

# Feast Day of Blessed Theresa



Czech Republic

## Leader:

On this 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Blessed Theresa, we commit ourselves to “joyfully direct our entire lives toward that oneness for which Jesus Christ was sent.” (*Trust and Dare*)

## All:

We begin this prayer in union with the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## Leader:

Let us pray and reflect on Theresa’s words from *Trust and Dare* and the Directional Statement *Love Gives Everything*.

## Reader 1

Theresa said: Those who are interiorly free will always be calm in all gain or loss; they will always be glad, because they desire only one thing: the will of God.

## All:

We embrace Gospel Poverty, probe its deeper meaning, and risk opening ourselves to be transformed.

## Reader 2

Theresa said: Praise, honor and thanks to the Triune God and to Mary, mother of our congregation.

## All:

We deepen our consciousness of who we are in relationship with the Triune God, one another and God’s amazing universe, particularly through theological reflection on the Trinity.

## Reader 3

Theresa wrote: Love is the sign through which the world should be convinced that we believe in Jesus.

## All:

We claim our authentic community life as a prophetic witness of unity in diversity and a service to God’s people.

## Reader 4

Theresa believed: Where love, there is God and where God, there is heaven – in our hearts, in our homes.

## All:

We expand our understanding of Interculturality and commit to develop skills for intercultural living in community and society.

## Reader 5

Theresa wrote: A well-educated teacher can more easily accept persons where they are and help them than one who is inadequately educated; good will does not supply for lack of competence.

### All:

We risk innovative responses as educators in a rapidly changing world impacted by globalization and technology.

## Reader 6

Theresa believed: We must all responsibly cherish God's work.

### All:

We educate, advocate, and act in collaboration with others for the dignity of life and the care of all creation.

## Reader 7

Theresa prayed: God's cause is the only concern of our heart.

### All:

We discern as a congregation which urgent and critical global concerns we are called to address and we dare to respond boldly in unsuspected ways.

Listen to/sing the song "God's Cause" by David Haas.

## Leader

Let us pray now for the needs of the congregation. The response is

**We trust in your kindness, O God.**

## Leader

Let us pray together:

O gracious God, give us the spirit of Theresa's trust in the Triune God. Fill us with courage that impels us into the heart of the world to be women of peace, hope and love. Grant this prayer through Jesus and in the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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