



## Mother Teresa

**Occupation:** Catholic Nun

**Born:** August 26, 1910 in Uskub, Ottoman Empire

**Died:** September 5, 1997 in Calcutta, India

**Best known for:** Fighting for the rights of the sick and helpless

### What did Mother Teresa do?

When she was 36 years old, Mother Teresa felt the call from God to help the poor of India. She received some basic medical training and then set out to help the sick and needy. This wasn't an easy task in 1948 India. She had very little support and, while trying to feed and help the poorest of the poor, she herself was constantly hungry and even had to beg for food.

In 1950, she founded an organisation called the Missionaries of Charity, which was a sisterhood dedicated to helping the poor.

She won a string of awards for her charity work - the most notable being the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1979.

While she had some controversial opinions which some people disagreed with, Mother Teresa is remembered as an incredibly selfless person who wanted to help those less fortunate than herself.

Some years later, in 2016, Pope Francis recognised Mother Teresa as a saint.