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Theresa of the Child Jesus
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Theresa of the Child Jesus, a girl who died at the age of twenty-four became a model of the entire Church. Pius XI named her patron saint of the Missions. Curiously enough, Theresa's brief life took place between Alençon and Lisieux, and after her fifteen years of age she never left the convent again.

How often Jesus shows that God's thoughts are not our thoughts, nor his ways our ways. Often human thoughts come from self-righteousness or pride, those of God from humility; our efforts are often aimed to become 'great'; those of God are to become 'small'. To walk on God's ways, we must take the opposite direction towards which our pride drives us.

Teresa had great ambitions, great aspirations: she wanted to be contemplative and active, an apostle, a doctor, a missionary and a martyr, and she wrote that only one form of martyrdom seemed little to her and she wanted them all ... The Lord made her understand that there is only one way to please him: to become humble and small, to love him with the simplicity, trust and abandonment of a child towards the father from whom it feels loved. The beautiful **psalm 131** is literally significant with the life of Saint Theresa.

"I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvellous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;
My soul is like weaned child that is with me."

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