

Indira Gandhi Quotes

*People, Father, Country, Children, India, Men, Thinking, Mother, War, Mean,
Believe, Years, Hands, Jobs, Want, Husband, World, Long, Giving, Brother*

My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition.

~Indira Gandhi

Opportunities are not offered. They must be wrested and worked for. And this calls for perseverance... and courage.

~Indira Gandhi

Every new experience brings its own maturity and a greater clarity of vision.

~Indira Gandhi

To be liberated, woman must feel free to be herself, not in rivalry to man but in the context of her own capacity and her personality.

~Indira Gandhi

People tend to forget their duties but remember their rights.

~Indira Gandhi

Forgiveness is a virtue of the brave.

~Indira Gandhi

The purpose of life is to believe, to hope, and to strive.

~Indira Gandhi

I don't mind if my life goes in the service of the nation. If I die, every drop of my blood will invigorate the nation.

~Indira Gandhi

Women sometimes go too far, it's true. But it's only when you go too far that others listen.

~Indira Gandhi

To become capable, one must have faith in oneself.

~Indira Gandhi

Whenever you take a step forward, you are bound to disturb something.

~Indira Gandhi

Even if I died in the service of the nation, I would be proud of it. Every drop of my blood... will contribute to the growth of this nation and to make it strong and dynamic.

~Indira Gandhi

You must learn to be still in the midst of activity and to be vibrantly alive in repose.

~Indira Gandhi

The power to question is the basis of all human progress.

~Indira Gandhi

I cannot understand how anyone can be an Indian and not be proud.

~Indira Gandhi

Popularity is not a guarantee of quality.

~Indira Gandhi

Let's not forget that in India the symbol of strength is a woman; the goddess Shakti.

~Indira Gandhi

One must beware of ministers who can do nothing without money, and those who want to do everything with money.

~Indira Gandhi

Never forget that when we are silent, we are one. And when we speak

we are two.

~Indira Gandhi

You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist.

~Indira Gandhi

Ability is not always gauged by examination.

~Indira Gandhi

The immediate is often the enemy of the ultimate.

~Indira Gandhi

As I always say, I do not wish you an easy time, but I wish you that whatever difficulty you may have, you will overcome it.

~Indira Gandhi

It is our duty to create a social milieu in which the young and the socially weak feel that the present and future belong to them.

~Indira Gandhi

If I die a violent death, as some fear and a few are plotting, I know that the violence will be in the thought and the action of the assassins, not in my dying.

~Indira Gandhi

Life is a continuous process of adjustment.

~Indira Gandhi

People with clenched fists can not shake hands.

~Indira Gandhi

A nation's strength ultimately consists in what it can do on its own, and not in what it can borrow from others.

~Indira Gandhi

To be a mother, a housewife, never cost me any sacrifice - I savored every minute of those years.

~Indira Gandhi

Education is a liberating force, and in our age it is also a democratizing force, cutting across the barriers of caste and class, smoothing out inequalities imposed by birth and other circumstances.

~Indira Gandhi

I think one should do what seems right. And if what seems right involves danger...well, one must risk the danger.

~Indira Gandhi

Nothing that is worthwhile is ever easy.

~Indira Gandhi

Being prime minister isn't the only job in life! As far as I'm concerned, I could live in a village and be satisfied.

~Indira Gandhi

Now I don't get upset by unpleasant things, I don't play the victim, and I'm always ready to come to terms with life.

~Indira Gandhi

Sometimes friends are dangerous. We must be very careful about the help friends give us.

~Indira Gandhi

There are only moments of happiness - from contentment to ecstasy.

~Indira Gandhi

I learned very soon to get along by myself.

~Indira Gandhi

I've never understood women who, because of their children, pose as victims and don't allow themselves any other activities.

~Indira Gandhi

Every democratic system evolves its own conventions. It is not only the water but the banks which make the river.

~Indira Gandhi

Rebels and non-conformists are often the pioneers and designers of change.

~Indira Gandhi

For me the only point that has remained unchanged through the years is that in India there is still so much poverty.

~Indira Gandhi

Mankind will endure when the world appreciates the logic of diversity.

~Indira Gandhi

My theory is that men are no more liberated than women.

~Indira Gandhi

As a nation, I believe we've acquired faith in ourselves.

~Indira Gandhi

How can anybody who is the head of a nation afford not to be a prag-matist?

~Indira Gandhi

In all societies that have applied a form of socialism, a certain degree of social economic equality has been achieved.

~Indira Gandhi

As my father [JavÄ•harlÄ•l NehrÄ•«] said, you have to keep an open

mind, but you have to pour something into it - otherwise ideas slip away like sand between your fingers.

~Indira Gandhi

The greatest of all contraceptives is affluence.

~Indira Gandhi

There exists no politician in India daring enough to attempt to explain to the masses that cows can be eaten.

~Indira Gandhi

The sterilization of men is one method of birth control. The surest, most radical method. To you it seems dreadful. To me it seems that, properly applied, it's by no means dreadful.

~Indira Gandhi

In any case, I married Feroze Gandhi. Once I get an idea in my head, no one in the world can make me change my mind.

~Indira Gandhi

My father was a saint. I'm not.

~Indira Gandhi

There is not love where there is no will.

~Indira Gandhi

In all communities you find groups that behave badly. But you must understand them too.

~Indira Gandhi

what is popular need not necessarily be right or wise.

~Indira Gandhi

Martyrdom does not end something, it only a beginning.

~Indira Gandhi

Peace we want because there is another war to fight against poverty, disease and ignorance.

~Indira Gandhi

Dacca is now the free capital of a free country.

~Indira Gandhi

All my games were political games; I was, like Joan of Arc, perpetually being burned at the stake.

~Indira Gandhi

We have believed - and we do believe now - that freedom is indivisible, that peace is indivisible, that economic prosperity is indivisible

~Indira Gandhi

Have a bias toward action - let's see something happen now. You can break that big plan into small steps and take the first step right away.

~Indira Gandhi

You don't help a country by supporting a military regime that denies any sign of democracy, and what defeated Pakistan was its military regime.

~Indira Gandhi

In an underdeveloped society, the first anxiety is of infant mortality. In an advanced one it is to keep alive the aged.

~Indira Gandhi

You said, 'Planning is something for communist countries; democracy and planning don't go together!' But, with all the errors we committed, our plans succeeded.

~Indira Gandhi

I was a perfect housewife. Being a mother has always been the job I liked best. Absolutely.

~Indira Gandhi

To bear many children is considered not only a religious blessing but also an investment. The greater their number, some Indians reason, the more alms they can beg.

~Indira Gandhi

The Indians and Pakistanis are literally brothers.

~Indira Gandhi

America always thought it was helping Pakistan. But if it hadn't helped Pakistan, Pakistan would have been a stronger country.

~Indira Gandhi

Nothing can convince me that people are at one with their work unless they're joyous about it.

~Indira Gandhi

We would rather starve than sell our national honor.

~Indira Gandhi

The question before the advanced nations is not whether they can afford to help the developing nations, but whether they can afford not to do so.

~Indira Gandhi

Have you ever climbed a mountain? You see, once you arrive at the top of a mountain, you think you've reached the highest point. But it's only an impression that doesn't last long.

~Indira Gandhi

in today's world no country can be absolutely independent of another. It

is a world of interdependence.

~Indira Gandhi

I don't know how to put on an act; I always show myself for what I am, in whatever mood I'm in.

~Indira Gandhi

When one has had a life as difficult as mine, one doesn't worry about how others will react.

~Indira Gandhi

[Visiting Richard Nixon] useful only to me. The experience taught me that when people do something against you, that something always turns out in your favor.

~Indira Gandhi

As for the job of prime minister, I like it, yes. But no more than I've liked other work that I've done as an adult.

~Indira Gandhi

Not only Negroes and Jews, but also women are part of a great revolt of which one can only approve.

~Indira Gandhi

To become our enemies - what an absurdity. A crazy absurdity when you stop to think that we, Muslims and Hindus, had conducted the struggle for independence together.

~Indira Gandhi

I certainly won't have an empty life!

~Indira Gandhi

Even I, when I was a student in London, often wore Western clothes, and yet I'm the most Indian Indian I know.

~Indira Gandhi

Happiness is such a fleeting point of view - there's no such thing as continual happiness.

~Indira Gandhi

You said, 'How is it possible for democracy to work with an illiterate people who are dying of hunger?' But with that people we made a democracy work.

~Indira Gandhi

Politics is the art of acquiring, holding, and wielding power.

~Indira Gandhi

Defeats are always pitiful. Victories are always last resources.

~Indira Gandhi

To me the function of politics is to make possible the desirable.

~Indira Gandhi

Forgiveness is the virtue of Brave.

~Indira Gandhi

The civil servant is primarily the master of the short-term solution.

~Indira Gandhi

The fact that I have an ideology, however, doesn't mean I'm indoctrinated.

~Indira Gandhi

When I was young, I was very selfish, now not any more.

~Indira Gandhi

My father was a statesman, I'm a political woman. My father was a

saint. I'm not.

~Indira Gandhi

People who say it was her father who prepared her for the post of prime minister, it was her father who launched her, are wrong.

~Indira Gandhi

When it's impossible, it's better to stoop to compromise, without resisting and without complaining. People who complain are selfish.

~Indira Gandhi

The old need the company of the young so that they renew their contact with life.

~Indira Gandhi

The longer one doesn't write, the more difficult it is to communicate.

~Indira Gandhi

Without peace there can be no prosperity for any people, rich or poor. And yet, there can be no peace without erasing the harshness of the growing contrast between the rich and the poor.

~Indira Gandhi

Life is always full of dangers and I don't think one should avoid dangers.

~Indira Gandhi

The future doesn't frighten me, even if it threatens to be full of other difficulties.

~Indira Gandhi

My father was prime minister, and to take care of his home, to be his hostess, automatically meant to have my hands in politics - to meet people, to know their games, their secrets.

~Indira Gandhi

... where does strength come from? It is not muscle strength any more. It is not also mere intellectual strength. What is strength? Strength is the support of the people.

~Indira Gandhi

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