

*Prayer
for the Intercession of
Servant of God Dorothy Day*

God our Creator,
your servant Dorothy Day exemplified the
Catholic faith by her conversion,
life of prayer and voluntary poverty,
works of mercy, and
witness to the justice and peace
of the Gospel.

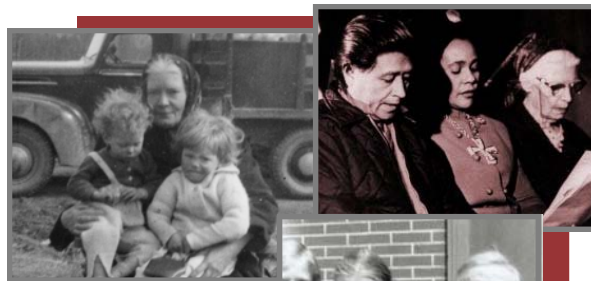
*May her life inspire people
to turn to Christ as their Savior and guide,
to see his face in the world's poor and
to raise their voices for the justice
of God's kingdom.*

*We pray that you grant the favors we ask
through her intercession so that her goodness
and holiness may be more widely recognized
and one day the Church may
proclaim her Saint.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer composed by Monsignor Kevin Sullivan, Executive Director of
The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York



Clockwise from left:
Dorothy with two of her
grandchildren: Cesar
Chavez, Coretta Scott
King, and Dorothy;
Dorothy with daughter
Tamar and Peter Maurin,
co-founder of the Catho-
lic Worker Movement.

Her Writings

Excerpts from the Works of Dorothy Day

Union Square to Rome

Published by *The Preservation of the Faith Press, January 1938*

"...It was human love that helped me to understand divine love. Human love at its best, unselfish, glowing, illuminating our days, gives us a glimpse of the love of God for man. Love is the best thing we can know in this life, but it must be sustained by an effort of the will. It must lie still and quiet, dull and smoldering, for periods. It grows through suffering and patience and compassion. We must suffer for those we love, we must endure their trials and their suffering, we must even take upon ourselves the penalties due their sins. Thus we learn to understand the love of God for His creatures. Thus we understand the Crucifixion."



Love Is The Measure

The Catholic Worker, June 1942

"...What we would like to do is change the world—make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as God intended them to do. And to a certain extent, by fighting for better conditions, by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the workers, of the poor, of the destitute...we can to a certain extent change the world; we can work for the oasis, the little cell of joy and peace in a harried world. We can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever widening circle will reach around the world.



We repeat, there is nothing that we can do but love, and dear God, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, to love our enemy as well as our friend."

The Long Loneliness: The Autobiography of Dorothy Day

Harper & Row, 1997 c.1952

"We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community.

It all happened while we sat there talking, and it is still going on."

Photo of Dorothy with Mrs. King and Mr. Chavez courtesy of Chris Sheridan.

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The Guild for Dorothy Day

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Servant of God Dorothy Day

Her Life

Dorothy Day's life was a journey toward the fulfillment of Christ's commandment that we love one another. The *Sermon on the Mount* characterized her work with the poor on New York's Lower East Side, and her founding of Catholic Worker Houses of Hospitality, farming communes, and retreat centers. It also found expression in her practice of nonviolence and solidarity with workers and the poor. For Dorothy Day, to be a Christian meant not only participating fervently in the prayer and liturgy of the Church, but also finding Christ in others.

She was born in Brooklyn New York on November 8, 1897, the third child of Grace and John Day. Her family moved to the San Francisco Bay area and then to Chicago where she was baptized in the Episcopal Church. She attended the University of Illinois at Urbana and became interested in radical social causes as a way to help workers and the poor. In 1916, she



Dorothy Day, February 1917.

left the university and moved to New York City where she worked as a journalist on socialist newspapers, participated in protest movements, and developed friendships with many famous artists and writers. During this time, she also experienced failed love affairs, a marriage, a suicide attempt, and an abortion.

Dorothy had grown to admire the Catholic Church as the "Church of the poor" and her faith began to take form with the birth of her daughter Tamar in 1926. Her decision to have her daughter baptized and to embrace the Catholic faith came at great personal cost, the end of her common law marriage and the loss of many friends. Dorothy struggled to find her role as a Catholic. While covering the 1932 Hunger March in Washington, DC, for several Catholic magazines on Dec. 8, she visited the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and prayed for guidance on how to

use her special gifts in service of the hungry and the poor. The following day, back in New York, she met Peter Maurin, an immigrant from France and former Christian Brother, who had a vision for a society constructed of Gospel values. Together they founded the *Catholic Worker* newspaper which spawned a movement of Houses of Hospitality and farming communes that has been replicated throughout the United States and other countries.

At the Catholic Worker, Dorothy Day lived a life of fidelity to the Scripture, practicing voluntary poverty, the works of mercy, and working for justice and peace. Many of the positions she espoused were prophetic, but always emanated from the Gospel and the example of the saints, like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Lisieux. Always present for Dorothy Day, was a question expressed in her autobiography, *The Long Loneliness*, "Why was so much done in remedying evil instead of avoiding it in the first place...Where were the saints to try to change the social order, not just to minister to slaves, but to do away with slavery?"

Dorothy Day was shot at while working for integration, prayed and fasted for peace at the Second Vatican Council, received communion from Pope Paul VI at the 1967 International Congress of the Laity, and addressed the 1976 Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia. Her pilgrimage ended at Maryhouse in New York City on November 29, 1980, where she died among the poor.

The Cause

In March of 2000, John Cardinal O'Connor announced the approval of the Holy See for the Archdiocese of New York to open the Cause for the Beatification and Canonization of Dorothy Day. With this approval, Dorothy Day was given the title of Servant of God. Edward Cardinal Egan is continuing the efforts for her canonization.

The next step toward sainthood is beatification. Beatification allows a person to be honored by a particular group or region. In order to beatify a candidate, it must be shown that the person is responsible for a posthumous miracle. To be considered a saint, there must be proof of a second posthumous miracle.

"The vision of Christian non-violence...affirms and exemplifies what it means to resist injustice through non-violent methods. In the twentieth century,...non-violent witness of such figures as Dorothy Day and Martin Luther King has had a profound impact upon the life of the Church in the United States."

The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response
US Conference of Catholic Bishops, May 3, 1983

"The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of



Portrait of Dorothy, c. 1938

The Guild

In order to assist the process of canonization, a Dorothy Day Guild has been established. Its purpose is to spread the word of her life, work, and sanctity; to identify the growing devotion for Dorothy Day by Catholics and non-Catholics; and to document her ability to intercede for people in need of God's healing mercy and assistance.

Selected Readings

The Long Loneliness: the Autobiography of Dorothy Day. San Francisco, Harper & Row, 1997 c.1952.

Loaves and Fishes. San Francisco, Harper & Row, 1983 c.1963.

Therese. Springfield, IL, Templegate, c.1979.

Dorothy Day, Selected Writings: By Little and By Little. Ellsberg, Robert (ed). Maryknoll, NY, Orbis Books, c.1992.

Meditations/Dorothy Day. Vishnewski, Stanley (ed). NY, Paulist Press, c.1970.

Prayer Request

If you have received a favor through Dorothy Day's intercession, please contact Lourdes Ferrer at (212) 371-1000 ext 2474 or George Horton at ext 2480. Or write to us at The Guild for Dorothy Day, 1011 First Ave., Room 1287, New York, NY 10022.

Petition for Prayers

Submit the petition for which you desire prayers through the intercession of Dorothy Day. Please type or print clearly.



Dorothy in 1950.

Report a Favor:

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Join Us in Prayer:

Prayers requesting the intercession of a Servant of God are essential to the Beatification and Canonization process. Please pray your intercessory prayers to Dorothy Day on behalf of all petitions and for the advancement of the Cause. For more information on becoming an official prayer partner in the **Dorothy Day Partners in Prayer**, please check here.