

Saint Therese

Virgin 1873 - 1897
Feast Day - October 1



“I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul.” These are the words of Therese of the Child Jesus, a Carmelite nun who lived a quiet cloistered life in a convent in Listieux, France. Therese Martin entered the convent at 15 and died in 1887 at the age of 24. She believed in joining her suffering to the Lords. She said she came to Carmel Convent “to save souls and pray for priests” and shortly before she died she wrote “I want to spend me heaven doing good on earth.” Theresa was a sickly person a good deal of her life. Despite her ill health, she worked hard to always do the Lord’s work. She is the patroness of missions. Who else but those who embrace suffering with their love really convert the world?