

**Thank You, Holy Father – April 6, 2005**  
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"There will be no peace on earth while the oppression of peoples, injustices and economic imbalances, which still exist, endure...what is needed above all is a joint conversion of hearts to love." Pope John Paul II

Everything you did for the world, dearest Holy Father, was out of love...love for God...love for all people...regardless of religion, race, age or nationality. You were a personification of the gospels...always a beacon of hope for the underprivileged, suffering and oppressed. I pray that your lessons of love and humanity are taken to the heart of every human on this planet and used to continue your work to build a culture of peace in the world. Please continue to pray for us. As I, and millions around the world, mourn the loss of your earthly life and weep...it's not only sad tears that are shed. The love that you gave to us -- the love of God that you were a conduit for -- lifts our hearts and spills over in joyful tears. May we all continue your work.