

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

V. Saint Thérèse, the Little Flower of Jesus,
 R. **pray for us.**

Let Us Pray

O God, Who inflamed with Thy Spirit of Love the soul of Thy servant Thérèse of the Child Jesus, grant that we may also love Thee and make Thee much loved.
 R. **Amen.**

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Novena to Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (September 22–30)



► OPENING PRAYERS:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Glory be to the Father... (3 times, in honor of the Holy Trinity)

► DAILY NOVENA PRAYER:

LEADER O God, come to my assistance

ALL LORD, Make haste to help me

LEADER God our Father, you have promised your kingdom to those who are willing to become like little children. Help us to follow the way of Saint Thérèse with confidence so that by her prayers we may come to know your eternal glory.

Grant this through our LORD Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

ALL Amen.

Psalm 103

ANTIPHON From God is our healing and forgiveness,
 From God is tenderness and mercy.

SIDE I My soul, bless the LORD,
 Bless God's holy name!
 My soul, bless the LORD,
 hold dear all God's gifts!

SIDE II Bless God, who forgives your sin and heals every illness,
 who snatches you from death and enfolds you with tender care,
 who fills your life with richness and gives you an eagle's strength.

SIDE I The LORD, who works justice and defends the oppressed,
 teaches Moses and Israel divine ways and deeds.
 The LORD is tender and caring,
 slow to anger, rich in love.

SIDE II God will not accuse us long,
 nor bring our sins to trial,
 nor exact from us in kind what our sins deserve.

SIDE I As high as heaven is above the earth so great is God's love for believers.
 As far as east from west,
 So God removes our sins.

SIDE II As tender as father to child,
 so gentle is God to believers.
 The LORD knows how we are made,
 remembers we are dust.

SIDE I Our days pass by like grass,
 our prime like a flower in bloom.
 A wind comes, the flower goes,
 empty now its place.

SIDE II God's love is from all ages,
 God's justice beyond all time for believers of each generation:
 those who keep the covenant,
 who take care to live the law.

SIDE I The LORD reigns from heaven,
 rules over all there is.
 Bless the LORD, you angels,
 strong and quick to obey,
 attending to God's word.

SIDE II Bless the LORD, you powers,
 eager to serve God's will.
 Bless the LORD, you creatures,
 everywhere under God's rule.
 My soul, bless the LORD!

ANTIPHON From God is our healing and forgiveness,
 From God is tenderness and mercy.



St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, pray for us.

► CLOSING PRAYER:

LEADER: Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face,

ALL: Pray for us!

LEADER: After offering each other a sign of peace, let us depart in the Love of Christ.

Feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, October 1



Sponsored by Our Lady of Mercy Lay Carmelite Community, Holy Spirit Church. We meet every third Sunday in the Governo House Chapel. Come pray with us.

► **NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. THÉRÈSE** [ALL]:

Dear Saint Thérèse, the Little Flower of Jesus, ever consoling troubled souls with heavenly graces, in your unfailing intercession I place my confident trust. From the Heart of our Divine Savior, petition the blessings of which I stand in greatest need, especially...

[*Here, mention your intentions*].

Show me your promised roses of virtue and grace, so that swiftly advancing in holiness and perfect love of neighbor, I may receive the crown of eternal life. Amen.

► **DAILY MEDITATIONS** [WORDS OF THÉRÈSE]:

Day One: *Spiritual Childhood.* I no longer find anything in books, with the exception of the Gospel, that book is enough for me...I do not mind if I live or die. I do not really see what more I shall have after death than I already have in life. It is true that I will see the Good LORD! But I am already completely with Him on earth.

When I think of these words of God: "My reward is with me, to render to each one according to his works (Revelation 22:12)," I tell myself that He will be very much embarrassed in my case. I haven't any works! He will not be able to reward me "according to my works." Well, then, He will reward me "according to His works."

Day Two: *Always see the good side of things.* I always see the good side of things...if I have nothing but pure suffering, if the heavens are black so that I see no break in the clouds, well, I make this my joy!

Day Three: *Focus first on the salvation of souls.* The cry of Jesus on the Cross: "I thirst!" resounded continually in my heart. These words made me burn with a zeal which I had never experienced before...I wanted to answer the appeal of my Beloved and I myself was consumed by the same

thirst for souls....It was not now those of priests that preoccupied me but those of great sinners. I was aflame with the desire to snatch these souls from eternal fire.

Day Four: *Greatest confidence in God's forgiveness.* I am certain that even if I had every imaginable crime, I should lose nothing of my confidence. Rather would I hasten with a heart broken with sorrow to throw myself into the arms of Jesus. He cherished the prodigal son.

Day Five: *The Eucharist.* When I am preparing for Holy Communion, I picture my soul as a piece of land and I beg the Blessed Virgin to remove from it any rubbish that would prevent it from being free; then I ask her to set up a huge tent worthy of heaven, adorning it with her own jewelry; finally, I invite all the angels and saints to come and conduct a magnificent concert there."

Day Six: *Humility.* Even if I had done everything Saint Paul did, I would still think myself a "useless servant," but it is precisely this that makes me happy for since I have nothing, God will give me everything.

Day Seven: *Humility and love of God. She was hemorrhaging and choking for breath so bad we didn't expect her to survive the night.* "It is dreadful to see you suffer so much, you must not be able to think." No, it still lets me tell God that I love Him. I think that is enough.

Day Eight: *Holiness—the Little Way.* No,

I am not a saint; I have never done the works of a saint. I am a very little soul that God filled with His graces, this is what I am. What I tell you is the truth, you will see in heaven.

Day Nine: *Love of God.* Oh how little God is loved on this earth, even by priests and religious! No, God isn't loved very much.

► **LITANY TO SAINT THÉRÈSE**

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven,

Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God.

Have mercy on us.

After each invocation, respond:

Pray for us.

Holy Mary

Our Lady of Victory

Saint Thérèse, servant of God

Saint Thérèse, victim of the merciful love of God

Saint Thérèse, spouse of Jesus

Saint Thérèse, gift of Heaven

Saint Thérèse, remarkable in childhood

Saint Thérèse, an example of obedience

Saint Thérèse, lover of the will of God

Saint Thérèse, lover of peace

Saint Thérèse, lover of patience

Saint Thérèse, lover of gentleness

Saint Thérèse, heroic in sacrifice

Saint Thérèse, generous in forgiving

Saint Thérèse, benefactress of the needy

Saint Thérèse, lover of Jesus

Saint Thérèse, devoted to the Holy Face

Saint Thérèse, consumed with divine love of God

Saint Thérèse, advocate of extreme cases

Saint Thérèse, persevering in prayer

Saint Thérèse, a powerful advocate with God

Saint Thérèse, showering roses

Saint Thérèse, doing good upon earth

Saint Thérèse, answering all prayers

Saint Thérèse, lover of holy chastity

Saint Thérèse, lover of voluntary poverty

Saint Thérèse, lover of obedience

Saint Thérèse, burning with zeal for God's glory

Saint Thérèse, inflamed with the Spirit of Love

Saint Thérèse, child of benediction

Saint Thérèse, perfect in simplicity

Saint Thérèse, so remarkable for trust in God

Saint Thérèse, gifted with unusual intelligence

Saint Thérèse, never invoked without some answer

Saint Thérèse, teaching us the sure way

Saint Thérèse, victim of Divine love

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

Spare us, O Lord.