



DOROTHY DAY

Dorothy Day was a Catholic American journalist and social activist in the Catholic Worker Movement. She was known as a political radical, and life-long advocate for the poor. She died in 1980.



Selected Quotations

- **[on the use of the nuclear bomb]** “Mr, Truman was jubilant. President Truman. True man; what a strange name, come to think of it. We refer to Jesus Christ as true God and true Man. Truman is a true man of his time in that he was jubilant. He was not a son of God, brother of Christ, brother of the Japanese, jubilating as he did. He went from table to table on the cruiser which was bringing him home from the Big Three conference, telling the great news; "jubilant" the newspapers said. Jubilate Deo. We have killed 318,000 Japanese.”
- “Our problems stem from our acceptance of this filthy, rotten system.”
- “I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least.”
- “The Gospel takes away our right forever, to discriminate between the deserving and the undeserving poor.”
- “A philosophy of work is essential if we would be whole men, holy men, healthy men, joyous men. A certain amount of goods is necessary for a man to lead a good life, and we have to make that kind of society where it is easier for men to be good.”
- “Don't call me a saint. I don't want to be dismissed so easily. ”

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Online Materials:

- [An interview in 1971 with Day about the Catholic Worker Movement, peace and non-violence](#)
- [In Pope Francis' address to the US congress in 2015, he mentioned Dorothy Day in his list of '4 great Americans'. Pope Francis celebrates Dorothy Day at 10:15-12:55; 33:15-37:00; 46:40-47:35 and 51:13-53:00](#)
- [An article describing how working as a nurse during the 1918 flu pandemic was a formative experience for Dorothy Day](#)

Further reading

- Dorothy Day (1952) *The Long Loneliness: The Autobiography of Dorothy Day*, New York, NY: Harper and Brothers