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LOS ANGELES : She is called a "Living Saint" and thousands of people here in Los Angeles are waiting in line just for a hug from this woman.

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She is best known as AMMA. The 50-year-old spiritual leader is considered a "living saint" in her homeland of India. She travels the world helping the poor, promoting volunteerism and giving out hugs, lot of hugs.

In fact, it is estimated that Amma has given out some 24-million hugs in her lifetime.

Manju Nair received a hug and she had this to say about the experience, "She didn't say anything. She just hugged me and I felt I could face the situation. I felt like I could rely on her. Somebody I could call."

Amma will be appearing today and tomorrow at the LAX Raddison Hotel on Century Boulevard.

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