

**Into the Deep Tank**  
**The broken vessel**

*Hear, O LORD, a just suit;  
attend to my outcry;  
hearken to my prayer from lips without deceit.*

*I call upon You, for You will answer me, Oh My Creator;  
incline Your ear to me; hear my word.  
Show Your wondrous mercies,*

*O Savior of those who flee  
from their foes to refuge at your right hand.  
Hide me in the shadow of your wings,  
But I in justice shall behold your Face;  
on waking, I shall be content in Your presence.*

*R. Lord, when Your Glory appears, my joy will be full.  
King David*

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.*

*Book of Matthew*

**Into the Deep Tank**

Supposedly some people escape this part of their lives. I, nor many close to me, have not. It's usually a combination of things. Health, finances, friends making the Great Leap all around you and the consummate grief that entails...

And you find yourself in the Deep Tank, a dark and dank place, with seemingly no way out. For many, there is only one way out. For others, we just sit in 'the tank', feeling totally abandoned by all we believed in for almost seven decades.

Yet, instead of succumbing, we just allow ourselves to be broken, like a vessel.

Then we understand the true meaning of . "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?"

Followed by, "It is finished".

Fortunately or unfortunately, many of us don't get to the 'it is finished part', at least not when we want.

We have to endure.

Mother Theresa of Calcutta, said to her private confessor in a letter about thirty years before she died, that she felt 'the Presence of the Lord' leave her. This continued in subsequent letters until she did make the Greatest Leap.

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In one of her final letters, she told her confessor she wanted to be a 'saint of darkness' that circled the earth trying to save as many 'dark' souls as possible for eternity. From the book...

***Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light: The Private Writings of the Saint of Calcutta***

For a person I admired all my life and whose hand my father shook, this was startling.

No longer.

I get it.

1. Love God
2. Love Everybody

Whether or not you receive, if ever, anything back. Or even if your faith is shaken to the point, you do not believe anymore.

Do it anyway.

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From Wikipedia...

Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu [MC](#) (born Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu, Albanian: [\[aˈɲɛzəˈɡɔndʒɛ bɔjaˈdʒi.u\]](#); 26 August 1910 – 5 September 1997), better known as Mother Teresa,<sup>[a]</sup> was an Albanian-Indian [Catholic nun](#) and the founder of the [Missionaries of Charity](#). Born in [Skopje](#), then part of the [Ottoman Empire](#),<sup>[b]</sup> she was raised in a devoutly Catholic family. At the age of 18, she moved to Ireland to join the [Sisters of Loreto](#) and later to India, where she lived most of her life and carried out her missionary work. On 4 September 2016, she was [canonised](#) by the [Catholic Church](#) as Saint Teresa of Calcutta. The miracle that was the reason for her canonization has been challenged. The anniversary of her death, 5 September, is now observed as her [feast day](#).

Mother Teresa founded the [Missionaries of Charity](#), a [religious congregation](#) that was initially dedicated to serving "the poorest of the poor" in the slums of Calcutta. Over the decades, the congregation grew to operate in over 133 countries, as of 2012,<sup>[6]</sup> with more than 4,500 nuns managing homes for those dying from [HIV/AIDS](#), [leprosy](#), and [tuberculosis](#), as well as running [soup kitchens](#), dispensaries, mobile clinics, orphanages, and schools. Members of the order take vows of [chastity](#), [poverty](#), and [obedience](#) and also profess a fourth vow: to give "wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor."<sup>[7]</sup>

Mother Teresa received several honors, including the 1962 [Ramon Magsaysay Peace Prize](#) and the 1979 [Nobel Peace Prize](#). Her life and work have inspired books, documentaries, and films. Her authorized biography, written by [Navin Chawla](#), was published in 1992, and on 6 September 2017, she was named a co-patron of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Calcutta alongside Saint [Francis Xavier](#). However, she was also a [controversial figure](#), drawing criticism for her staunch opposition to abortion, divorce and contraception, the poor conditions and lack of medical care in her houses for the dying, ***and that donation funds were primarily used for religious expansion and conversion instead of providing care.***