

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

- **Born/Died:** 1910–1997
- **Country:** Albania / India
- **Feast Day:** 5 September
- **Patron of:** World Youth Day, the Missionaries of Charity, and those who serve the poor



Life

Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, later known as Mother Teresa, was born in Albania in 1910. At the age of 18, she joined the Sisters of Loreto and was sent to India, where she became a teacher. While travelling through the streets of Calcutta, she saw terrible poverty and suffering. She felt a strong call from God to leave her teaching post and dedicate her life to serving “the poorest of the poor.”

Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity, a religious community dedicated to caring for the sick, the dying, and the abandoned. Her sisters wore simple white saris with blue borders, a sign of their humility and service. Through her work, Mother Teresa became known around the world as a symbol of compassion and love in action.

She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 but always insisted that her work was not about fame or awards, but about seeing Christ in the face of every person she helped. She died in 1997 and was canonised as a saint in 2016.

Famous Quote

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”