

Song : Travel by Anns James, cms

Precious' Journey

In the midst of a cold and dark night, we met Precious, a two-year-old Nigerian girl. She was alone, wandering the streets, with no one to turn to. We took her in, and as she warmed up by the fire, she began to share her story.

Precious was born into a poor family in Nigeria. Her parents struggled to make ends meet, and they often went without food. One day, her mother fell ill, and they couldn't afford to take her to the hospital. She passed away, leaving Precious and her father alone.

Her father did his best to care for her, but he was often away, working long hours to provide for them. One day, he didn't come home. Precious waited and waited, but he never returned. She was left alone, with no one to care for her.

She wandered the streets, cold and hungry, until we found her. We took her in, and she became a part of our family. We gave her a warm bed to sleep in, food to eat, and love and care that she had never experienced before.

As Precious grew up, she never forgot her past. She worked hard in school, determined to make a better life for herself and her family. She went on to become a doctor, and she now works to help others who are in need, just like she once was.



“...in the midst of reality – you propose to offer a Christian response, which does not lie in resigned observation, but in charity that, animated by trust in Providence, knows how to love its time and, with humility, bears witness to the Gospel.”

(Address of Pope Francis to the CMS, 22 October 2022)

The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Moment of Reflection

1. What was Precious' background?
2. How did Precious end up alone on the streets?
3. What did Precious do after she grew up?

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