



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for October

Universal: That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

Evangelization: That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.



Welcome to a new school year!

The Advisory Council would like to welcome all new and returning families to Holy Trinity School. You have chosen to place your child in a nurturing Catholic environment that raises up the "whole child" and the whole family! One purpose of this newsletter is to connect families to faith-related happenings in our school. Another purpose is to encourage families to grow in their prayer life and holiness. This month we're celebrating MISSIONS and our new saint, MOTHER TERESA!

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, "Mother Teresa"

Lived: 1910 - 1997

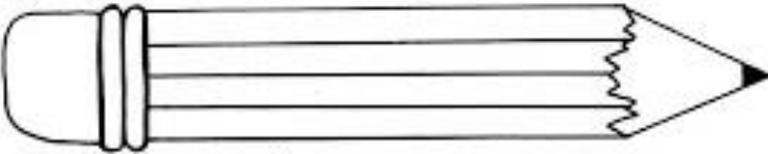
Feast Day: September 5

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. – St. Teresa

Mother Teresa certainly lived a life of love in service of others. She said she never looked at a person's skin color or cared what religion the person was, she just tried to care for whatever need people had and show them the love of God. Mother Teresa served the poorest of the poor, the filthy and the sick. She was born **Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu** to Albanian parents in Macedonia. Agnes became a nun and was sent to Calcutta in India, where she later began the Missionaries of Charity order to serve the poor. The order spread across India, and within 30 years had spread throughout the world. She was able to reach almost all Communist countries but could never get into China. In the United States she opened homes for AIDS patients. She continued to travel "for the profession of novices, opening of new houses, and service to the poor and disaster-stricken" despite her age and declining health in the 1990s. When she died in Calcutta, "hundreds of thousands of people from all classes and all religions, from India and abroad, paid their respects." Mother Teresa is revered as one who gave her all to all for love of Our Lord. God help us all to emulate her courage and her non-judgmental way of serving everyone she met. Saint Teresa, pray for us!

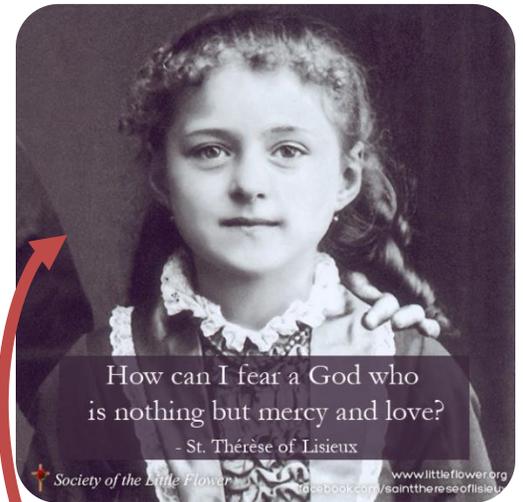
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Here are some quotes from Mother Teresa that you can color!

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Mother Teresa's role model and patroness was Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, whose "little way" of holiness speaks to millions of souls. She lived 1873 to 1897, dying of tuberculosis at the age of 24. Her book *Story of a Soul*, which she only wrote out of obedience to her superior, is easy to read and gives you lots of ideas of how you can better love others in day-to-day life! "What matters in life," she wrote, "is not great deeds, but great love." Doesn't that sound like Mother Teresa?! Young Thérèse loved flowers and saw herself as a "little flower of Jesus," who gave glory to God by just being her beautiful little self among all the other flowers in God's garden. What a healthy self-image, not to compare oneself with others but to be happy serving God how and where one is placed in life. Saint Thérèse, pray for us!

HTS Students are Missionaries

The Holy Trinity student body recently took part in a missions-oriented prayer service in church. As part of our Religion Middle States goal we are reaching further with our spiritual and financial support by being members of MCA (Missionary Childhood Association). Mrs. Reither, the school's Religion coordinator, opened the assembly by explaining to the children that we will be answering Pope Francis' call by becoming Missionary Disciples and reaching out to children in need. MCA's motto is "Children Helping Children." As Missionary Disciples we will unite in prayer with other children in the world and donate any money raised to MCA. Our first fundraiser will be a "Socktober" Day (crazy sock day) for \$1 to donate to MCA.

Later in the prayer service, Miss Nancy, a religion and social studies teacher at HTS, engaged the students in the life of a far-away friend – Britney, from Ecuador. Britney is 8 years old now. Holy Trinity School has sponsored Britney for 2 full years now, and students are excited about gathering their spare change to attend to Britney's needs during this school year. Miss Nancy shared with students that Britney is much like them – she enjoys soccer, playing with dolls, and drawing. It's her job at home to pick up toys. Britney lives with her mother, father, and three older siblings. Her parents peddle coconut water throughout the streets. Neither of them have steady jobs. Britney's mother and father struggle to earn enough to provide for their family. Holy Trinity students are honored to help Britney get the nutrition and education that she needs to excel. Each HTS classroom has a bank where students can put their loose change. A little goes a long way!

Britney is connected to HTS through Unbound, a relief organization that helps children and the elderly in countries where poverty is rampant. See Unbound.org for more information.



Our PK-Grade 2 friends are busy gathering treats for those who serve our community as firefighters during this Fire Prevention Month! Grades 3-5 are putting together baskets of food for those who need a hand, and the upper grades recently had a day of service at HTS and an evening of making blankets for Project Linus. There will be many, many service opportunities for HTS students throughout the year. Please support these efforts when you can!