

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.** 

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

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Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading: Is 55:10-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** PS 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19

Gospel: Mt 6:7-15

Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading:

James 5:1-6

**Gospel:** Luke 18:18-30

Syro-Malankara Rite 1st Reading:

Isaiah 33:1-6

Gospel:

Matthew 16:24-28

# Meditation: Praying the Our Father

Jesus said to his disciples: "In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. Matthew 6:7-8 Recall that Jesus used to go off by Himself at times and spend the whole night in prayer. Thus, it's clear that Jesus is in favor of long and sincere times of prayer, since He gave us His own example as a lesson. But there is clearly a difference between that which our Lord did all night and that which He criticized the pagans for doing when they "babble" with many words. After this criticism of the prayer of the pagans, Jesus gives us the "Our Father" prayer as a model for our personal prayer. The Our Father prayer begins by addressing God in a deeply personal way. That is, God is not just an all-powerful cosmic being. He is personal, familial—He is our Father. Jesus continues the prayer by instructing us to honor our Father by proclaiming His holiness, His hallowedness. God and God alone is the Holy One from which all holiness of life derives. As we acknowledge the holiness of the Father, we must also acknowledge Him as King and seek His Kingship for our lives and for the world. This is accomplished only when His perfect will is done "on earth as it is in Heaven." This perfect prayer concludes by acknowledging that God is the source of all of our daily needs, including the forgiveness of our sins and protection from all evil. Upon the completion of this prayer of perfection, Jesus provides a context in which this and every prayer must be prayed. He says, "If you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions." Prayer will only be effective if we allow it to change us and make us more like the Father in Heaven. Therefore, if we want our prayer of forgiveness to be effective, then we must live what we pray for. We must also forgive others so that God will forgive us. Reflect, today, upon this perfect prayer, the Our Father. One temptation is that we can become so familiar with this prayer that we gloss over its true meaning. If that happens, then we will find that we are praying it more like the pagans who simply babble the words. But if we humbly and sincerely understand and mean every word, then we can be certain that our prayer will become more like that of our Lord's. Saint Ignatius of Loyola recommends pondering every word of that prayer very slowly, one word at a time. Try to pray this way, today, and allow the Our Father to move from babbling to authentic communication with the Father in Heaven

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen. Jesus, I trust in You.

#### 1st Reading: Is 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down And do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, Giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

# Responsorial Psalm: PS 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 R. (18b) From all their distress God rescues the just.

Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

# R. From all their distress God rescues the just.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

#### R. From all their distress God rescues the just.

The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry. The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

## R. From all their distress God rescues the just.

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

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#### Verse Before the Gospel

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

#### Gospel: Mt 6:7-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "This is how you are to pray: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. "If you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions."

#### Today's Saints



#### Saint Eleutherius of Tournai

Also known as Eleuthere, Eleuterio, Lehire

Born to the Gallo-Roman nobility, the son of Blanda and Serenus, a family that converted to Christianity after hearing the preaching of Saint Plato; his father donated the land on which the cathedral of Notre-Dame of Tournai was built. Eletutherius was a friend of, and student with, Saint Medard of Noyon. Priest. Bishop of Tournai in modern Belgium in 486, consecrated by Saint Remigius of Rheims. As bishop, he endlessly evangelized the Franks in the Tournai region, and fought the spread of Arianism and Pelagianism; he called a synod in 520 to oppose these heresies. He made three pilgrimages to Rome, Italy. During the trip in 501, Pope Symmachus presented him with relics from Saint Stephen the Martyr and Saint Mary of Egypt; back in the Tounai they became renowned for the healing miracles that happened around them. Martyred by a band of Arian heretics.

Born: 456 at Tournai, western Belgium

**Died:** beaten in 532 while leaving his church in Tournai, western Belgium; he survived a couple of days, but died directly from these injuries, funeral oration and Mass conducted by Saint Medard of Noyon, relics re-discovered in 897 in Blandain, Belgium, relics transferred to Tournai in the mid-11th century, relics re-enshrined in a silver reliquary in the cathedral at Tournai in 1247, relics transferred to Douai, France in the 16th century to prevent their destruction by Huguenots; they were returned to Tournai at the end of the religious wars, relics hidden in a private residence in Tournai to prevent their destruction by anti-Christian persecutions of the French Revolution; they were returned to the cathedral in 1802.



### Saint Eucherius of Orléans

Also known as Euchaire, Eucher, Eucherio

Born to the nobility, Eucherius was a very pious in youth, and highly educated; legend says that his pregnant mother had a dream of an angel who told her that her unborn son would be a holy bishop, and blessed them both. He took the cowl in Jumièges, Normandy, France in 714. When his uncle Suaveric, bishop of Orléans, France, died, the clergy and faithful asked for Eucherius as his replacement. Eucherius fought the appointment, but finally agreed c.721. He was an active, evangelizing bishop who often visited the monasteries in his diocese. When Charles Martel confiscated Church property to finance his war against the Saracens, Eucherius protested. After his victory, Martel exiled the reluctant bishop to Cologne, Germany. There he was greeted enthusiastically, even receiving the position of distributor of the governor's alms. He was then exiled to Hesbaye in modern Belgium where he retired to the monastery of Sint-Truiden.

Born: at Orléans, France

**Died:** 20 February 743 at the monastery of Sint-Tuiden in Belgium of natural causes, relics enshrined on 11 August 880, relics re-enshrined on 11 August 1169.



#### Saint Leo of Catania

Also known as Leo the Wonderworker, Leo the Thaumaturge

Learned priest in Ravenna, Italy, and then in Reggio Calabria, Italy. Bishop of Catania, Italy; legend says that an angel appeared in dreams to the people in Catania to point them to Leo. He fought to suppress blasphemous magicians that people in his diocese saw as an alternative to the Church. Leo opposed the iconoclasm ordered by the Byzantine Empire; the governor of Sicily ordered his arrest for this stance, and the bishop spent time in the mountains in exile, living as a cave hermit. Known always for his care for the poor.

Born: 720 in Ravenna, Italy

Died: 20 February 789 of Etna, Italy natural causes

Patronage: Longi, Sicily, Italy, Rometta, Sicily, Italy, Saracena, Sicily, Italy, Sinagra, Sicily, Italy.







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