

# Parents in Prayer

October 1<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux (The Little Flower)



The following quotes can initiate conversations with our children about love, prayer, and sacrifice. St. Therese's example of serving God through her "little way" is something we ALL can practice.

I have not the courage to force myself to seek beautiful prayers in books; not knowing which to choose I act as children do who cannot read; I say quite simply to the good God what I want to tell Him, and He always understands me. *Story of A Soul, Chapter X*

Encourage our children to pray simply from the heart – making it a daily conversation they would have with their best friend.

I applied myself above all to practice quite hidden little acts of virtue; thus I liked to fold the mantles forgotten by the Sisters, and sought a thousand opportunities of rendering them service. *Story of A Soul, Chapter VII*

St. Therese always looked for ways to forget herself and to think of others. We can help our children look for small acts of kindness on the playground – playing with someone who is left out, including someone they don't usually get along with, holding their tongue when tempted to say something unkind.

There is one ONLY THING to do here below: to love Jesus, to win souls for Him so that He may be loved. Let us seize with jealous care every least opportunity of self sacrifice. Let us refuse Him nothing - He does so want our love! *VI letter to her sister Celine*

By teaching our children to love others, we will be teaching them to win souls for Jesus. What greater work is there for them to accomplish each day?

My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice, these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words, I know it by experience. *Story of A Soul, Chapter X*

Actions speak louder than words! A kind gesture to a classmate or a prayer offered for someone can change their heart. Our children can "be as Christ to you".

Join Parent in Prayer on Wednesday ... 8:00 AM Mass/8:30 Rosary  
Drop in whenever you can fit it into your schedule!