

PEOPLE OF SIGNIFICANCE

A STORY OF LOVE

Born in France in 1873, she was the youngest of nine children, of whom five survived childhood. Her mother died when she was young and two of her sisters joined religious orders. She entered the Carmelite convent at Lisieux at the age of 15, initially she had been refused entry but fought hard to be accepted. Religious life was hard and she had always dreamed of being a missionary or a martyr, however, she was in a quiet cloister in France. She found her vocation was just simply to love and sought to love in any way she could. Through developing her 'little way' of loving God and by making small daily sacrifices she inspires many. She contracted Tuberculosis and died around a year and a half later. However, despite experiencing great pain and suffering she remained steadfast in her faith, and joyful.

What's your significant story?

*"O Jesus, my Love...my vocation,
at last I have found it...
My vocation is Love!"*

PRAYER

*Holy and loving Lord, give me a great love for everyone around me and a fervent desire to devote myself to you. Allow me through prayer and the intercession of St Thérèse of Lisieux to deepen my relationship with you and develop a heart of sacrifice and love. Protect all those in religious life and lead us all to salvation through the example of Thérèse.
Amen*



ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX