

Daily Homily  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
Memorial  
Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time, Friday  
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Today is the Memorial of the St. Therese of the Child Jesus or Therese of Lisieux or Therese – the Little Flower. All the same person. Today, let her speak to you. I have several quotes from her to share with you... which one resonates most with you... which one is she speaking to your heart today?

You must become gentle, never use any harsh words, never a harsh tone, never a harsh look, always be gentle.

Believe me, don't wait until tomorrow to begin becoming a saint.

True charity consists in bearing all our neighbor's defects – not being surprised at their weakness, but edified at their smallest virtues.

If every flower wanted to be a rose, nature would lose her springtime beauty.

I understood that all we accomplish, however brilliant, is worth nothing without love.

I learned from experience that joy does not reside in the things about us, but in the very depths of the soul, that one can have it in the gloom of a dungeon, as well as, in the palace of a king.

The world is thy ship and not thy home.

Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be.

Jesus has chosen to show me the only way which leads to the Divine Furnace of love; it is the way of childlike self-surrender, the way of a child who sleeps, afraid of nothing, in its father's arms.

Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be and becoming that person.

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.

In trial or difficulty, I have recourse to Mother Mary whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear.

St. Therese of Lisieux ... pray for us.