



Poverty Quotes

"It's not about charity, it's about justice.
Where you live should not decide whether you live or whether you die."
— Bono

"Poverty is like punishment for a crime you didn't commit."
— Eli Khamarov

"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have too much...it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."
— Franklin Delano Roosevelt

"One day our grandchildren will go to museums to see what poverty was like."
— Muhammad Yunus

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

"The curse of poverty has no justification in our age. It is socially as cruel and blind as the practice of cannibalism at the dawn of civilization, when men ate each other because they had not yet learned to take food from the soil or to consume the abundant animal life around them. The time has come for us to civilize ourselves by the total, direct and immediate abolition of poverty."
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I believe that, as long as there is plenty, poverty is evil."
— Robert Kennedy

"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 Fitzgerald Kennedy

"Poverty is the worst form of violence."
— Mahatma Gandhi

"You can't get rid of poverty by giving people money."
— P.J. O'Rourke

"Americans are blessed with great plenty; we are a generous people and we have a moral obligation to assist those who are suffering from poverty, disease, war and famine."
— Adam Schiff, U.S. Representative

Resources

"It is a tragic mix-up when the United States spends \$500,000 for every enemy soldier killed, and only \$53 annually on the victims of poverty."
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The measure of society's progress is not whether it can give more to those who have more, but whether it can provide enough to those who have less."
— David Lim

"For not only do people need food, but they need also the touch of a hand, the sound of a voice. For food lasts but a day, but love is for always."
— Mother Teresa

"Oppressing the poor in order to enrich oneself, and giving to the rich, will lead only to loss."
— Proverbs 22:16-16

"Only poverty has been truly globalized in our age.... The over-praised neo-liberalism and the omnipotent market is a mistaken vision and it is the root cause of some of the most serious problems that afflict us."
— *Patricio Aylwin, in an address at a U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization conference, November 2001*

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