

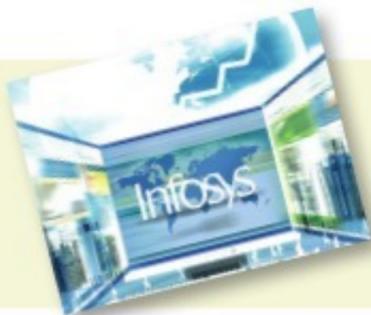


Narayana Murthy

Narayana Murthy's net worth is \$1.92 billion. He was born in 1946, the engineering graduate and an alumnus of IIT, Kanpur

1981, INFOSYS

He founded Infosys in 1981 along with six other software professionals. He served as the CEO for 20 years before leaving the reigns to co-founder Nandan Nilkeni in March 2002



FATHER OF THE INDIAN IT SECTOR

Fortune magazine listed Murthy as one of the 12 greatest entrepreneurs of our time. Time magazine called him the Father of the Indian IT sector for his contribution to outsourcing in India. He was the recipient of Padma Vibhushan and Padma Shri

'I am happy with how this year has shaped up'

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FOR THE POOREST OF THE POOR

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Whenever singer Usha Uthup would perform, during the functions of the Kolkata-based Missionaries of Charity, singing classic hymns like 'Amazing Grace' and 'Abide with me' she would also sing the 1970s hit pop song, 'Beautiful Sunday'. "Mother Teresa liked it a lot," says Usha.

Thoughts of Mother Teresa are suffusing Usha's mind, as the former's canonisation, on September 4, at the Vatican, looms closer. Thanks to a special invitation from the Missionaries of Charity, as well as the Vatican, Usha will be attending, along with her son Sunny. Incidentally, Usha had been at St Peter's Square, on October 19, 2003, to attend the beatification ceremony of the nun. While there she also received a personal blessing from Pope John Paul II. Meanwhile, on the evening of September 3, Usha will be singing at a function, at Rome, which will be honouring the life of Mother Teresa.

"When Mother Teresa died [on September 5, 1997], I wrote a song called 'The Poorest of the Poor'," she says. "This song was sung throughout the four days her body was kept for public viewing, at Loreto House, Kolkata."

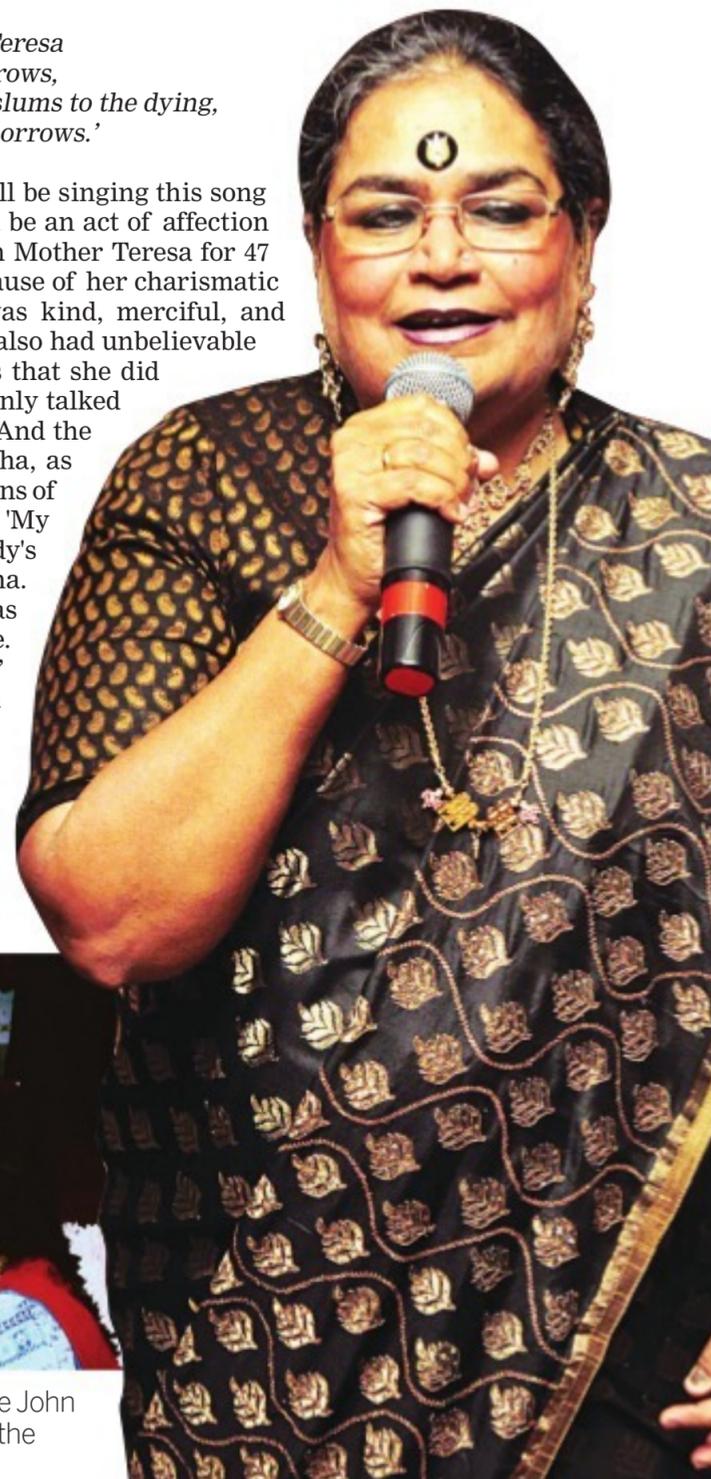
Here is a sample of the lyrics:

*'You filled their hearts with love and peace,
Oh Mother, Mother Teresa,
You loved and gave them reason to live,
You gave your life for the poor,'*

For the poorest of the poor.'

*They depended on you, Mother Teresa
To see them through all their sorrows,
They depended on you, from the slums to the dying,
To live their todays and their tomorrows.'*

At the Rome function, Usha will be singing this song as well as a Bengali song. It will be an act of affection by Usha. Because she had known Mother Teresa for 47 years. "I became close to her because of her charismatic personality," says Usha. "She was kind, merciful, and had a nice sense of humour. She also had unbelievable inner strength. What I liked was that she did not preach religion. In fact, she only talked about the brotherhood of man." And the Mother would offer advice to Usha, as she went through the ups and downs of her life. "She would also tell me, 'My child, bring a smile to everybody's face, with your singing,'" says Usha. For the singer, Mother Teresa was already a saint when she was alive. "But this canonisation is so huge," says Usha. "Where does it happen in our lifetime? To walk, talk, sit with somebody, have a cup of coffee, and, later, see her canonised! How many people are fortunate to see something like that? I am so grateful to God for this."



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A younger Usha Uthup sharing the stage with Mother Teresa at Kolkata



Usha Uthup receiving blessings from the late Pope John Paul II at Rome. The late Sr Nirmala, the head of the Missionaries of Charity, can also be seen