

10 of Mother Teresa's most inspirational quotes



A US bishop celebrates Mass at which relics of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta were on display in 2010 (CNS)

Quotes by Mother Teresa on love, peace and poverty

1. "It is not for us to destroy what God has given us. Please, please let your mind and your will become the mind and the will of God. You have the power to bring war into the world or to build peace. Please choose the way of peace." – Letter to George Bush Sr and Saddam Hussein January 2 1991
2. "I have never been in a war before, but I have seen famine and death. I was asking myself, what do they feel when they do this. I don't understand it. They are all the children of God. Why do they do it, I don't understand."- After assisting to evacuate 37 handicapped children today from a mental hospital in the Sabra refugee camp, Lebanon August 14, 1982
3. "I choose the poverty of our people. But I am grateful to receive the [Nobel] prize in the name of the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, of all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone." – Accepting the Nobel Peace Prize, 1979

4. "I was expecting to be free, but God has his own plans." – When she was persuaded to withdraw her resignation by the sisters of the Missionaries of Charity, Calcutta, 1990
5. "When you know how much God is in love with you then you can only live your life radiating that love." – A Simple Path, 1995
6. "Let us not use bombs and guns to overcome the world. Let us use love and compassion." – In the Heart of the World, 1997
7. "The other day I dreamed that I was at the gates of heaven. And St. Peter said, 'Go back to Earth, there are no slums up here.'" – Conversation with Prince Michael of Greece, 1996
8. "Yesterday is gone and tomorrow has not yet come; we must live each day as if it were our last so that when God calls us we already, and prepared, to die with a clean heart." – A Simple Path, 1995
9. "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."
10. "Often just for one word, one look, one quick action, and darkness fills the heart of the one we love." – Love, A Fruit Always in Season, 1987

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