

MISSIONARIES OF
St. Thérèse
Society of St. Peter Apostle
Prayer for Missionary Vocations

Lord Jesus you have told us, “the harvest is plenty and the workers are few.”

We see and hear of this reality in so many parts of our world, especially in areas of poverty, persecution and war. From South America, Asia, Africa and the Pacific Islands so many of your children long to hear the Good News preached to them. Many who have come to believe wait longingly for priest, religious and laity of the church to help deepen and nourish this wondrous seed that has been planted.



Please remember
to pray for the missions.



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Recipients of the prestigious of *Bigard Award* in 2014
presented by the Pontifical Mission Societies.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux
the Little Flower
Patroness of World Missions and
Doctor of the Church

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face is considered one of the greatest saints of modern times for her spiritual influence throughout the world.

At age 15, Thérèse Martin entered the Carmelite Convent with a goal of serving others through prayer and sacrifice, helping souls to find God. She developed a child-like trust and “little way” to live the Gospel – a path to holiness – performing little virtues with profound love for Jesus. What matters in life she said, is “not great deeds, but great love” and described her own life as “a little way of spiritual childhood.”

Many came to know her through her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*. She lived each day with a strong trust in God’s unconditional love.

Thérèse, in her dying moments, said “I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses.” Many lives have been touched by her prayers and thousands have been motivated to live the Christian life by her “little way.”

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... through prayer and sacrifice we offer
spiritual and financial assistance for
the missionary work of the Church.



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The Missionaries of St. Thérèse, were founded by twelve women in New Orleans, July 15, 1945, to provide spiritual and financial assistance for the missionary work of the Church. Originally known as the Missionary Rose Petals of St. Thérèse, they formed “circles of prayer” and designated the Little Flower as the patron saint to guide their efforts.

Our ministry is affiliated with *The Holy See's* Pontifical Societies of the Propagation of the Faith and St. Peter, Apostle. Among our activities we offer mass stipends for the support of priests in mission countries and host fundraisers to benefit St. Peter, Apostle which supports the education of candidates for the Catholic priesthood in the Developing World and the formation of men and women candidates for the Religious life in the Missions.

Through prayer, sacrifice and small fundraising activities the Rose Petals have educated school-aged children, assisted in formation of native clergy, supported seminarians and novices, and funded numerous missionary activities. While several of our efforts focus on local parishes and communities, we have reached the far corners of the world in places like Algeria, Nicaragua, Timor-Leste, and even China.

St. Thérèse held a deep devotion to Christ, an apostolic zeal for souls, and the desire to make God's great love realized. Missionaries of St. Thérèse live out these virtues, enabling Catholics to live out our baptismal promises of building up the Church and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to – “the ends of the earth”. (Acts 1:8)

Like our patron, members act in “little ways with great love” to serve others, affecting the lives of those in need of hope and faith in God's salvation.

Being a Rose Petal means members commit themselves to daily prayer for the missions and offer spiritual sacrifices for missionaries across the globe.

Our ministry works to provide: resources for women and men religious who cannot sustain their formation; support for catechesis and other educational programs in the Archdiocese of New Orleans; funding for Christian nonprofits and special ministry projects; assistance to needy church parishes throughout the country and the world.

“It is not possible to measure the importance of the Missionaries of St. Thérèse in the lives of the poor.”

– Missionaries of St. Thérèse

Membership

Membership is open to those who are willing to make a commitment to prayer and sacrifice for the missionary work of the Church throughout the world.

- The Missionaries of St. Thérèse are organized into “Circles of Prayer” each of which is led by a Secretary.
- The Secretary calls monthly meetings and coordinates the activities. Members pay minimal yearly dues set by secretaries according to members' means.
- Each member shares in daily prayers and Masses offered by missionaries, seminarians and novices, throughout the world and by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

In union with our beloved St. Thérèse we offer our prayers and sacrifices this day for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life in missionary regions of our world today. We pray that we may all, as members of the Body of Christ, do our part in supporting the spread of the Gospel to the “Ends of the Earth”.

We ask your blessings upon us, your daughters and sons, who join together in circles of prayer. Unite us in common service and love. Nourish our circles that we may grow in unity, thus increasing in number and zeal. May all our sacrifices and generosity support the work of your harvest.

I ask that you incline your ear to the prayer

I now offer in silence.

Our Father ... Hail Mary ...

Glory be to ...

St. Thérèse ... Pray for us

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**O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
may You be known,
loved and adored
throughout all the world.**

– Daily Prayer for the Missions