



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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

1 Tm 3:14-16

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Syro-Malabar Rite

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 24:29-36](#)

Syro-Malankara Rite

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

[John 17:6-16](#)

Gospel:

[John 17:16-23](#)

Gospel: Lk 7:11-17

Meditation: A Well-Ordered Soul

"We played the flute for you, but you did not dance. We sang a dirge, but you did not weep." John the Baptist came neither eating food nor drinking wine, and you said, 'He is possessed by a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking and you said, 'Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is vindicated by all her children." Luke 7:32-35

Ecclesiastes 3 is a very popular reading for funerals. It says, "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to give birth, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant...A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance." This reading is consoling to those who are mourning at a funeral because life is filled with many different emotions and experiences. When those at a funeral think about their loved one, they will recall both the good times and the bad, the sorrows and the joys. Doing so helps remind them that even though the funeral is a time of sorrow, joys will follow in the future. This is the natural rhythm of life.

In our Gospel today, Jesus challenged those who failed to have the proper human response at the right time. "We played the flute for you, but you did not dance. We sang a dirge, but you did not weep." The image of playing a flute and singing a dirge and the subsequent failure to dance and weep reveals a certain disconnect that many people had to John the Baptist and to Jesus Himself during their ministries. In commenting upon this passage, Saint Augustine says that John the Baptist's preaching was like a dirge that called people to the "weeping" of repentance. However, when he preached, there were many who failed to respond with the appropriate repentance. When Jesus came, He preached and gave witness to the new life of grace that He came to bestow. Though some listened and responded to Him, there were many who did not. Jesus' message was like the music of the flute that was to inspire people to "dance." But many failed to respond with the joy that they were invited to experience and live through His transforming message and grace.

There is, indeed, an appointed time for everything and for every affair under Heaven. The mission we have been given is to be attentive to that which God is speaking to us at each and every moment of our lives. At times we must "weep" by looking at our sins honestly, experience the horror of those sins, and passionately reject them. At other times we will "dance" when God invites us into His consoling grace and asks us to see clearly His merciful love. At those moments we are invited to be deeply grateful and to express that gratitude with our whole souls.

Reflect, today, upon the calling you have been given to live in a well-ordered way. Do so by considering how attentive you are to the people around you. Does the attentiveness of your charity help you to see the hurt within the hearts of those who are suffering? Are you compelled to offer them a compassionate ear and merciful heart? When others are experiencing the joys of life, are you able to share that joy with them? Can you do so fully, without jealousy or envy of any kind? When God inspires you to some act of conversion and bestows some grace, do you listen and promptly obey, responding in the most appropriate way? Our souls must become sensitive to the promptings of grace and must respond accordingly. Seek to have a well-ordered soul so that you will live and experience the life that God places before you each day in accord with His perfect will.

Lord, Your soul was perfectly ordered, always responding to the will of the Father with perfection. You were firm when love demanded it, courageous in the face of hardship, merciful to the repentant sinner, and joyful at the conversion of all. Please help me to always be attentive to the promptings of Your grace and to always respond to You in the way I am called. Jesus, I trust in You.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Tm 3:14-16

Beloved: I am writing you, although I hope to visit you soon. But if I should be delayed, you should know how to behave in the household of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of truth.

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The Bible in one year:

September

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Undeniably great is the mystery of devotion, Who was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed to the Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6**  
**R. (2) How great are the works of the Lord!**

I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart in the company and assembly of the just. Great are the works of the LORD, exquisite in all their delights.

**R. How great are the works of the Lord!**

Majesty and glory are his work, and his justice endures forever. He has won renown for his wondrous deeds; gracious and merciful is the LORD.

**R. How great are the works of the Lord!**

He has given food to those who fear him; he will forever be mindful of his covenant. He has made known to his people the power of his works, giving them the inheritance of the nations.

**R. How great are the works of the Lord!**

**Alleluia**

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life, you have the words of everlasting life. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel: Lk 7:31-35**

Jesus said to the crowds: "To what shall I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? They are like children who sit in the marketplace and call to one another, 'We played the flute for you, but you did not dance. We sang a dirge, but you did not weep.' For John the Baptist came neither eating food nor drinking wine, and you said, 'He is possessed by a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking and you said, 'Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

**Today's Saints**



**Saint Eustachius**

Also known as Eustace, Placidus

Pagan Roman general in the army of the emperor Trajan. Converted to Christianity following a hunting trip during which he saw a glowing cross between the antlers of a stag, after which he received a prophecy that he would suffer for Christ. He was baptized with his wife, Saint Theopistes of Rome and two sons, Saint Agapitus of Rome and Saint Theopistus of Rome, and given the name Eustachius. Denounced as a Christian, he lost his property, was reduced to abject poverty, and Roman authorities took his wife and children. However, being a capable general, he was recalled to duty by Trajan to help repel barbarians from Rome, which he did. He and his family were reunited with the expectation they would sacrifice to idols in thanks for a military victory. When they refused, an enraged Hadrian ordered them thrown to the lions; the big cats played like kittens around them, so they were martyred together by being burned in a bronze bull. Eustachius is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers.

**Born:** as Placidus

**Died:** cooked to death in a bronze bull in 188 in Rome, Italy

**Patronage:** difficult situations, fire prevention; against fire, firefighters, hunters, huntsmen, hunting, torture victims; against torture, trappers, diocese of Altamura-Gravina-Acquaviva delle Fonti, Italy, Madrid, Spain, Poli, Italy.



**Saint Andrew Kim Taegon**

Also known as Andrew Kim, Andreas Kim Tae-Gon, Andeurea Gim Dae-Geon

Born to the Korean nobility; his parents were converts to Christianity, and his father was martyred. Andrew was baptized at age 15, then travelled 1,300 miles to the nearest seminary in Macao, China. He became the first native Korean priest, and the first priest to die for the faith in Korea. Leader of the Martyrs of Korea.

**Born:** 21 August 1821, Solmoi, Chungcheong-do, South Korea

**Died:** tortured and beheaded on 16 September 1846 at Saenamteo, Seoul, Korea

**Canonized:** 6 May 1984 by Pope John Paul II

**Patronage:** Korean clergy.



**Saint Paul Chong Hasang**

Son of Yak Jong Church who was martyred in 1801 in the persecution of Shin-Yu, an attack on the faith that killed all the clergy in the country. Son of Saint Yu Cecilia; brother of Saint Jung Hye. Paul, though a layman, reunited the scattered Christians, and encouraged them to keep their faith and live their faith. He wrote the Sang-Je-Sang-Su which explained to the Korean government why the Church was no threat to them. He crossed into China nine times, working as a servant to the Korean diplomatic corps. There he worked to get the bishop of Beijing to send more priests to Korea. He pleaded directly to Rome for help, and on 9 September 1831, Pope Gregory X proclaimed the validity of the Korean Catholic diocese. When the clergy began to return, Paul entered the seminary. However, he died in the Gi Hye persecution of 1839 before he could be ordained. One of the great founders of the Catholic Church in Korea.

Born 1795 in Korea

Died martyred on 22 September 1839

Canonized 6 May 1984 by Pope John Paul II.



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