- Peace begins with a smile.
- Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

- The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted.
- The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion because if a mother can kill her own child, what is left for me to kill you and you to kill me? There is nothing between.
- The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.
- The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it.
- The success of love is in the loving - it is not in the result of loving. Of course it is natural in love to want the best for the other person, but whether it turns out that way or not does not determine the value of what we have done.
- There is always the danger that we may just do the work for the sake of the work.
- There is more hunger in the world for love and appreciation in this world than for bread. There must be a reason why some people can afford to live well. They must have worked for it. I only feel angry when I see waste. When I see people throwing away things that we could use.
- There should be less talk; a preaching point is not a meeting point. What do you do then? Take a broom and clean someone's house. That says enough.
- 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.
- We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.
- We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty.
- We, the unwilling, led by the unknowing, are doing the impossible for the ungrateful. We have done so much, for so long, with so little, we are now qualified to do anything with nothing.