



"I Thirst"

A Prayer Inspired by Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Mother Teresa of Calcutta,

On the train to Darjeeling
You heard what so many human hearts long to hear:
The voice of God.

Through the seed of his Word
You built a movement the world has rarely seen
And so longs for
A movement of mercy
A movement of compassion
A movement of hope shining in the darkest places.

And in each of your Sisters' chapels around the world
There hangs a crucifix:
The suffering, dying Christ
And the words, "I thirst."
These words, a call to action.

We gaze upon your example
Walking off the safe path
To risk all in doing the will of the Lord
For the poorest of the poor.
And we hear the agonizing cry of the one who called upon you: "I thirst."

Have we too not heard the voice of God?

Mother Teresa, you know our hearts
Crying for the one who cries for us.
And as we respond to this cry
In our prayers and in our works,
We ask your intercession:
Mother Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us.

Amen