



Give what you can!

Dearest sisters and brothers in Christ,

Many of us may consider: “what can I do to make the world better?” It’s a big question. However, it is a question that many have answered every single day of their lives. Mother Teresa did not ask for much. She did much instead. Her life was not an easy one. She lived among the souls that need God’s love and mercy the most. Her heart was heavy with the poverty that surrounded her, yet she saw each person as if they were the son of God. She may not be an example that all can live up to, but the details of her life surely give us guidance for our own life. Let us follow the word from Mark 9:41...

**“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink
Because you belong to Christ,
Amen, I say to you! You will surely not lose your reward.”**

We may not be able to change the world, but we can change one life at a time. We can strive to be courageous and give what we can, from where we are, with whatever we have. We can give kindness, compassion, and joy. In the name of God, we can be grateful and share our gratitude with all those we encounter. We can live a life of gratitude asking and praying for God’s mercy, love, and grace. Let us not forget the weak, the hungry, the unhoused, the grieving, and the ill among us. Let us pray fervently each day for them. Let us thank God for all He has graced our lives with. Let us count our blessings while sharing our gifts and blessings with others. Be it a cup of water, a warm meal, a kind gesture, a compassionate response, patience with someone struggling, a helping hand that bestows favor upon another child of God; these are all opportunities to thank God for His blessings. Give what you can! Be the love and peace you wish to see in the world. In God’s holy name we pray. Amen.