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Clockwise from bottom left: Draped in white, three sisters of the Missionaries of Charity nurse a patient, one of thousands tended by the Order since the home began operating in the 1950's. It is known locally as Nirmal Hriday, or "Place of the Pure Heart."

Wearing a blanket for warmth, a patient wakes in the early morning at Mother Teresa's Home for the Dying. Patients each have a story about their efforts to survive by begging amidst piles of rubbish or pulling a rickshaw for those of greater fortune.

A Missionaries of Charity sister comforts a weeping, starving woman. Elderly homeless women are often shunned from their families and villages for disobeying Indian customs.

Kim, a young boy found naked, starving and laying in the street, enjoys the company of his new western friend. Volunteers said it was a miracle that Kim recovered. Many tourists who stop by to visit end up staying at the ward from a few days to four years.

Western volunteers lead the ward in a group sing-a-long to provide comfort and pass time. The home for death evolves into the home for life.



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*How can I
allow you per-
mission when I
have turned
away so many
others ?*

--Mother Teresa

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