

NOVENA TO ST. THERESA

ALL: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

PRIEST: LORD, OPEN MY LIPS.

PEOPLE: AND MY MOUTH SHALL ANNOUNCE YOUR PRAISE.

PRIEST: INCLINE TO MY AID, OF GOD.

PEOPLE: O LORD, MAKE HASTE TO HELP ME.

ALL: GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

PRAYER

PRIEST AND PEOPLE: GOD OF ALL GOODNESS/ WHO HAS CHOSEN SAINT THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS/ 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.

PRAYER OF THE NOVENA

PRIEST AND PEOPLE: O LITTLE SAINT 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 WHOLE-HEARTED 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 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 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. (PAUSE) 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.