



Prayers to St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (1873-1897) became a Carmelite nun at the tender age of 15. She is best known for her "Little Way," a way of becoming holy in the ordinariness of daily life, in the little things of life; it is spiritual childhood, a way of absolute trust in and self-surrender to God our loving Father.

O Little Thérèse of the Child Jesus, please pick a rose for me from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love. O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God today to grant the favors I now place with confidence in your hands. *(Here mention your request.)* St. Thérèse, help me to always believe, as you did, in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day. Amen.

O wondrous St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, who, in thy brief earthly life, didst become a mirror of angelic purity, of courageous love, and of whole-hearted surrender to Almighty God, now that thou art enjoying the reward of thy virtues, turn thine eyes of mercy upon us who trust in thee. Obtain for us the grace to keep our hearts and minds pure and clean like unto thine, and to detest in all sincerity whatever might tarnish ever so slightly the luster of a virtue so sublime, a virtue that endears us to thy heavenly Bridegroom. Ah, dear Saint, grant us to feel in every need the power of thy intercession; give us comfort in all the bitterness of this life and especially at its end, that we may be worthy to share eternal happiness with thee in paradise. Amen.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Thérèse,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.