



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 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 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.**

Mission of Jesus



Daily Highlights, Mass Readings, Daily Saints, Prayers...

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Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite

1st Reading:

Acts 13:26-33

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab

Gospel: Jn 14:1-6

Syro-Malabar Rite

1st Reading:

[Ephesians 5:13-21](#)

Gospel: [Mark 6:35-44](#)

Syro-Malankara Rite

1st Reading:

[Romans 6:12-14](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 20:29-34](#)

Meditation: The One Who Receives Me

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." John 14:1

In John's Gospel, Chapters 14-17 present us with what is referred to as Jesus' "Last Supper Discourses," or His "Final Discourses." These are a series of sermons given by our Lord to the disciples the night He was arrested. These discourses are deep and filled with symbolic imagery. He speaks of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the vine and the branches, the world's hatred, and these discourses conclude with Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. These discourses begin with today's Gospel in which Jesus addresses the coming fear, or troubled hearts, that He knows His disciples will experience.

Let's begin by considering this first line spoken by Jesus above: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." This is a command. It's a gentle command but a command nonetheless. Jesus knew that His disciples would soon see Him arrested, falsely accused, mocked, beaten and killed. He knew they would be overwhelmed by what they would soon experience, so He took this opportunity to gently and lovingly rebuke the fear that they would soon face.

Fear can come from many different sources. Some fear is helpful to us, such as the fear present in a dangerous situation. In this case, that fear can heighten our awareness of the danger so that we proceed with caution. But the fear that Jesus was speaking of here was of a different kind. It was a fear that could lead to irrational decisions, confusion, and even despair. This was the kind of fear that our Lord wanted to gently rebuke.

What is it that causes you to fear at times? Many people struggle with anxiety, worry, and fear for many different reasons. If this is something you struggle with, it's important to allow Jesus' words to resonate within your mind and heart. The best way to overcome fear is to rebuke it at its source. Hear Jesus say to you, "Do not let your heart be troubled." Then listen to His second command: "You have faith in God; have faith also in me." Faith in God is the cure for fear. When we have faith, we are under the control of the voice of God. It is God's truth that directs us rather than the difficulty we are facing. Fear can lead to irrational thinking, and irrational thinking can lead us deeper and deeper into confusion. Faith pierces through the irrationality we are tempted with, and the truths that faith presents to us bring clarity and strength.

Reflect, today, upon whatever it is that causes you the most anxiety, worry and fear in your life. Allow Jesus to speak to you, to call you to faith and to rebuke those troubles gently but firmly. When you have faith in God, you can endure all things. Jesus endured the Cross. The disciples eventually endured their crosses. God wants to strengthen you, too. Let Him speak to you so that you will overcome whatever is most troublesome to your heart.

My loving Shepherd, You know all things. You know my heart and the difficulties I face in life. Give me the courage I need, dear Lord, to face every temptation to fear with confidence and trust in You. Bring clarity to my mind and peace to my troubled heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

1st Reading: Acts 13:26-33

When Paul came to Antioch in Pisidia, he said in the synagogue: "My brothers, children of the family of Abraham, and those others among you who are God-fearing, to us this word of salvation has been sent. The inhabitants of Jerusalem and their leaders failed to recognize him, and by condemning him they fulfilled the oracles of the prophets that are read sabbath after sabbath. For even though they found no grounds for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him put to death, and when they had accomplished all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and placed him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. These are now his witnesses before the people. We ourselves are proclaiming this good news to you that what God promised our fathers he has brought to fulfillment for us, their children, by raising up Jesus, as it

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is written in the second psalm, You are my Son; this day I have begotten you."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab

R. (7bc) You are my Son; this day I have begotten you. or: R. Alleluia.

"I myself have set up my king on Zion, my holy mountain." I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; this day I have begotten you."

R. You are my Son; this day I have begotten you. or: R. Alleluia.

"Ask of me and I will give you the nations for an inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. You shall rule them with an iron rod; you shall shatter them like an earthen dish."

R. You are my Son; this day I have begotten you. or: R. Alleluia.

And now, O kings, give heed; take warning, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice before him; with trembling rejoice.

R. You are my Son; this day I have begotten you. or: R. Alleluia.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way and the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father except through me. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Jn 14:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Today's Saints



Saint Angelus of Jerusalem

Also known as Angelus of Sicily, Angelus the Carmelite, Angelo

Angelus' parents were 12th century Jewish converts. At age 18, Angelus and his twin brother joined a group of hermits who formed the first Carmelite house. He was sent to evangelize in Sicily, met with great success in converting some Sicilian Jews, and great hatred from others, especially around Palermo and Leocata. Murdered by thugs in the employ of Count Berengarius, a man whose incestuous relationship Angelus had denounced.

Born: 1145 at Jerusalem

Died: stabbed to death in 1220 at Licata, Sicily, Italy, relics transferred in to the Carmelite church at Licata Patronage Licata, Italy.



Saint Irene of Lecce

Also known as Erina, Eiréne

The daughter of a wealthy, pagan named Licinius, her father considered Irene so beautiful and such a desirable marriage that he kept her locked in a tower with 13 guards. She received instruction in Christianity directly from God, was baptized by Saint Timothy, and when her father brought idols to the tower for her to worship, Irene would smash them. To punish her refusal of paganism, Licinius tied Irene behind a horse so it would drag her to death; she was miraculously unharmed, and the horse bit Licinius, giving him an injury that festered and killed him. However, Irene prayed for her father who was then brought back to life. Licinius converted, the father and daughter teamed up as evangelists and converted thousands of pagans. This angered the anti-Christian governor Ampelio who captured, imprisoned and tortured Irene, and ordered her to renounce her faith; she refused. Martyr. Details of time and place are absent in the earliest version of her story, but later retellings add them, change them, move her from place to place, increase the number of pagans converted, link her to many, many miracle stories, and eventually place her martyrdom in Persia just as Constantine the Great is born.

Died beheaded

Canonized: Pre-Congregation, there have been churches dedicated to her in Constantinople since the 5th century

Patronage: Altamura, Italy.



Saint Godehard of Hildesheim

Also known as Godehard the Bishop, Godard, Gothard, Gottardo, Gotthard, Godehardus

Additional Memorial 2nd Sunday in May (Bene Vagienna, Italy)

Raised around Churchman, Godehard's father worked for the canons of Niederaltaich. Godehard joined the canons, and became their provost. Helped reintroduce the Benedictine Rule at Niederaltaich, which then sent abbots to Tegernsee, Hersfeld and Kremsmunster to revive the Benedictine Rule. Bishop of Hildesheim, Germany in 1022.

Born: c.960 in Bavaria (in modern Germany)

Died: 4 May 1038 of natural causes, relics translated in 1132

Canonized 1131 by Pope Innocent II

Patronage: against birth pains, against childhood sicknesses, against danger at sea, against dropsy, against fever, against gout, against hailstorms, travelling merchants, Bene Vagienna, Italy, diocese of Hildesheim, Germany.

