



Novena to St. Theresa

God of all goodness, who has chosen Saint Theresa of the Child and bestowed on her so many graces and favors, that even from her childhood she shone by the practice of the highest virtues, which made her pleasing to You, her divine spouse, and dear to Your holy mother, Mary Immaculate, grant me I beseech You by her intercession, purity of soul and body, also an abundant participation in the virtues and merits of Saint Theresa, so like her I may always be united to you here below by grace, and enjoy you forever hereafter in heaven. Amen.

O little St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, who during your short life on earth became a mirror of angelic purity, of love strong as death, and of wholehearted abandonment to God, now that you rejoice in the reward of your virtues, cast a glance of pity on me as I leave all things in your hands. Make my troubles your own - speak a word for me to our Lady Immaculate, whose flower of special love you were - to the Queen of heaven "who smiled on you at the dawn of life." Beg her as the Queen of the heart of Jesus to obtain for me by her powerful intercession, the grace I yearn for so ardently at this moment, and that she join with it a blessing that may strengthen me during life. Defend me at the hour of death, and lead me straight on to a happy eternity. I also beseech you to obtain the particular favor I ask in this Novena, but if what I ask is not for the honor and glory of God, the salvation of my own soul and the welfare of those for whom I pray, bear us all in remembrance, petitioning for us the remission of sins and the enjoyment of an everlasting kingdom through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.