

Audrey was an extraordinary little girl from Paris. When she was three years old, after a visit to the birthplace of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, she announced to her startled parents, "I want to enter the Carmel and offer my life to Jesus."

While still very little, Audrey disappeared from the crowd in church and her mother found her alone in an empty confessional gazing up at the crucifix. Just as she was about to scold the little girl, Audrey pointed to the crucifix and said, "Just looking at him, you love Him."

At the age of seven, Audrey was stricken with leukemia. Through painful chemotherapy, radiation, and even a bone marrow transplant, she remained cheerful, astonishing everyone with her faith. Through it all, Audrey offered her joy, her hope and her sufferings for vocations. Her faith did not go unnoticed and there were moments of exceptional grace. One was a private Mass with Pope John Paul II. He even spoke with her privately about the vocation of a particular young man she had been especially praying for, her uncle, McLean Cummings.

At the age of eight on August 22, 1991, the feast of Mary, Queen of Heaven, Audrey passed into eternity.

A prayer for Audrey's intercession:

O good Shepherd, who calls your sheep by name, feeds them, binds their wounds, and leads them to Eternal life, have mercy on us. Audrey strove to follow You as an innocent lamb, even to a share in your Son's sacrificial death. In this life she prayed for the sick, especially those with cancer. Heavenly Father, hear our prayers, made with trust in your kindness and mercy, and in the hope that Audrey prays for

us from the house of the Lord. May this illness work for the greater glory of God, ending in a full recovery, if you so desire, even should a miracle be required. We have no doubt that all is possible to you, and that nothing can be refused by you, to those who love you and ask you through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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