

PRAYER ANTHOLOGY #76

FOCUS POINT: Although there are numberless Saints, October brings us several feast days honoring notable women saints: October 1st - St Therese of Lisieux, known as the Little Flower, was a Doctor of the Church and had a devotion to God's Mercy. 5th-St. Faustina Kowalska known for her devotion to the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. 7th- Our Lady of the Rosary, who showed us the intercessory power of devotion to praying the Rosary. 15th-St. Teresa Avila, also a Doctor of the Church, had a mystical insight into and a devotion to prayer. 16th-St Margaret Mary Alacoque known for her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. One common thread for these women is the devotion to Prayer in their daily lives. "Googling" these women will prove to be an interesting read but may also help us to find our own personal devotion that will lead us in our Daily Prayer. Father Joe & Father Joy encourage us to always turn to prayer for guidance and strength.

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE TO A DEVOTION:

Dear Lord. Please help me to remember the importance of setting aside time each day for Prayer. As I reflect on the Saints, I pray to walk in their holy way and develop a devotion that will guide me and encourage me each day to give thanks for Your unending love and mercy. May the Holy Spirit remain with me as I grow closer to You through prayer and learn to align my life to Your holy will. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother and all the saints, I pray to avoid sin during my daily interactions with others as I strive to choose kindness and respect over judgement and condemnation. May daily prayer make You the focus of each day before anything else. Thank You Lord for Your constant Presence in my life. Amen.