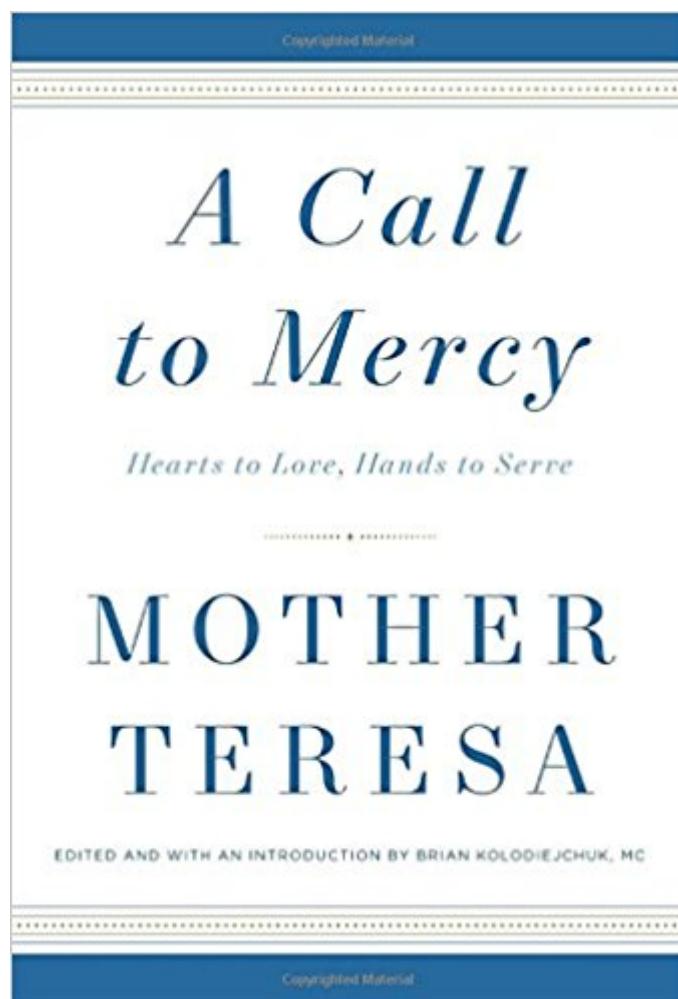


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# A Call To Mercy: Hearts To Love, Hands To Serve



## Synopsis

Published to coincide with Pope Francis's Year of Mercy and the Vatican's canonization of Mother Teresa, this new book of unpublished material by a humble yet remarkable woman of faith whose influence is felt as deeply today as it was when she was alive, offers Mother Teresa's profound yet accessible wisdom on how we can show mercy and compassion in our day-to-day lives. For millions of people from all walks of life, Mother Teresa's canonization is providentially taking place during Pope Francis's Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. This is entirely fitting since she is seen both inside and outside of the Church as an icon of God's mercy to those in need. Compiled and edited by Brian Kolodiejchuk, M.C., the postulator of Mother Teresa's cause for sainthood, *A Call to Mercy* presents deep yet accessible wisdom on how we can show compassion in our everyday lives. In her own words, Mother Teresa discusses such topics as: the need for us to visit the sick and the imprisoned the importance of honoring the dead and informing the ignorant the necessity to bear our burdens patiently and forgive willingly the purpose to feed the poor and pray for all the greatness of creating a civilization of love • through personal service to others. Featuring never before published testimonials by people close to Mother Teresa as well as prayers and suggestions for putting these ideas into practice, *A Call to Mercy* is not only a lovely keepsake, but a living testament to the teachings of a saint whose ideas are important, relevant and very necessary in the 21st century.

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There are many spiritual books that I keep next to my bible. "A Call to Mercy" is a new favorite that I'm moving into my kitchen. Reading a few paragraphs of her short quotations feels like finding a bit of rest during a busy day. Reading Mother Teresa's words something feel like I've received a warm hug from her. Other times her words sting my conscience like a bee. However, I'm never uninspired by her spiritual outlook on life. I can't think of a better goal for myself during the Year of Mercy than to wear out the spine of "A Call to Mercy" by reading Mother Teresa's words in all kinds of moods and striving to put her clear ideas into my daily actions.

This is a fabulous read, based on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as described by St. Teresa and the people who knew her and her ministry to the poorest of the poor. I highly recommend this book to anyone who wishes to grow closer to God through the words of this newest saint of the Catholic Church.

Mother Teresa's life message is to move beyond yourself and give from your substance. I agree but one has to replenish oneself and we all have different natures which makes it difficult to follow in another's footsteps, even Jesus'. Mother Teresa's dark night of the soul was extremely long and like many other saints such as Teresa of Avila, she was too hard on herself. Which leaves her many followers trying to tread her path and not listen to the divine voice within. We are not to idolize, not even compare ourselves to another. We all have our uniqueness, our gifts and talents. We lose our souls if we don't follow our own path. We must pray for direction.

This is a beautiful book. Each chapter focuses on a different work of mercy and includes Mother Teresa in her own words, testimonies from others who met and worked with her, a reflection for a look at our own lives and a description of how we can also perform that work of mercy, and a prayer. I loved every single chapter. The most moving parts of the books for me were reading Mother Teresa's own words. I got so much from her simple words of wisdom and love. I also appreciated the prayer at the end of each chapter, some I already knew and a few I had never seen before. It is a wonderful book that will make you appreciate and love Mother Teresa.

I am still reading this book, but so far it has made me love Saint Teresa even more.

This book is a must read for anyone who wants to know more about St. Teresa.

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