



St. Theresa of Lisieux

October 1

Who was St. Theresa Of Lisieux?

Born on January 2, 1873 in Alencon, France, Marie-Francoise-Therese Martin (better known now as St. Theresa of Lisieux) battled through a great deal of adversity in her early life before blossoming into the influential saint who is an example to many Catholics today.

Therese's parents were both very religious. She was born the youngest of nine siblings and was raised by a nurse for the first 15 months of her life as her mother's health was declining. Therese grew up surrounded by a great knowledge of Christian practices and a love for Jesus. Her mother passed away she was only 4 years old. Her family life, although happy became more complicated when two of her older sisters moved out to join the Carmelite convent. The family found itself drained of the optimism and energy that it had previously possessed, but they managed to cope through prayer, church and each other's company.

At the age of 10, Therese developed a seemingly incurable illness that caused her a great deal of suffering and discomfort. No medication or treatments were effective at treating her sickness, but in miraculous fashion, Therese one day found herself completely healed after praying to Mother Mary for a cure. This miracle prompted Therese to commit to live her life in pursuit of sainthood.

Therese was known to be a shy and sensitive person who often found herself upset or crying if she thought someone was unhappy with her. For years she tried to become less sensitive but with no success. One Christmas Day, her father had said something that would have normally upset her but she didn't cry. Instead, she found herself understanding why her father had said such a thing and felt empathy for him. From that moment on, she was always able to feel more empathy for others and became less sensitive. She attributed that Christmas as a time of "conversion" for her when Jesus had come into her heart and done what she could not do herself.

Now that she was able to have empathy for others, she declared that she was going to become a Carmelite and serve her faith. Unfortunately, due to her young age, Therese was deemed ineligible to receive the Carmelite title, and instead opted to serve as a nun. She was fortunate to live with two of her sisters in the same convent. She lived in the convent for nine years until she came down with tuberculosis at age 24 and passed away with her sisters by her side. During her final years, she suffered greatly but remained positive and continued to pray for others in need.

St. Theresa was not necessarily declared a saint for performing any remarkable acts, but rather for her passion, love and commitment to the Catholic faith.

[St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS School Website](#)

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Quotes

"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing."

"A word, a kindly smile, will often suffice to gladden a wounded and sorrowful heart."

"Nothing is insignificant or negligible in the service of God."

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Today, may there be peace within us.
May we trust God, that we are exactly where we are meant to be.

May we not forget the infinite possibilities,
that are born of faith.

May we use the gifts that we have received,
and pass on the love that has been given to us.

May we be content knowing that we are children of God.

Let His presence settle into our bones,
and allow our souls the freedom to sing, dance
and to bask in the sun.

It is there for each and every one of us to enjoy.

Amen

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FEAST DAY:
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SCHOOL LOCATION:
Richmond Hill, ON

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