## **Carmelite Institute of Britain and Ireland**

**Programme: Discovering Carmel** 

## Module DC46: Jessica Powers (1905-1988): From Farm-Child to Poet, to Carmel

This module is a brief outline of the life, and poems, of the American poet, Jessica Powers, who became a Discalced Carmelite, Sr. Miriam of the Holy Spirit, in 1941.

Tracing the origins of her call to Carmel, as reflected in her early poems, and her growing emphasis on the process of interior transformation that results from the human spirit's encounter with God, the module also outlines her life in Carmel, including her many years as Prioress of her monastery, and the growing recognition of the significance of her poetry.