

A spirituality immersed in life: at the school of St Thérèse of Lisieux

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3: "IN THE HEART OF THE CHURCH" THE APOSTOLIC HORIZON OF THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX



A Morning Prayer

Written by Saint. Thérèse

O my God! I offer Thee
all my actions of this day for the
intentions and for the glory
of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

I desire to sanctify every beat of
my heart, my every thought, my
simplest works, by uniting them
to Its infinite merits; and I wish to
make reparation for my sins by
casting them into the furnace of
Its Merciful Love.

O my God! I ask of Thee for
myself and for those whom I
hold dear, the grace to fulfill
perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept
for love of Thee the joys and
sorrows of this passing life, so
that we may one day be united
together in heaven for all
Eternity.
Amen.

FIRST MOMENT: INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION

Before reading the presentation of Fr Molinari, you are invited to spend some time on your own reflection on Saint Thérèse. You might like to consider some of the following questions:

1. In what ways is my spiritual life fruitful?
2. Does my spiritual life have an impact beyond myself?
(How does it have an impact?)
3. In what ways can I have a "missionary soul"?

SECOND MOMENT: ONLINE PRESENTATION

You are invited to read the presentation by Fr Giampiero Molinari.



During the presentation, you are invited to consider the following questions for reflection:

1. What struck you from Fr Giampiero's talk?
2. What encouraged or challenged you?

THIRD MOMENT: COMMUNITY REFLECTION

Each community within the Carmelite Family is encouraged to set aside one meeting in order to reflect on this topic.

1. In what ways does my prayer have an ecclesial dimension? In what ways does my silent dialogue with the Lord embrace the Church in its totality?
2. In what ways have I been (and can I be in the future) in my daily life an "evangeliser by attraction"?
3. Is my spiritual life apostolically fruitful?
4. How can our community (or local church) ensure it has a "missionary soul"?
5. How, as Carmelite Family, can we work together?

**"A soul inflamed with love
cannot remain idle"**

Saint Thérèse (Ms C 36r)