



Some Thoughts for October, 2021

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As we begin this October, we ask God to bless us with colorful leaves, sunshiny days and, of course with hopeful attitudes during these troubled and confusing days.

We begin our celebrations by honoring "***The Little Flower***", ***St. Therese of Lisieux***, on the first and we then thank **God** for our **Guardian Angels** on the 2nd. I guess only in heaven, when we meet our angel, will we get to see and understand everything our angel has done for us; to see how many intuitive thoughts he sent us to keep us from danger.

We celebrate one of our favorite saints, ***St. Francis of Assisi***, on the 4th. I encourage you to read the story of St. Francis and the wolf. We crown ***Mary as Queen of the Most Holy Rosary*** this month and ask for her guidance and intercession in all our needs. Her feast day is the 7th.

There are many wonderful saints to learn of this month and one of my favorites is **St Theresa of Avila**. I was blessed to visit Avila on pilgrimage and was struck by the beautiful medieval walls built around the town. The fortress-like walls were built in 1060 and took 600 years to complete. To those who use computers, I encourage you to google this site, it is quite lovely. St. Theresa's favorite saint was **St. Joseph** and she claims he never failed her in all her prayer petitions. I recently came upon a meditative prayer about **St. Joseph's Sorrows and Joys**. I'd like to share it with you. Take the time to think into each incident -- what St. Joseph must have thought and felt -- and you will feel very rewarded:

(It's suggested that you say one **Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be** for each incident)

1. The doubt of St. Joseph (Mt 1:19)

The message of the angel (Mt 1:20)

2. The poverty of Jesus' birth (Lk 2:7)

The birth of the Savior (Lk 2:7)

3. The Circumcision (Lk 2:21)

The Holy Name of Jesus (Mt 1:25)

4. The prophesy of Simeon (Lk 2:34)

The effects of the Redemption (Lk 2:34)

5. The flight into Egypt (Mt 2:14)

The overthrow of the gods of Egypt (Is 19:1)

6. The return from Egypt (Mt 2:22)

Life with Jesus and Mary in Nazareth. (Lk 2:39)

7. The loss of the Child Jesus (Lk 2:45)

The finding of the Child Jesus (Lk 2:46) AMEN

On the 22nd we celebrate St. John Paul II, a Saint from our times. Dear St. (Pope) John Paul hears our prayers for our country and the world. You fought against oppression all your life and suffered much; your wonderful example of granting forgiveness stays with us as we remember you visiting the jail of Mehmet Ali Agca, the man who shot you, and granting him forgiveness. Pray for us, dear Saint.

Well, it's time to say so long for a month. May we never stop turning to Jesus for He is with us always.

A wise person advised me to live in the moment, he said "that's where God is."

Love,
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