

## PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF SR. THEA BOWMAN

Ever loving God, who by your infinite goodness inflamed the heart  
of your servant and religious,  
Sister Thea Bowman  
with an ardent love for you and the People of God; a love expressed  
through her indomitable spirit, deep and abiding faith,  
dedicated teaching, exuberant singing, and unwavering witnessing  
of the joy of the Gospel.

Her prophetic witness continues to inspire us to  
share the Good News with those whom we encounter;  
most especially the poor, oppressed, and marginalized.

May Sister Thea's life and legacy compel us to walk together,  
to pray together, and to remain together as missionary disciples  
ushering in the new evangelization for the Church we love.  
Gracious God imbue us with the grace and perseverance that you  
gave your servant, Sister Thea.

For in turbulent times of racial injustice, she sought equity, peace,  
and reconciliation. In times of intolerance and ignorance, she  
brought wisdom, awareness, unity, and charity.

In times of pain, sickness, and suffering, she taught us how to  
live fully until called home to the land of promise.

If it be your Will, O God, glorify our beloved Sister Thea,  
by granting the favor I now request through her intercession  
(mention your request),

so that all may know of her goodness and holiness and may imitate  
her love for You and Your Church.

We ask this through Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.