

Society of African Missions (SMA)

National Novena in honour of St Theresa (The Little Flower - Patroness of the Missions).



Mass and Novena daily from

Tue 23rd September-Wed 1st October at 10.00am and 7.30pm. Variety of themes and speakers for each day.

All welcome!

Little Flower Novena

Prayers to be said each day:

Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of divine love.

V . Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray: O God, who have instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit,

Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love: O my God! I believe in Thee: strengthen my faith. All my hopes are in Thee: do

The Act of Contrition: O my God! I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins,

Concluding Prayer Prayed Each Day:

O Lord, You have said: Unless you become as little children you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven;

Special Prayers for Each Day:

First Day

St. Thérèse, privileged Little Flower of Jesus and Mary, I approach you with childlike confidence and deep

Intercede for us all the days of our life, but specially during this Novena and obtain for us from God the g

Thought for the day: *Confidence in God. We can never have too much confidence in the good God w*

If you are nothing, do you forget that Jesus is everything? You have only to lose your nothingness in His

[Concluding Prayer](#)

Second Day

O dear little Saint, now that you see the crucified Jesus in heaven, still bearing the wounds caused by sin

Intercede for us all the days of our life, but especially during this Novena and obtain for us from God the

Thought for the day: S *in. The only grace I ask, O Jesus, is never to offend The*

By love and not by fear, does a soul avoid committing the least fault.

Yes, even if I have on my conscience every possible crime, I should lose none of my confidence; my he

The remembrance of my faults humbles me and makes me afraid to rely on my own strength, which is n

[Concluding Prayer](#)

Third Day

Dear Little Flower, make all things lead me to heaven and God, Whether I look at the sun, the moon, the

Intercede for us all the days of our life, but especially during this Novena and obtain for us from God the

Thought for the day: *The Use of God's Gifts. How much benefit have I received from the beauties of*

O sparkling nature, if I did not see God in you, you would be naught but a great tomb.

With your little hand which caresses Mary, You sustain the universe and bestow life; and You think of me

I do not wish creatures to have one atom of my love. I wish to give all to Jesus, since He has shown me

[Concluding Prayer](#)

Fourth Day

Dear Little Flower of Carmel, bearing so patiently the disappointments and delays allowed by God, and p

Intercede for us all the days of our life, but especially during this Novena and obtain for us from God the

Thought for the day: A *bandonment to God. I fear only one thing---to keep my c*

The only happiness here below is to strive to be always content with what Jesus gives us.

I can demand nothing with fervor, except the perfect accomplishment of God's will in my soul.

O my Beloved, I offer myself to You, that You may perfectly accomplish in me Your holy designs, and I will

Concluding Prayer

Fifth Day

Little Flower of Jesus, from the very first moment of your religious life you thought only of denying yourself

Intercede for us all the days of our life, but especially during this Novena and obtain for us from God the

Thought for the day : *Patience in Sufferings. I do not fear trials sent by Jesus,*

When we are expecting nothing but suffering, we are quite surprised at the least joy; but then suffering is

Far from resembling those beautiful saints who practiced all sorts of austerities from childhood, my penance

Concluding Prayer

St. Thérèse, Patroness of the Missions, be a great missionary throughout the world to the end of time. R

Intercede for us all the days of our life, but especially during this Novena and obtain for us from God the

Thought for the day: *Zeal for souls. Let us work together for the salvation of souls. We have only the*

I tell Jesus that I am glad not to be able to see, with the eyes of my soul, this beautiful heaven which aw

I cannot perform brilliant works; I cannot preach the Gospel or shed my blood. But what matter? My brot

My deeds, my little sufferings, can make God loved all over the world.

[Concluding Prayer](#)

Seventh Day

O little martyr of Love, you know now even better than in the days of your pilgrimage that Love embrace

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Thought for the day: *Love of God. I will love God alone and will not have the misfortune of attaching*

What attracts me to the kingdom of Heaven is the call of our Lord, the hope of loving Him as I have so d

When Christ said, "Give Me a Drink," it was the love of His poor creatures that He, the Creator of all thin

Remember that the dear Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you, for you alone. Remember th

Concluding Prayer

Eighth Day

Dear St. Thérèse, like you I have to die one day. I beseech you, obtain from God, by reminding Him of y

Intercede for us all the days of our life, but especially during this Novena and obtain for us from God the

Thought for the day: *Death. It says in the catechism that death is nothing but the separation of the so*

I am happy to die because I shall be able to help souls who are dear to me, far more than I can here bel

Life is not sad; it is very joyous. If you say, "This exile is sad," I understand you. We are wrong to give th

Concluding Prayer

Ninth Day

Dear Little St. Thérèse, by love and suffering while you were on earth, you won the power with God whic

Intercede for us all the days of our life, but especially during this Novena and obtain for us from God the

Thought for the day: *The Mission of the Little Flower. I do not intend to remain inactive in Heaven. I w*

I will spend my Heaven doing good upon earth. This is not impossible, since the angels though always e

I beseech Thee, O Jesus, to cast Thy divine glance on a great number of little souls. I beg of Thee to ch

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