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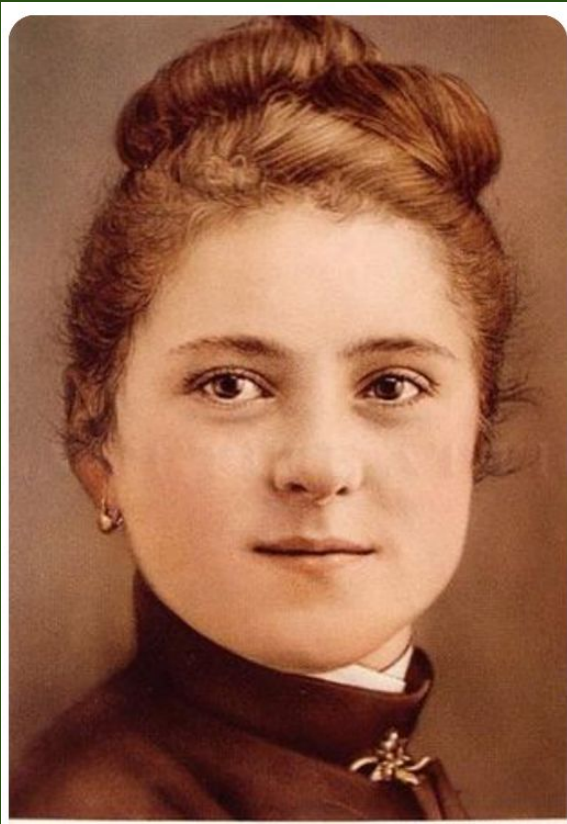
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We gather

for our Saint Thérèse of Lisieux prayer



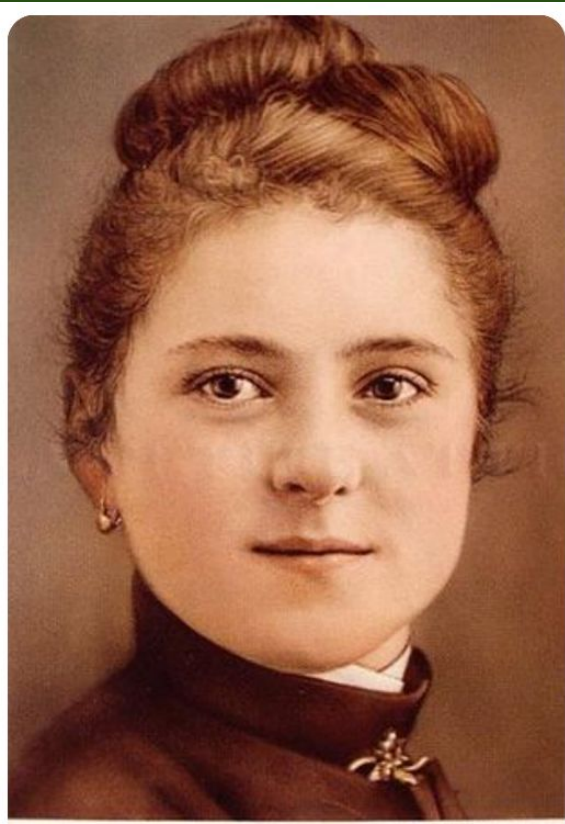
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Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Today we remember your servant, Saint
Thérèse of Lisieux.
Saint Thérèse of Lisieux showed us how
through
faith, hope and love,
We can make a big difference in our world,
No matter how small we may be.
Help us to learn from her example so that,
Through our acts of kindness,
Others might know the love you have
For all your children. Amen.



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We hear God's Word

A reading from Gospel of Saint Matthew. The disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' And calling to him a child, Jesus put him in the middle of them and said, 'Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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We respond

The response to our prayer is: Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, you helped St Therese perform little acts of kindness every day. Help us to be kind, so that our school, our homes, our parish, and our world might be filled with your mercy and love.

Lord in your mercy.

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Heavenly Father, St Therese learned from your Son, Jesus, that true greatness isn't found in might; it is found in humility. May we learn from Jesus too, so that following his example and St Therese's 'Little Way,' we might understand how great it is to be humble, kind, and faithful.

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Heavenly Father, after her death the Church declared Therese, the patron saint of missionaries. We pray for missionaries around the world, who dedicate their lives to serving those in need. We especially pray for missionaries who work with Mission Together, and so help children living in poverty to go to school, have food to eat, stay safe and keep well.

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Heavenly Father, Saint Therese said that in heaven who would continue to pray for your children on earth. We ask her to pray with us as we spend a few moments in silence thinking of people we would like your to help.

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Saint Therese

Caring and generous

Helpful and caring to others

Courageous and determined

Humble

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Jesus said, 'I thank you Father,
Lord of heaven and earth, because you
Have hidden your wisdom from people
Who are big-headed and proud.
But you have revealed it to those who
Are humble like little children.'

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