



That Poverty Project

Poverty Related Quotes

"A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history."

Gandhi

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

Martin Luther King Jr.

"The test of our progress is . . . whether we provide enough for those who have too little."

Franklin D. Roosevelt (32nd US President)

"To provide compassion, even when compassion may seem unwarranted, is the true measure of a civilized society."

Sean D. Krausert, That Poverty Project

"The more freedom we enjoy, the greater the responsibility we bear, toward other as well as ourselves."

Oscar Arias Sanchez

"There is no Them. There are only facets of Us."

John Green (American Author)

“Every life deserves a certain amount of dignity, no matter how poor or damaged the shell that carries it.”

Rick Bragg (Pulitzer winner)

“If you've got one ... give your bed a hug. Being a bed is a thankless job, but vital to a decent standard of living.”

Sean D. Krausert, That Poverty Project

“Live in a manner that if your name is ever called from behind you're never afraid to turn around.”

Sean D. Krausert (grandfather's advice), That Poverty Project

"The trouble with being poor is that it takes up all your time."

Willem de Kooning

"In an era of global abundance, our world has the resources to reduce dramatically the massive divides that persist between rich and poor, if only those resources can be unleashed in the service of all peoples."

Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary General

"Poverty is the parent of revolution and crime."

Aristotle

"Compassion is the basis of all morality."

Arthur Schopenhauer

"The world is very different now. For man holds in his mortal hands the power to abolish all forms of human poverty, and all forms of human life."

John F. Kennedy

"Poverty is a scandal of our times because it CAN be changed."

Katherine Marshall (Georgetown University)

***"What would the world be like if kindness and compassion governed our every action? Hmmm . . .
"paradise" comes to mind."***

Sean D. Krausert, That Poverty Project

"Why should a child's future be shaped by where they are born?"

Katherine Marshall (Georgetown University)

***"The NOW deserves our full attention. Worry about past or future, both merely constructs of the mind
in this moment, is a waste of energy."***

Sean D. Krausert, That Poverty Project

"Coming generations will learn equality from poverty, and love from woes."

Kahlil Gibran

"It is poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"The social contract is starting to unravel in many countries."

OECD Sec. Gen. Angel Gurría (on the rich-poor gap widening)

"Open your eyes to see what's there. Then, open your heart to show we care."

Sean D. Krausert, That Poverty Project

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

Nelson Mandela

"Eliminating poverty is the best medicine money can buy."

Dr. David McKeown, Toronto's Medical Officer of Health, in April 2008

"Victims feel sad for that which is lost, yearning for yesterday. Survivors feel blessed for that which they had, striving for tomorrow."

Sean D. Krausert, That Poverty Project

"If the world can alleviate extreme poverty but it doesn't do it . . . does that make the world morally bankrupt??"

Sean D. Krausert, That Poverty Project

"To be or not to be . . . that's just an everyday question for those in poverty."

Sean D. Krausert, That Poverty Project

"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed."

Gandhi

"Beautiful days must be savoured with body, mind, and soul."

Sean D. Krausert, That Poverty Project

"First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win."

Gandhi

"As thrilling as it sounds, wearing dirty clothes actually sucks."

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"I want to share with you my belief in your power to change this country and this world."

Jack Layton

"The reasonable man adapts himself to the world. The unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man."

George Bernard Shaw

"You know . . . being homeless is not all it's cracked up to be. Just saying."

Sean D. Krausert, That Poverty Project

"If everyone who wants to see an end to poverty, hunger and suffering speaks out, then the noise will be deafening."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

"All men are by nature equal, made all of the same earth by one Workman; and, however we deceive ourselves, as dear unto God is the poor peasant as the mighty prince."

Plato

"Each time someone stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope."

Robert F. Kennedy

"A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members."

Mahatma Ghandi

"The measure of a society is found in how they treat their weakest and most helpless citizens."

Jimmy Carter

"The opposite of poverty isn't wealth. The opposite of poverty is justice."

Bryan Stevenson, ED of Equal Justice Initiative

"The rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened."

John F. Kennedy

"Poverty alleviation is about justice being done."

Sean D. Krausert, That Poverty Project

"Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them."

Dalai Lama XIV

"I sincerely believe that banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies, and that the principle of spending money to be paid by posterity, under the name of funding, is but swindling futurity on a large scale."

Thomas Jefferson

"The future has already arrived. It's just not evenly distributed yet."

William Gibson, Author

"Walk a mile in my shoes, see what I see, feel what I feel. Then maybe you'll understand why I do what I do. Till then, don't judge me."

Author Unknown

"Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace! Where there is hatred let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy."

St. Francis of Assisi

"For today and its blessings, I owe the world an attitude of gratitude."

Clarence E. Hodges

"Never deprive someone of hope . . . it might be all they have."

H. Jackson Brown

"Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect."

Mark Twain

"Let us be the ones who say we do not accept that a child dies every three seconds simply because he does not have the drugs you and I have. Let us be the ones to say we are not satisfied that your place of birth determines your right to life. Let us be outraged, let us be loud, let us be bold."

Brad Pitt

"They cannot take away our self-respect if we do not give it to them."

Mahatma Gandhi

"The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing."

Albert Einstein

"We have enough resources and know-how to eradicate poverty. The only question remaining is . . . do we care enough? I think we do, but it's not enough to simply care. We have to put that compassion into action. We have to align our priorities with our values. For any compassionate society there is no greater priority than the well-being and dignity of its most vulnerable citizens."

Sean D. Krausert, That Poverty Project

"Here's to the crazy ones. The misfits. The rebels. The troublemakers. The round pegs in the square holes. The ones who see things differently. They're not fond of rules. And they have no respect for the status quo. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them. About the only thing you can't do is ignore them. Because they change things. They push the human race forward. And while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do."

Steve Jobs, Apple Inc.

***"People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.
For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."***

Mother Teresa

"The world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress."

Charles Kettering

“Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. This is not a way of life at all in any true sense. Under the clouds of war, it is humanity hanging on a cross of iron.”

Dwight D. Eisenhower (President of the USA 1953 - 1961, and prior to that a 5-Star General in the US Army)

“There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.”

Gandhi

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.”

Dr. Seuss, The Lorax

“And that is how change happens. One gesture. One person. One moment at a time.”

Libba Bray (author)

***“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.
The important thing is to not stop questioning.”***

Albert Einstein

“To eradicate poverty, enhance peace around the world, and solve numerous other issues . . . we must first disabuse our minds of all double standards. Our actions and priorities must be consistent with our values with respect to everyone everywhere all the time. No exceptions.”

Sean D. Krausert, That Poverty Project

"It is a denial of justice not to stretch out a helping hand to the fallen that is the common right of humanity."

Seneca

"Don't listen to the malicious comments of those friends who, never taking any risks themselves, can only see other people's failures."

Paulo Coelho

"The world of finance, while necessary, no longer represents an instrument that favours our wellbeing or the life of mankind, instead it has become an oppressive power, that almost demands our adoration, mammon, the false divinity that truly dominates the world".

Pope Benedict XVI (Feb 15, 2012)

"Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none."

William Shakespeare, All's Well That Ends Well

"I know God won't give me anything I can't handle. I just wish he didn't trust me so much."

Mother Teresa

"When the dignity of one person is denied, all of us are denied."

Hubert Humphrey

"Shallow understanding accompanies poor compassion; great understanding goes with great compassion."

Tich Nhat Han