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DAILY HIGHLIGHTS, MASS READING,DAILY SAINTS, PRAYERS...

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Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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The Kingdom of God Has Come near to You

Prayer for All Souls



Prayer of St. Gertrude the great dictated by Our Lady to release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it is said. The prayer was extend to include living sinners which would alleviate the indebtedness accrued to them during their lives.

“Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.”

St. Gertrude the Great was born in Germany in 1263. She was a Benedictine Nun, and meditated on the Passion of Christ, which many times brought floods of tears to her eyes. She did many penances, and Our Lady appeared to her many times. Her holy Soul passed away in 1334. November 16 is her Feast Day.



Abortion isn't a lesser evil, it's a crime. Taking one life to save another, that's what the Mafia does. It's a crime. It's an absolute evil.

Pope Francis

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Meditation:

What kind of harvest does the Lord want us to reap today for his kingdom? When Jesus commissioned seventy of his disciples to go on mission, he gave them a vision of a vast field that is ready to be harvested for the kingdom of God. Jesus frequently used the image of a harvest to convey the coming of God's reign on earth. The harvest is the fruition of much labor and growth - beginning with the sowing of seeds, then growth to maturity, and finally the reaping of fruit for the harvest.

God's word grows like a seed within us

In like manner, the word of God is sown in the hearts of receptive men and women who hear his word, accept it with trust and obedience, and then share the abundant fruit of God's word in their life with others. The harvest Jesus had in mind was not only the gathering in of the people of Israel, but all the peoples (and nations) of the world. John the Evangelist tells us that "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3: 16).

Be a sower of God's word of peace and mercy

What does Jesus mean when he says his disciples must be "lamb's in the midst of wolves"? The prophet Isaiah foretold a time when wolves and lambs will dwell in peace (Isaiah 11:6 and 65:25). This certainly refers to the second coming of the Lord Jesus when all will be united under the Lordship of Jesus after he has put down his enemies and established the reign of God over the heavens and the earth. In the meantime, the disciples must expect opposition and persecution from those who would oppose the Gospel. Jesus came to lay down his life for us, as our sacrificial lamb, to atone for our sins and the sins of the world. We, in turn, must be willing to offer our lives with gratitude and humble service for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are called to speak and witness in God's name

What is the significance of Jesus appointing seventy disciples to the ministry of the word? Seventy was a significant number in biblical times. Moses chose seventy elders to help him in the task of leading the people through the wilderness. The Jewish Sanhedrin, the governing council for the nation of Israel, was composed of seventy members. In Jesus' times seventy was held to be the number of nations throughout the world. Jesus commissioned the seventy to a two-fold task - to speak in his name and to act with his power.

Jesus gave his disciples instructions for how they were to carry out their ministry. They must go and serve as people without guile, full of charity (selfless giving in love) and peace, and simplicity. They must give their full attention to the proclamation of God's kingdom and not be diverted by other lesser things. They must travel light - only take what was essential and leave behind whatever would distract them - in order to concentrate on the task of speaking the word of the God. They must do their work, not for what they can get out of it, but for what they can give freely to others, without expecting reward or payment. "Poverty of spirit" frees us from greed and preoccupation with possessions and makes ample room for God's provision. The Lord Jesus wants his disciples to be dependent on him and not on themselves.

God gives us his life-giving word that we may have abundant life in him. He wills to work in and through each of us for his glory. God shares his word with us and he commissions us to speak it boldly and plainly to others. Do you witness the truth and joy of the Gospel by word and example to those around you?

Lord Jesus, may the joy and truth of the Gospel transform my life that I may witness it to those around me. Grant that I may spread your truth and merciful love wherever I go.

Reading 1

Neh 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12

The whole people gathered as one in the open space before the Water Gate, and they called upon Ezra the scribe to bring forth the book of the law of Moses which the LORD prescribed for Israel. On the first day of the seventh month, therefore, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak until midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand: and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it (for he was standing higher up than any of the people); and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. As the people remained in their places, Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!" And the Levites quieted all the people, saying, "Hush, for today is holy, and you must not be saddened." Then all the people went to eat and drink, to distribute portions, and to celebrate with great joy, for they understood the words that had been expounded to them.

Responsorial Psalm

19: 8, 9, 10, 11

R. (9ab) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.  
The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;  
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.  
R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.  
The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye:  
R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.  
The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;  
The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.  
R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.  
They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold:  
Sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.  
R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Alleluia  
Mk 1: 15  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
The Kingdom of God is at hand: repent and believe in the Gospel.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 10: 1-12

Jesus appointed seventy-two other disciples whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few: so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals: and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the Kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town."

Resources

- ♦ Importance of the Mass
- ♦ Mystical Stigmata
- ♦ What is Charismatic Renewal
- ♦ The Real Meaning of Christmas
- ♦ Why should I Confess?
- ♦ History & Devotion- Sacred Heart

Prayers ♦ Prayer

- ♦ Novena
- ♦ Holy Rosary
- ♦ Way of the Cross
- ♦ Holy Mass
- ♦ Bible
- ♦ Intercession Prayers & Other Prayers

Downloads

- ♦ Divine Songs - Malayalam
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The Bible in one year: SEPTEMBER

01 2 Chron 28–29, Hos 6, 1 Cor 4–5, Ps 103:17–22

02 2 Chron 30–31, Hos 7–8, 1 Cor 6, Ps 104:1–8

03 2 Chron 32–33, Hos 9, 1 Cor 7:1–20, Ps 104:9–15

04 2 Chron 34, Hos 10, 1 Cor 7:21–40, Ps 104:16–22

05 2 Chron 35–36, Hos 11–12, 1 Cor 8, Ps 104:23–29

06 Ezra 1:1–2:41, Hos 13–14, 1 Cor 9, Ps 104:30–35

07 Ezra 2:42–3:13, Joel 1, 1 Cor 10, Ps 105:1–8

08 Ezra 4–6, Joel 2:1–15, 1 Cor 11:1–16, Ps 105:9–15

09 Ezra 7, Joel 2:16–32, 1 Cor 11:17–34, Ps 105:16–22

10 Ezra 8–9, Joel 3, 1 Cor 12, Ps 105:23–29

11 Ezra 10, Amos 1, 1 Cor 13, Ps 105:30–36

12 Neh 1–3, Amos 2–3, 1 Cor 14:1–25, Ps 105:37–45

13 Neh 4–5, Amos 4, 1 Cor 14:26–40, Ps 106:1–5

14 Neh 6:1–7:36, Amos 5, 1 Cor 15:1–29, Ps 106:6–12

15 Neh 7:37–8:18, Amos 6, 1 Cor 15:30–58, Ps 106:13–20

16 Neh 9, Amos 7, 1 Cor 16, Ps 106:21–27

17 Neh 10, Amos 8–9, 2 Cor 1:1–12, Ps 106:28–34

18 Neh 11–12, Obad, 2 Cor 1:13–2:17, Ps 106:35–41

19 Neh 13, Jonah 1, 2 Cor 3, Ps 106:42–48

20 Tobit 1–3, Jonah 2–3, 2 Cor 4, Ps 107:1–7

21 Tobit 4–5, Jonah 4, 2 Cor 5, Ps 107:8–14

22 Tobit 6–8, Micah 1–2, 2 Cor 6, Ps 107:15–21

23 Tobit 9–11, Micah 3–4, 2 Cor 7:1–8:11, Ps 107:22–28

24 Tobit 12–14, Micah 5, 2 Cor 8:12–9:15, Ps 107:29–35

25 Jdth 1–2, Micah 6, 2 Cor 10, Ps 107:36–43

26 Jdth 3–5, Micah 7, 2 Cor 11:1–19, Ps 108:title–5

27 Jdth 6–7, Nah 1–2, 2 Cor 11:20–33, Ps 108:6–13

28 Jdth 8, Nah 3, 2 Cor 12–13, Ps 109:title–5


29 Jdth 9–11, Hab 1, Gal 1, Ps 109:6–12

30 Jdth 12–13, Hab 2, Gal 2, Ps 109:13–19



Today's Saints

St. Jerome



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Born to a rich pagan family, Jerome led a wild and misspent youth. Studied in Rome, Italy, and became a lawyer. He converted and joined the Church in theory, and was baptised in 365, but it was only when he began his study of theology that he had a true conversion and the faith became integral to his life.

He became a monk, then, needing isolation for his study of Scripture, he lived for years as a hermit in the Syrian deserts. There he is reported to have drawn a thorn from a lion's paw; the animal stayed loyally at his side for years.

Priest. Student of Saint Gregory of Nazianzen. Secretary to Pope Damasus I who commissioned Jerome to revise the Latin text of the Bible. The result was 30 years of work which we know as the Vulgate translation, the standard Latin version for over a millenia, and which is still in use today.

Friend and teacher of Saint Paula, Saint Marcella, and Saint Eustochium, an association that led to so much gossip that Jerome left Rome to return to desert solitude. He lived his last 34 years in the Holy Land as a semi-recluse, writing and translating works of history, biography, the writings of Origen, and much more. Doctor of the Church and Father of the Church. Since his own time, he has been associated in the popular mind with scrolls, writing, cataloging, translating, which led to those who work in such fields taking him as their patron – a man who knew their lives and problems.

Born: 347 at Strido, Dalmatia

Died: • 419 of natural causes• interred in Bethlehem• relics at the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome, Italy

Patronage: • archeologists• archivists• Bible scholars• librarians; libraries• schoolchildren; students• translators• Saint-Jérôme, Québec, city of• Saint-Jérôme, Québec, diocese of• Taos Indian Pueblo

St. Francis Borgia

Born to the nobility, the great-grandson of Pope Alexander VI; grandson of King Ferdinand of Aragon; son of Duke Juan Borgia. Raised in the court of King Charles V and educated at Saragossa, Spain. Married Eleanor de Castro in 1529, and the father of eight children. Accompanied Charles on his expedition to Africa, 1535, and to Provence, 1536. Viceroy of Catalonia, 1539-1543. Duke of Gandia, 1543-1550. Widower in 1546.

Friend and advisor of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Joined the Jesuits in 1548. Ordained in 1551. Notable preacher. Given charge of the Jesuit missions in the East and West Indies. Commissary-general of the Jesuits in Spain in 1560. General of the Jesuits in 1565. Under his generalship the Society established its missions in Florida, New Spain and Peru, and greatly developed its internal structures. Concerned that Jesuits were in danger of getting too involved in their work at the expense of their spiritual growth, he introduced their daily hour-long meditation. His changes and revitalization of the Society led to him being sometimes called the "Second Founder of the Society of Jesus". He worked with Pope Saint Pius V and Saint Charles Borromeo in the Counter-Reformation.


Born: 28 October 1510 at Gandia, Valencia, Spain

Died: • 30 September 1572 at Ferrara, Italy• relics translated to the Jesuit church in Madrid, Spain in 1901

Canonized: 20 June 1670 by Pope Clement X in Rome, Italy

Patronage: • against earthquakes• Portugal• Rota, Marianas

St. Gregory the Illuminator



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Gregory's father Anak killed King Khosrov I of Armenia, and young Gregory was sent to Caesarea to avoid being killed in revenge. There he married, and was the father of two sons.

Bishop of Ashtishat, Armenia where he became a hugely successful evangelist. Helped free Armenia from Persian rule. Miracle worker. Captured on his return to his native land, he was held prisoner and tortured for 13 years by the son of King Khosrov.

Gregory's example led to the conversion of Khosrov to Christianity, and together they evangelized and converted most of Armenia.

Born: 257, possibly in Parthia

Died: 332 of natural causes

Patronage: Armenia

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