



3 O' Clock Prayer
The Hour of Great Mercy
Prayers from the diary of
Saint Faustina

You died, Jesus, but the
source of life gushed forth
for souls and the ocean of
mercy opened up for the
whole world.

O Fountain of Life,
unfathomable Divine
Mercy, envelop the whole
world and empty Yourself
out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which
gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus as a
fountain of mercy for us, I
trust in You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy on us and on
the whole world. (3 times)

JESUS, King of mercy, I
trust in You!

Amen.



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 indebted-
ness 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 16th 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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Daily Highlights, Mass Readings, Daily Saints, Prayers...

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Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading: Gn 2:18-25 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Gospel: Mk 7:24-30	Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading: Ephesians 6:10-17 Gospel: Mark 9:33-37	Syro-Malankara Rite 1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 Gospel: John 10:11-18
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Meditation: A Gentile's Faith
Soon a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, a Syrophoenician by birth, and she begged him to drive the demon out of her daughter. Mark 7:25-26

A parent's love is powerful. And the woman in this story clearly loves her daughter. It is that love that drives this mother to seek out Jesus in the hope that He will free her daughter from the demon who possessed her. Interestingly, this woman was not of the Jewish faith. She was a Gentile, a foreigner, but her faith was very real and very deep.

When Jesus first encountered this woman, she begged Him to free her daughter from the demon. Jesus' response was at first surprising. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first. For it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." In other words, Jesus was saying that His mission was first to the people of Israel, the chosen people of the Jewish faith. They were the "children" of whom Jesus was speaking, and the Gentiles, such as this woman, were the ones referred to as "the dogs." Jesus spoke this way to this woman not out of rudeness but because He could see her deep faith, and He wanted to give her an opportunity to manifest that faith for all to see. And so she did.

The woman responded to Jesus, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's scraps." Her words were not only exceptionally humble but were also based on deep faith and a deep love for her daughter. As a result, Jesus responds with generosity and immediately frees her daughter from the demon.

In our own lives, it's easy to fall into the trap of thinking we deserve the mercy of God. We can think that we have a right to God's grace. And even though Jesus deeply desires to pour forth His grace and mercy in superabundance on our lives, it is essential that we fully understand our unworthiness before Him. The disposition of this woman's heart sets for us a perfect example of how we must come to our Lord.

Reflect, today, upon the beautiful example of this woman of deep faith. Prayerfully read her words over and over. Try to understand her humility, her hope, and her love for her daughter. As you do, pray that you will be able to imitate her goodness so as to share in the blessings she and her daughter received.

My merciful Lord, I trust in Your perfect love for me and for all peoples. I pray especially for those who carry heavy burdens and for those whose lives are deeply intertwined with evil. Please set them free, dear Lord, and welcome them into Your family so that they become true children of Your Father. May I have the humility and faith I need to help bring forth this abundance of grace for others. Jesus, I trust in You.

Reading 1: Gn 2:18-25
The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, yet they felt no shame.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
R. (see 1a) Blessed are those who fear the Lord.
Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

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The Bible in one year:
February

- 01 Gen 50, Isa 33, Matt 21:1-16, Ps 18:26-32
- 02 Exod 1-3, Isa 34, Matt 21:17-46, Ps 18:33-39
- 03 Exod 4-5, Isa 35, Matt 22:1-13, Ps 18:40-46
- 04 Exod 6, Isa 36, Matt 22:14-35, Ps 18:47-50
- 05 Exod 7-8, Isa 37:1-27, Matt 22:36-23:11, Ps 19:title-9
- 06 Exod 9-10, Isa 37:28-38, Matt 23:12-39, Ps 19:10-14
- 07 Exod 11:1-12:25, Isa 38-39, Matt 24:1-15, Ps 20
- 08 Exod 12:26-13:22, Isa 40:1-20, Matt 24:16-37, Ps 21:title-5
- 09 Exod 14-15, Isa 40:21-31, Matt 24:38-51, Ps 21:6-13
- 10 Exod 16, Isa 41, Matt 25:1-30, Ps 22:title-5
- 11 Exod 17-18, Isa 42, Matt 25:31-46, Ps 22:6-13
- 12 Exod 19-20, Isa 43:1-15, Matt 26:1-27, Ps 22:14-20
- 13 Exod 21:1-22:1, Exod 22:4, Exod 22:2-31, Isa 43:16-28, Matt 26:28-49, Ps 22:21-27
- 14 Exod 23, Isa 44, Matt 26:50-75, Ps 22:28-31
- 15 Exod 24-25, Isa 45, Matt 27:1-18, Ps 23
- 16 Exod 26, Isa 46, Matt 27:19-40, Ps 24
- 17 Exod 27-28, Isa 47, Matt 27:41-66, Ps 25:title-5
- 18 Exod 29, Isa 48, Matt 28, Ps 25:6-12
- 19 Exod 30, Isa 49, Mark 1:1-19, Ps 25:13-22
- 20 Exod 31-32, Isa 50, Mark 1:20-45, Ps 26:title-3
- 21 Exod 33-34, Isa 51, Mark 2, Ps 26:4-12
- 22 Exod 35, Isa 52-53, Mark 3:1-11, Ps 27:title-4
- 23 Exod 36, Isa 54, Mark 3:12-35, Ps 27:5-14
- 24 Exod 37-38, Isa 55-56, Mark 4:1-20, Ps 28:title-3
- 25 Exod 39, Isa 57, Mark 4:21-41, Ps 28:4-9
- 26 Exod 40, Isa 58, Mark 5:1-23, Ps 29:title-7
- 27 Lev 1-3, Isa 59, Mark 5:24-43, Ps 29:8-11
- 28 Lev 4-5, Isa 60, Mark 6:1-23, Ps 30

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R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; Your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.
Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Alleluia
R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mk Mk 7:24-30
Jesus went to the district of Tyre. He entered a house and wanted no one to know about it, but he could not escape notice. Soon a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him.

She came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by birth, and she begged him to drive the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first. For it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She replied and said to him, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's scraps." Then he said to her, "For saying this, you may go. The demon has gone out of your daughter." When the woman went home, she found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.



Today's Saints



Saint Miguel Febres Cordero Muñoz
Also known as Francisco Luis Febres Cordero Muñoz, Michael Febres Cordero, Miguel of Ecuador

Born to a prominent family, he had an unknown disability, and was unable to stand until age five when he received a vision of Our Lady. At age eight he was miraculously protected from being mauled by a wild bull. In 1863, at age nine, he enrolled in a school run by the Christian Brothers, an Order which had only recently come to Ecuador. Miguel joined the Brothers on 24 March 1868 at age 13. School teacher at El Cebollar School in Quito, a position he held for 32 years. A gentle, dedicated, and enthusiastic teacher. Wrote his own textbooks, the first at age 17; some were adopted by the government, and used throughout the country. Wrote odes, hymns, discourses on teaching methods, plays, inspirational works, and retreat manuals. Elected to the Ecuadoran Academy of Letters in 1892, followed soon after by the Academies of Spain, France, and Venezuela. Conducted religious retreats, and prepared children for their First Communion. Novice director for his house from 1901 to 1904. Sent to Europe in 1905 to translate texts from French to Spanish for use by the Order; worked primarily in Belgium. His health began to fail in 1908, and he was transferred to the school near Barcelona, Spain. He continued to work, but slowly, his health continued to fail, and he died there in 1910. In addition to being a religious role model, Miguel is considered a national hero in Ecuador for his success in so many worthwhile areas.

Born: 7 November 1854 at Cuenca, Ecuador
Died: 9 February 1910 of pneumonia at Premia del Mar, Spain, and buried there, grave disturbed during the Spanish Civil War, and his body found incorrupt, re-interred in Quito, Ecuador, his tomb has become a pilgrimage site
Canonized: 21 October 1984 by Pope John Paul II



Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich
Born to poor but pious peasants. She was a very pious child who suffered with poor health, but who received visions and prophecies; they were so common that she thought all children could see the Child Jesus and the souls in Purgatory. She was able to diagnose illness and recommend cures, and to see a person's sins. She worked on her family's and other area farms, as a seamstress, and as a servant to a poor organist where she studied the instrument. Entered the Augustinian convent at Agnetenberg, Dülmen, Germany in 1802. Though her health was poor, her enthusiasm for the religious life was great, and she either energized her sisters, or put them off badly. Given to going into religious ecstasies in church, her cell, or while working. The convent was closed by government order in 1812, and Anne moved in with a poor widow. Her health failed, and instead of working as a servant, in 1813 she became a patient. Her visions and prophecies increased, and later that year she received the stigmata with wounds on her hands and feet, her head from the crown of thorns, and crosses on her chest, and the gift of inedia, living off nothing but Holy Communion for the rest of her life. She tried to hide the wounds, but word leaked out, and her vicar-general instituted a lengthy and detailed investigation; it was determined to be genuine. In 1818 she was relieved of the stigmata. In 1819 the government opened their own investigation. She was imprisoned, threatened, cajoled, and kept under 24-hour-a-day surveillance. The commission found no evidence either way, could not get Anne to change her story, eventually gave up, and failed to publish their findings. When they were forced to report, they declared the incident a fraud, but could not explain why they thought so, or why they had not published their findings. The poet Klemens Brentano visited Anne. She announced that she had seen Brentano in a vision, and that he was to make a written record of the revelations that she received. He made notes of the messages, translating from Anne's Westphalian dialect to common German, getting Anne to confirm his version. In 1833 these were published as The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the Meditations of Anne Catherine Emmerich. This was followed in 1852 by The Life of The Blessed Virgin Mary, and a three-volume Life of Our Lord from 1858 to 1880. While many such revelatory works deal with spirituality and ideas, these are very much straightforward narratives and descriptions of events, yet have been the source of encouragement for many. Her Cause for Canonization formally introduced on 14 November 1892. Due to accusations about her vow of chastity, the investigation was halted on 30 November 1928. However, the accusations were proven false, and the investigation resumed on 18 May 1973.

Born: 8 September 1774 at Flamsche, diocese of Münster, Westphalia, Germany
Died: 9 February 1824 at Dülmen, Germany, due to rumours that her body had been stolen, her grave was opened six weeks after her death, the body was found incorrupt, relics translated to Holy Cross Church, Dülmen, Germany on 15 February 1975
Beatified: 3 October 2004 by Pope John Paul II, decree of beatification miracle promulgated on 7 July 2003.



Saint Laureatus of Rome
Lifelong layman in the archdiocese of Guadalajara. Active member of the Catholic Association of Mexican Youth. Member of the Archconfraternity of the Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Association of tradesmen in his parish. He grew up helping his father in the family's leather tannery, and was a baseball fan. Married to Elvira Camarena Méndez on 6 January 1926, they had a son named Gilberto. On 9 February 1928, in the persecutions of the Mexican Revolution, troops were ordered to arrest Luis as a Cristero, that is, a Christian who fought against the government; his home town of Arandas was a hotbed of resistance. He was away when the soldiers came to his house, so the troops arrested his brother. When he learned of this, Luis turned himself in, his brother was freed, and Luis was immediately sentenced to death. Martyr. Elvira was pregnant at the time, and their daughter, Maria Luisa, was born after the death of her father.
Born: 24 August 1902 in Arandas, Jalisco, Mexico
Died: shot by firing squad at 3pm on 9 February 1928 in Arandas, Jalisco, Mexico
Beatified: 20 November 2005 by Pope Benedict XVI

