

1 Mother Teresa, who died a week ago today in 1997, worked with the poorest of the poor in Calcutta, in north-eastern India. She talked of what inspired her:

2 *“What is the Good News, the Gospel?  
It is that God loves you,  
that God carries you  
tattooed on the palms of his hands,  
that even if a mother  
should forget her own child,  
God will not forget you.”*

*Is 49<sup>15-16</sup>*

3 On this day in 1997, a 9-year old Romanian boy received a letter from Mother Teresa, posted just before her death. In that letter, Mother Teresa wrote:

4 *“I pray for you, Patreascu,  
that you may become  
more and more like Jesus,  
and be the sunshine of his love  
to everyone.”*

5 *Let us pray:*

**God our Father,  
for each individual  
it is as though  
his or her name  
is written on the palm of your hand.  
Lead us to grow in the faith  
that your love for each person  
is without limit or condition.  
Inspire us to live in such a way  
that the light of Christ  
may shine through us,  
bringing love and warmth  
and happiness  
to those who share our lives.  
Amen.**

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