

Mother Tereza

Her work touched many...

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She became an Indian citizen later that year. This allowed her to do more wonderful work. In 1950, she started a charity organization in Calcutta to feed the hungry and look after the sick. She never once refused anyone help, and her work *made a difference* to the lives of the desperate people she lived beside.



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At the age of twelve, she *made a decision* to become a nun. Her ambition was to help all those in need. Her father agreed that it was a marvellous idea, but explained to her that her life as a nun might mean a lonely life in a monastery. She told him that she didn't mind this and so, some years later, when she was eighteen, she went to Ireland and became a nun.



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At the Nobel Prize winning ceremony in 1979, where she wore her famous blue sari, she asked the Nobel organization not to have a dinner for her and to use the money "to feed 400 poor children in India for a year".

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During this time, she saw many cases of poverty and suffering and knew that she had to do something to help. So, she asked for permission to leave the school and spend her life working among the poorest of the poor in the streets of Calcutta. Her love of people *made an impression* on everyone who met her as she took care of them in their suffering and pain. Although she was always busy she still *made time* for everyone.



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After a few months of training in Dublin, the Church sent her to Calcutta in 1931. When she first went to India, she wanted to work with poor people but the Church didn't let her. So, she taught in St. Mary's High School until 1946.



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Though Calcutta was the centre of her charity, and the place she called home, her work reached the four corners of the earth. Throughout her life she has become world famous for the hundreds of centres she has helped to build in 120 countries all around the world. Wherever people needed help and comfort, she was there, among the hungry in Ethiopia, or in the ruins of Armenia's earthquake where she saved thousands of lives.

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In the winter of 1948 she began her work by bringing hungry and dying people into a home where they could find love and care and finally die in peace.



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This act showed what kind of generous person she was. In 1997 she caught pneumonia and when she died some time later famous people from all over the world came to pay their respects to a brilliant and brave woman.

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Born to Albanian parents in Skopje on August 27th 1910, Agnes Gonxha Bejaxhiu, spent her life with the poor in India. As a child, she was extremely kind and gentle and helped whoever she saw in need. At a very young age she *made a promise* to her father that she would always help others in need.