



## Quotes About Hunger and Poverty

"Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those throughout the world who live and die in poverty or hunger. Give them, through our hands, this day their daily bread; and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen."  
~ Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."  
~ Muhammad Ali

"Recent research shows that many children who do not have enough to eat wind up with diminished capacity to understand and learn. Children don't have to be starving for this to happen. Even mild undernutrition - the kind most common among poor people in America - can do it."  
~ Carl Sagan, Cornell University

"The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children."  
~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"The big majority of Americans, who are comparatively well-off, have developed an ability to have enclaves of people living in the greatest misery almost without noticing them."  
~ Gunnar Myrdal

"To give up the task of reforming society is to give up one's responsibility as a free man."  
~ Alan Paton

"O God, to those who have hunger, give bread, and to us who have bread, give the hunger for justice."  
~ Prayer from Latin America

"True evangelical faith, cannot lie dormant, it clothes the naked, it feeds the hungry, it comforts the sorrowful, it shelters the destitute, it serves those that harm it, it binds up that which is wounded, it has become all things to all creatures."  
~ Menno Simons, Founder of the Mennonites

"The day that hunger is eradicated from the earth, there will be the greatest spiritual explosion the world has ever known. Humanity cannot imagine the joy that will burst into the world on the day of that great revolution."  
~ Federico Garcia Lorca, Spanish poet and dramatist

"If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich."  
~ John F. Kennedy

"Others have questioned if hunger exists in our country; I can tell you that hunger does exist in this country. For many adults and children, going to sleep hungry is not a threat; it's a regular occurrence. And it must end."  
~ Former USDA Secretary Mike Espy

"Too many have dispensed with generosity in order to practice charity." ~ Albert Camus

"America is the richest country in the world. And yet tonight, thousands of your neighbors will go to bed hungry. It may be your child's schoolmate who is undernourished and has difficulty learning on an empty stomach. Or it could be a co-worker, a working mother whose low-wage job doesn't make ends meet. Perhaps it's an elderly neighbor who has to make a decision whether to delay filling a prescription or buying groceries. The faces of hunger are as broad as the faces of America."  
~ David Nasby, General Mills

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"Pick battles big enough to matter, small enough to win."  
~ Jonathan Kozol

"As we talk about those who are starving in countries abroad, we have indeed all of the elements of a third world nation within our own borders."  
~ Rep. Floyd Flake

"When you are hungry, you can't think about anything else."  
~ Juana "Janie" Mendez, 17

"We must act together, as a united people... For the birth of a new world. Let there be justice for all. Let there be peace for all. Let there be work, bread, water and salt for all."  
~ Patricia Young, World Food Day Coordinator

"... When you sit in council, think not of yourselves no even of your generation. Think of those yet unborn, even unto the seventh generation, making all decisions with those generations in mind."  
~ The Iroquois Confederacy cir. 1000 c.e.

"A hundred years from now it will not matter what your bank account was, the sort of house you lived in, or the kind of clothes you wore, but the world may be much different because you were important in the life of a child."  
~ Author Unknown

"The victims of social injustice, since time eternal, have always been without the resources and the ability to fight back. They are defenseless and voiceless. The sad aspect of social injustice is that the defenseless and voiceless are the ones who most need a defense and a strong, vibrant voice."  
~ Tommy Makem, Irish folk musician

"Eating alone is a disappointment. But not eating matter more, is hollow and green, has thorns like a chain of fish hooks, trailing from the heart, clawing at your insides. Hunger feels like pincers, like the bite of crabs; it burns, burns, and has no fur. Let us sit down soon to eat with all those who haven't eaten; let us spread great tablecloths, put salt in lakes of the world, set up planetary bakeries, tables with strawberries in snow, and a plate like the moon itself from which we can all eat. For now I ask no more than the justice of eating."  
~ Pablo Neruda, Chilean Poet

"Growing numbers of corporate executives are aware of the inextricable link between the well being of our families and the well-being of our nation. Nowhere is this link manifest so strongly as with the problem of hunger."  
~ Arnold Hiatt, Chair of the Stride Rite Foundation

"Investment in the eradication of hunger today is a good business decision. If we fail to make this investment, it is doubtful that we can sustain healthy economic growth. Without this investment, our nation may disintegrate into a country sharply divided between those who have enough to eat and those who do not."  
~ Alan G. Hassenfeld, Chair & CEO of Hasbro, Inc.