

# Say “Yes”

## Mother Theresa’s Example

Recently I have been thinking “What have I greed to?!” “Why did I say Yes?”, but as quickly as these seeds of doubt creep into my thinking, so do the words of Mother Theresa of Calcutta.

*“Our vocation is to belong to Jesus. The easiest way and the simplest way of belonging is this: the Holy Spirit makes us do that giving of self that total surrender to God, without any reflection, without any counting the cost. We call that “blind surrender.” It is like our Lady: when she knew that the Lord was calling, she said yes. And she never withdrew that yes. It was a blind, continual yes in her life. It is the same thing for us. The whole of our life must come to that one word, yes. Yes to God: that is holiness. We allow God to take from us whatever he wants and we accept whatever he gives with a big smile. That is yes in action.”*

Mother Theresa often talked about remaining “available” and not saying ‘No’ to God. She lived her life not refusing her Lord anything. This is a perfect example of holiness!



Celebrate Mother Theresa of Calcutta’s Canonization on September 4, 2016 and her Feast Day on September 5, 2016, which is also the Jubilee for Workers and Volunteers of Mercy

### Do It Anyway

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

This version is credited to Mother Teresa and is on the wall in her home for children in Calcutta

