



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...

Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent, Volume 170, December 19, 2023.

Today's Bible Readings

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1st Reading:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17

Syro-Malabar Rite
1st Reading:

[2 Corinthians 3:1-11](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 11:7-15](#)

Syro-Malankara Rite
1st Reading:

[Galatians 4:8-11](#)

Gospel:

[John 5:30-40](#)

Gospel: Lk 1:5-25

Meditation: It's Time to Change

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' The son said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards he changed his mind and went. Matthew 21:28-29

This Gospel passage above is the first part of a two-part story. The first son says he will not go work in the vineyard but changes his mind and goes. The second son says he will go but does not go. Which son are you most like?

Of course, the ideal would be to have said "Yes" to the father and then actually have followed through. But Jesus tells this story to contrast the "prostitutes and tax collectors" with the "chief priests and elders." Many of these religious leaders of the time were good at saying the right thing, but they failed to act in accord with the will of God. By contrast, the sinners of the age were not always ready to agree at first, but many of them eventually listened to the message of repentance and changed their ways.

So, again, which group are you most like? It's humbling to admit that we often struggle, especially at first, with embracing all that God asks of us. His commands are radical and require a tremendous amount of integrity and goodness to embrace. For that reason, there are many things we at first refuse to embrace. For example, the act of forgiving another is not always immediately easy. Or making the immediate commitment to daily prayer can be challenging. Or choosing any form of virtue over vice may not come to us without difficulty.

One message of incredible mercy that our Lord reveals to us through this passage is that, as long as we live, it's never too late to change. Deep down we all know what God wants of us. The problem is that we often allow our confused reasoning or disordered passions to hinder our absolute, immediate and wholehearted response to the will of God. But if we can keep in mind that even the "prostitutes and tax collectors" eventually came around, we will be encouraged to eventually change our ways.

Reflect, today, upon that part of the will of God that is most difficult for you to immediately and wholeheartedly embrace and do. What do you find yourself saying "No" to, at least at first. Resolve to build an interior habit of saying "Yes" to our Lord and following through with His will in every way.

Precious Lord, give me the grace I need to respond to every prompting of grace in my life. Help me to say "Yes" to You and to follow through with my actions. As I see more clearly the ways I have refused Your grace, give me courage and strength to change so as to more fully conform to Your perfect plan for my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

1st Reading: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; As king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The LORD our justice." Therefore, the days will come, says the LORD, when they shall no longer say, "As the LORD lives, who brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt"; but rather, "As the LORD lives, who brought the descendants of the house of Israel up from the land of the north"- and from all the lands to which I banished them; they shall again live on their own land.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17

R. (see 8) My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety, for you are my rock and my fortress. O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.

R. My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!

For you are my hope, O LORD; my trust, O God, from my youth. On you I depend from birth; from my mother's womb you are my strength.

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R. My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!

I will treat of the mighty works of the LORD; O God, I will tell of your singular justice. O God, you have taught me from my youth, and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.

R. My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay! R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Lk 1:5-25

In the days of Herod, King of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah of the priestly division of Abijah; his wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both were righteous in the eyes of God, observing all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren and both were advanced in years. Once when he was serving as priest in his division's turn before God, according to the practice of the priestly service, he was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to burn incense. Then, when the whole assembly of the people was praying outside at the hour of the incense offering, the angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right of the altar of incense. Zechariah was troubled by what he saw, and fear came upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He will drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb, and he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord." Then Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel said to him in reply, "I am Gabriel, who stand before God. I was sent to speak to you and to announce to you this good news. But now you will be speechless and unable to talk until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at their proper time." Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and were amazed that he stayed so long in the sanctuary. But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He was gesturing to them but remained mute. Then, when his days of ministry were completed, he went home. After this time his wife Elizabeth conceived, and she went into seclusion for five months, saying, "So has the Lord done for me at a time when he has seen fit to take away my disgrace before others."

Today's Saints



Pope Saint Anastasius I

All that is known of his early life is that he was considered pious as a youth, and cared nothing for material things as an adult. Pope. Immediately involved in the turmoil resulting from the heretical writings of Origen. Convened a synod to condemn the works. Fought against the heresy of Donatism. Friend of Saint Augustine of Hippo, Saint Jerome, and Saint Paulinus of Nola.

Born: 4th century in Rome, Italy

Papal Ascension: 27 November 399

Died: 402 of natural causes



Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Also known as Bernard of Clairvaux, Bernard of Clairvaux, Bernhard, Berard, Bernardo, Berardo Profile Born to the nobility; brother of Blessed Colomba of Mount Brancastello. Benedictine monk at Monte Cassino abbey. Priest Bishop of Teramo, Italy in 1115. Known as a zealous reformer, evangelist, and for his charity.

Born: c.1050 in the castle of Pagliara near Castelli, Isola del Gran Sasso, Teramo, Abruzzo, Italy

Died: 19 December 1122 of natural causes, buried in the chapel of Saint Anne in the Old Cathedral of Teramo, Italy,

relics transferred to the new cathedral in 1174, relics transferred to a chapel devoted to Saint Bernard in 1776

Patronage: Teramo, Italy, city of Teramo, Italy.



Pope Blessed Urban V

Also known as Guillaume de Grimoard, Urbanus V

Born to the nobility, one of four children of Guillaume de Grimoard, Lord of Bellegarde, and of Amphélise de Montferrand; his brother later became a cardinal and papal legate. Guillaume became a Benedictine monk at the priory of Chirac, France in 1327. Priest, ordained at the Chirac monastery in 1334. He studied literature and law in Montpellier, France, and then law at the University of Toulouse, France. He received a doctorate in Canon Law on 31 October 1342, and was known as one of the most learned men of his day. Appointed prior of Nôtre-Dame du Pré in the diocese of Auxerre, France by Pope Clement VI. Abbot of Saint-Germain en Auxerre monastery on 13 February 1352. Benedictine Procurator-General at the Papal court. Taught canon law in Montpellier, in Paris and in Avignon, France. Vicar-general of the diocese of Clermont, France c.1350. Vicar-general of the diocese of Uzès, France in 1357. Served as papal legate in Italy several times. Abbot of the abbey of Saint Victor in Marseilles, France from August 1361 to 1362. Advisor to Pope Innocent VI. Apostolic Nuncio in Italy. Sixth of the Avignon Popes; he took the name Urban saying that "all the popes who have borne this name were saints". As pope he eschewed the pomp of the throne, and continued to live by the Benedictine Rule, which led to opposition from courtiers who preferred a more regal life in court. He cut tithes in half, supported students, clerical training, seminaries and colleges, worked to reunite Latin and Greek Christians, fought the heresies of the day, built churches and monasteries, restored many that had fallen on hard times or fallen away from discipline. He fought absentee bishops, bishops of multiple dioceses, and simony, founded a university in Hungary, restored the medical school in Montpellier, and approved the establishment of the University of Krakow. He preached crusade against the Turks in 1363, but little came of it as many of the leaders died of natural causes before troops could be put into the field. Urged by Saint Bridget of Sweden and by Saint Catherine of Siena to return the papacy to Rome, he moved his court back to Rome, entering the city on 16 October 1367, the first pope to do so in 60 years. He was met by jubilant Romans and clergy. He re-discovered relics of Saint Peter and Saint Paul the Apostle in the papal chapel of the Lateran basilica when he prepared to say Mass there on 1 March 1368; they were later placed and new reliquaries and enshrined. However, outbreaks of plague and violence in the city led him to return to France, arriving there on 24 September 1370. He fell ill soon after, and his remaining weeks were ones of physical decline.

Born: 1310 Grizac Castle, Languedoc, France as Guillaume de Grimoard

Papal Ascension: elected on 28 September 1362, consecrated on 6 November 1362

Died: 19 December 1370 at Avignon, Papal States (in modern France) of natural causes, interred in the chapel of John XXII in the cathedral of Sainte Marie de Doms in Avignon, relics moved to the abbey church of Saint-Victor in Marseille, France on 31 May 1371 where they were interred in a tomb Urban built for himself

Beatified: Cause opened by Pope Gregory XI, and many miracles were documented through Urban's intervention, but the process ground to a halt when the papacy returned to Rome, Italy, and the Cause of an Avignon Pope was a low priority, 10 March 1870 by Pope Pius IX (cultus confirmation).



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