

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

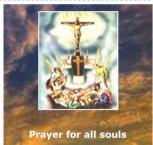
You died, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

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!



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 16<sup>th</sup> is her Féast 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.** 

## We dedicate this website to the Generous Heart of Mother Mary



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

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Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading: 1 Jn 2:12-17 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Gospel: Lk 2:36-40

Syro-Malabar Rite
1st Reading:
1 Corinthians 1:4-9

Romans 15:7-13

Gospel:

Svro-Malankara Rite

1st Reading:

**Gospel:** Gospel: Luke 2:36-40 Matthew 3:7-12

## **Meditation: A Unique and Sacred Calling**

There was a prophetess, Anna...She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. Luke 2:36–38

We all have a unique and sacred calling given to us from God. Each one of us is called to fulfill that calling with generosity and wholehearted commitment. As the famous prayer of Saint John Henry Newman puts it:

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons...

Anna, the prophetess, was given a very unique, one-of-a-kind mission. When she was young, she was married for seven years. Then after losing her husband, she remained a widow until she was eighty-four. During those decades of her life, the Scripture reveals that "She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer." What an incredible calling from God!

Anna's unique calling was to be a prophetess. She fulfilled this calling by allowing her whole life to be a symbol of the Christian vocation. Her life was spent in prayer, fasting and, most especially, in anticipation. God called her to wait, year after year, decade after decade, for the one and definitive moment of her life: her encounter with the Christ Child in the Temple.

Anna's prophetic life tells us that we each must live our lives in such a way that our ultimate goal is to continually prepare for the moment when we meet our divine Lord in the Temple of Heaven. Unlike Anna, most are not called to literal fasting and prayer every day all day within the church buildings. But like Anna, we must all foster an interior life of ongoing prayer and penance, and we must direct all of our actions in life to the praise and glory of God and the salvation of our souls. Though the way this universal vocation is lived out will be unique to each and every person, Anna's life is nonetheless a symbolic prophecy of every vocation.

Reflect, today, upon how well you imitate this holy woman in your own life. Do you foster an interior life of prayer and penance and daily seek to devote yourself to the glory of God and the salvation of your soul? Evaluate your life this day in light of the wonderful prophetic life of Anna that we are given to ponder.

Lord, I thank You for the powerful witness of the prophetess Anna. May her lifelong devotion to You, a life of continual prayer and sacrifice, be a model and inspiration for me and for all who follow You. I pray that You daily reveal to me the unique way in which I am called to live out my vocation to total dedication to You. Jesus, I trust in You.

## 1st Reading: 1 Jn 2:12-17

I am writing to you, children, because your sins have been forgiven for his name's sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have conquered the Evil One. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong and the word of God remains in you, and you have conquered the Evil One. Do not love the world or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, sensual lust, enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life, is not from the Father but is from the world. Yet the world and its enticement are passing away. But whoever does the will of God remains forever.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10
R. (11a) Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!
Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and

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praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name!

R. Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

Bring gifts, and enter his courts; worship the LORD in holy attire. Tremble before him, all the earth.

R. Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

Say among the nations: The LORD is king. He has made the world firm, not to be moved; he governs the peoples with equity.

R. Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

### Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel: Lk 2:36-40

There was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.



## Saint Egwin of Worcester

Also known as Egwin of Evesham, Ecgwin, Ecgwine, Eegwine, Egvino, Egwinus

Additional Memorials 10 September (translation of his relics), 11 January (translation of his relics)

English nobility, and the descendant of Mercian kings. Consecrated to God in his youth. Benedictine monk. Bishop of Worcester, England from 692 to 711. There was a need in his diocese for some reform, but Egwin let it get out of hand, and he was charged with being too severe with his priests. To answer the charges, give everyone a chance to cool off, and show his repentance for any harm done, he made a penitial pilgrimage to Rome. Legend says that he locked his feet in shackles and threw the key into the River Avon; when he arrived in Rome the key was miraculously found in the belly of a fish he bought in the market. Founded the Benedictine monastery of Evesham, England; the site was chosen because of an apparition of the Virgin Mary to a local herdsman. It became one of the great Benedictine houses of the Middle Ages.

**Born:** 7th century England **Died:** 30 December 717 of natural causes, buried at the monastery at Evesham, England, relics translated for veneration in 1039, relics translated again in 1077 when they were taken on tour throughout the region which drew enough donations to rebuild the monastery church.



## Pope Saint Felix I

Son of Constantius; little else is known of his early life. Chosen 26th pope in 269. Believed to have given sanction to the ancient practice of celebrating anniversary Masses at the graves of martyrs. First to condemn the heresy spread by Paul of Samosata which taught that Christ was a mere man used as a puppet by God. Suffered through the persecutions of Aurelian, working personally to bring non-Christians to the faith. Some old records indicate that he was a martyr, the reason for his inclusion on early calendars of the saints, but they were apparently in error, confusing him with another Felix of the era.

Born: in Rome, Italy Papal Ascension: 269

Died: 274.



# Saint Anysia of Salonika

Also known as Anysia of Thessalonica

Born to a wealthy and pious family, Anysia lived private vows of chastity and poverty, praying and using her wealth to help the poor. One day a Roman soldier accosted her as she was on her way to services. When he discovered she was a Christian, possibly she crossed herself in fear, he beat her, and said was going to drag her to a pagan temple and force her to make a sacrifice. When he tore off the veil she habitually wore as a sign of her chastity, she spit in his face; he murdered her.

Born: in Salonika, Thessaly, Greece

**Died:** stabbed with a sword on 30 December 304.





