



St. Thérèse of Lisieux Icon

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St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the patron saint of missions, missionaries, priests, pilots, florists, and the sick, is depicted in our icon with a cross and roses because of her association with these symbols throughout her writings and spiritual beliefs. She is known as the "Little Flower" and famously said, "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Thérèse believed that after her death, she would shower the world with roses, symbolizing the graces and blessings she would bestow upon those who seek her intercession from heaven. Her famous promise represents her ongoing mission to do good on earth after her death.

Her "Little Way" emphasized doing small things with great love and is represented by roses, signifying the small acts of love and sacrifice that she encouraged.

The cross she is holding represents Jesus's sacrifice. Thérèse's devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus and the Crucifix played a significant role in her spiritual life. For Thérèse, it also symbolized her own acceptance of suffering and her desire to unite her sufferings with Christ's. Having the crucifix all but concealed by roses symbolizes suffering and trials patiently borne.

St. Thérèse was a Carmelite nun who is depicted in their traditional habit. The brown tunic and scapular of Our Lady symbolize inner poverty, humility, simplicity, the earth, and the cross, reminding them to carry their cross. The white toque over the head and shoulders represents purity and devotion to the Virgin Mary. The black veil symbolizes chastity and commitment to God. Our St. Thérèse of Lisieux icon symbolizes her Carmelite spirituality: a life lived in profound love and trust in God, even amidst suffering, and her powerful intercession that brings a "shower of roses," or graces, to those who seek her help.