

SAINTS

Tell Their Stories



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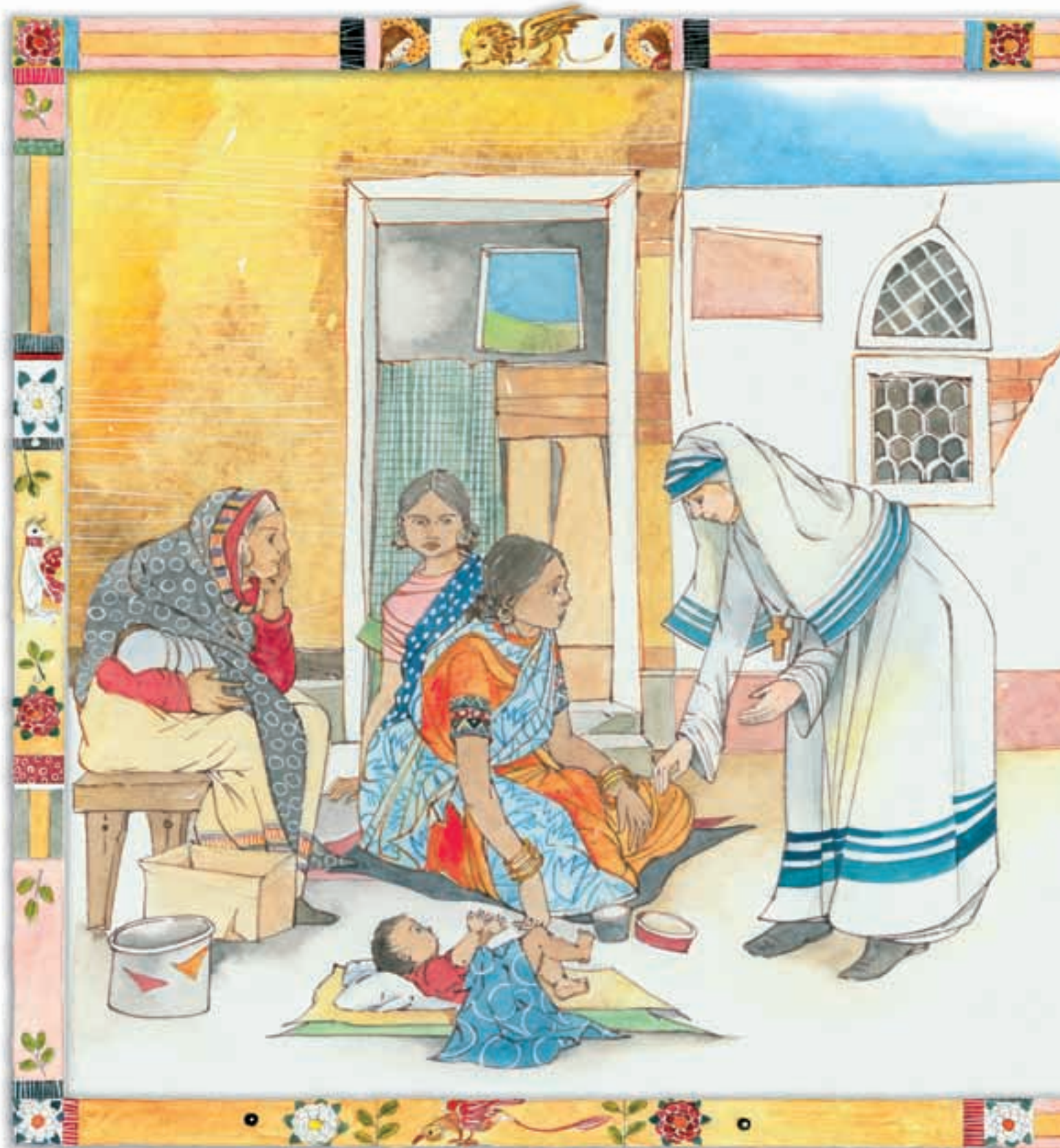
The Saints

Every saint has a different story to tell. Some have bravely died for their faith. Others have worked very hard to help the poor. From all over the world men, women, and even children have become saints. But the saints, as different as they are, all have something in common: they loved God above everything else, and they served him in whatever way he called them.

This book features twenty-six saints who will tell their story to you. You will recognize some of them, but others you may not know very well. Listen carefully, because they all have something important to teach you.

Saints have been honored since the beginning of the church. People throughout the ages have looked to them as friends and guides, since they show us how to grow closer to Jesus. And, just as you might ask a friend to pray for you, people have asked the saints to pray for them and to go before God with their concerns and requests.

So go ahead and ask the saints to pray for you. After all, you're all part of the same family—the family of God!



Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

BORN: AUGUST 27, 1910, SKOPJE, MACEDONIA

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I was fascinated by the lives of the missionaries, so when I was eighteen, I joined the Sisters of Loreto and moved to India.

I loved my work teaching young girls, but on a train trip God spoke to me. He wanted me to start a new order of sisters called the Missionaries of Charity who would work with the poorest of the poor—all those people who are unwanted, uncared for, and unloved.

So I went by myself to work in the slums of Calcutta. Many sisters joined me, and we opened houses all over the world to care for the very poor and dying. We lived very simply, like the poor we served.

I often told people how important it is to respect life. Everyone is loved by God, from unborn babies to the homeless people who are living in the streets. Every life is precious.

I used to tell people, “Do something beautiful for God.” It can be something simple, like being kind to your family or visiting someone who is lonely. Remember, when you love and serve others, you are really loving and serving Jesus!

