

Why is it that we tend to shy away from those in need? Why do we pretend to never see the face of God in them? Is it that our hearts are cold and resemble that of stone? At every opportunity to love, whether actively or in silent prayer, do we embrace the opportunity and forget that of ourselves, or do we first think of ourselves and how helping someone in need will affect us? If someone is in need, then they are in need. There is no argument, no weighing the options, no second guessing. If Jesus loves all, cares for all and reaches out to all...then so must we.

“Each one of those I serve is Jesus in disguise.” Mother Teresa

When the love of God is known in you by others, there is no limit to the endless richness that will spring forth from that same love.

“Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be opened; then will the lamb leap like a stag, and the mute tongue sing for joy. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and thirsty ground, springs of water.” Isaiah 35:5-7

The persecuted Christians will find happiness and peace, those who are sexually exploited will be respected and they will hold their own dignity. The addictions shall cease and all hate will die...What does your prayer contain, o child of God? Solidarity with those in need? Reaching out beyond the comfort of your heart to the active care of others? Is your prayer made with the conviction of your heart and of your presence to those in need?

“Intense love does not measure, it just gives.” Mother Teresa

Love only dies when it is suffocated by closed hearts. But with open hearts, love thrives beyond our expectation. Open hearts not only generate love, but they experience the depth and richness that comes from giving love. When you love, you will never be short of love yourself; for love never takes, it only gives...

*Creator of all,
inspire within me a depth of love for others.
Invoke within my heart a richness
of service for those in need.
Challenge me in my every day,
to be transformed by compassion of all.
May love never die within my heart,
may it only ever grow to overflowing.
All this I ask in your name.*

AMEN