



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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## Mission of Jesus



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

Wednesday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time, Volume 167, September 27, 2023.

Today's Bible Readings

**Latin Rite**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**  
Ezr 9:5-9

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Tobit 13:2, 3-4a,  
4befghn, 7-8

**Gospel:** Lk 8:16-18

**Syro-Malabar Rite**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**  
[1 Corinthians 1:26-31](#)

**Gospel:**  
[Matthew 9:35-38](#)

**Syro-Malankara Rite**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**  
[1 Corinthians 1:26-31](#)

**Gospel:**  
[Matthew 25:31-40](#)

#### Meditation: Authority Over demons

Jesus summoned the Twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. Luke 9:1-2

This is the first time that Jesus sends His Apostles out on a mission. On this mission, He is preparing them for their ultimate mission, which will come at the time of Pentecost, after Jesus dies, rises and ascends to Heaven. But for now, Jesus commissions these Apostles to do three things: to cast out demons, heal the sick and proclaim the Kingdom of God.

Just like the Apostles, we are called to combat the devil and his demons. They are fallen angels who retain their natural powers, and they use those natural powers to try to deceive us, oppress us and, in some cases, even possess us. But demons are powerless in the face of God, and God gives us spiritual authority over them. And though there are some who are given the unique ministry of exorcism within the Church, all of us do have spiritual authority over demons, especially over their natural spiritual attacks of temptations.

We combat demons primarily by revealing their lies and bringing them to light. Saint Ignatius of Loyola, in his spiritual classic The Spiritual Exercises, explains to us some of the ordinary tactics these demons use and how we overcome them. He says that for those steeped in a life of serious sin, the demons continually place before their mind the lie that their sins are enjoyable and rewarding, so that they will continue to choose them. And for those who are striving for holiness, these demons try to discourage them in their deepening conversion. They "bite, sadden and put obstacles, disquieting with false reasons, that one may not go on" (Rule 2). The way to overcome these temptations is by turning to the truth. First, by realizing that the false "pleasures" of sin are just that: false, fleeting and ultimately demeaning. Furthermore, we overcome these temptations by receiving from God "courage and strength, consolations, tears, inspirations and quiet, easing, and putting away all obstacles." In other words, we overcome the demons by allowing God to strengthen us, clear our thinking, dispel all false obstacles on the road to holiness and by receiving the abundant consolations that God bestows as help on the journey.

Reflect, today, upon the fact that our Lord wants to minister to you in this threefold way. If you can work to overcome the obstacles put in your path by these demons, then you are in a good position to share in the other two missions given to the Apostles. You will be able to experience mental, emotional and spiritual healing in your life, and you will be able to allow the Kingdom of God to grow strong and powerful within your own soul. From there, you will be sent on a mission by our Lord to bring these graces to others in need.

My all-powerful Lord, You have authority over evil, the power to heal and offer all the gifts of eternal salvation. Help me to be open to the ways that You desire to come to me. Please free me from the attacks of the evil one, bring healing and hope, and bring forth the abundance of Your glorious Kingdom in my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezr 9:5-9

At the time of the evening sacrifice, I, Ezra, rose in my wretchedness, and with cloak and mantle torn I fell on my knees, stretching out my hands to the LORD, my God. I said: "My God, I am too ashamed and confounded to raise my face to you, O my God, for our wicked deeds are heaped up above our heads and our guilt reaches up to heaven. From the time of our fathers even to this day great has been our guilt, and for our wicked deeds we have been delivered up, we and our kings and our priests, to the will of the kings of foreign lands, to the sword, to captivity, to pillage, and to disgrace, as is the case today. "And now, but a short time ago, mercy came to us from the LORD, our God, who left us a remnant and gave us a stake in his holy place; thus our God has brightened our eyes and given us relief in our servitude. For slaves we are, but in our servitude our God has not abandoned us; rather, he has turned the good will of the kings of Persia toward us. Thus he has given us new life to raise again the house of our

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God and restore its ruins, and has granted us a fence in Judah and Jerusalem.”

**Responsorial Psalm: Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8**  
**R. (1b) Blessed be God, who lives for ever.**

He scourges and then has mercy; he casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss. No one can escape his hand.

**R. Blessed be God, who lives for ever.**

Praise him, you children of Israel, before the Gentiles, for though he has scattered you among them, he has shown you his greatness even there.

**R. Blessed be God, who lives for ever.**

So now consider what he has done for you, and praise him with full voice. Bless the Lord of righteousness, and exalt the King of ages.

**R. Blessed be God, who lives for ever.**

In the land of my exile I praise him and show his power and majesty to a sinful nation.

**R. Blessed be God, who lives for ever.**

Bless the Lord, all you his chosen ones, and may all of you praise his majesty. Celebrate days of gladness, and give him praise.

**R. Blessed be God, who lives for ever.**

**Alleluia**

R. Alleluia, alleluia. The Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel: Lk 8:16-18**

Jesus said to the crowd: "No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed; rather, he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible, and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light. Take care, then, how you hear. To anyone who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he seems to have will be taken away."

**Today's Saints**



**Saint Vincent de Paul**

Born to a peasant family. A highly intelligent youth, Vincent spent four years with the Franciscan friars at Acq, France getting an education. Tutor to children of a gentlemen in Acq. He began divinity studies in 1596 at the University of Toulouse. Ordained at age 20. Taken captive by Turkish pirates to Tunis, and sold into slavery. Freed in 1607 when he converted one of his owners to Christianity. Returning to France, he served as parish priest near Paris where he started organizations to help the poor, nursed the sick, found jobs for the unemployed, etc. Chaplain at the court of Henry IV of France. With Louise de Marillac, founded the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity. Instituted the Congregation of Priests of the Mission (Lazarists). Worked always for the poor, the enslaved, the abandoned, the ignored, the pariahs.

**Born:** 24 April 1581 near Ranquine, Gascony near Dax, southwest France, the town is now known as Saint-Vincent-de-Paul, Landes, France

**Died:** 27 September 1660 at Paris, France of natural causes, body found incorrupt when exhumed in 1712, body defleshed by a flood; skeleton encased in a wax effigy in the house of the Vincentian fathers in Paris, heart incorrupt; displayed in a reliquary in the chapel of the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity in Paris

**Beatified:** 13 August 1729 by Pope Benedict XIII Canonized 16 June 1737 by Pope Clement XII

**Patronage:** lepers; against leprosy, charities; charitable societies (given on 12 May 1885 by Pope Leo XIII), charitable workers; volunteers, horses, hospital workers, hospitals, lost articles, prisoners, for spiritual help, Madagascar, Brothers of Charity, Richmond, Virginia, diocese of Saint Vincent de Paul Societies, Sisters of Charity, Vincentian Service Corps.



**Saint Elzéar**

Also known as Eleazarus

Born to the nobility. Nephew of William of Sabron, abbot of Saint Victor's abbey, Marseilles, France, where Elzéar was educated. Franciscan tertiary. Married to Saint Delphina at age 16, with whom he lived chastely the rest of his life. Count of Ariano in Naples, Italy upon his father's death. Uncle and godfather of Pope Urban V. Tutor to the son of King Robert of Naples in 1317. Diplomat for King Robert. Died while on a trip to arrange a marriage for Prince Charles. Known especially for his happy, loving, Christian marriage and his deep personal prayer life.

**Born:** 1285 at Ansouis, Provence, France

**Died:** 27 September 1323 in Paris, France of natural causes, buried next to Blessed Delphine at Apt, France

**Canonized:** 1369 by Pope Urban V

**Patronage:** tertiaries, Ariano Irpino-Lacedonia, Italy.



**Saint Bonifilius of Foligno**

Born to the nobility. Benedictine monk and then abbot of Santa Maria di Storaco Abbey where he was known for his knowledge of the scriptures. Priest. Noted and popular preacher. Bishop of Foligno, Italy in 1078. Pilgrim and Crusader to the Holy Lands from 1096 to 1104, after which he retired from his see to return to life as a monk. His biography was written by Saint Sylvester Guzzolini.

**Born:** 1040 in Osimo, Italy

**Died:** 1125 of natural causes.

