

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

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I

e mercy on us and whole world. (3 t



Prayer of St. Gertrude the

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus in union with the Masses said throughout 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 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



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 absolute evil. **Pope Francis.** It's an

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Daily Highlights, Mass Readings, Daily Saints, Prayers.

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Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11 **Responsorial Psalm:** 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2nd Reading: 2 Tm

Gospel: Mt 16:13-19

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Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

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Syro-Malankara Rite Mt 16:13-20; Gen 12:1-8; Prov 13:1-9 Dan 1:1-9; Isa 43:1-7; Acts 12:6-19; 2 Tim 4:6-10: Jn 21:15-19

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Meditation: Touched by Grace

Jesus entered the house of Peter, and saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand, the fever left her, and she rose and waited on him. Matthew 8:14–15 How do we properly respond to the action of God in our lives? In the passage above, we are given the witness of Peter's mother-in-law to answer that question. It should be noted that Jesus was on a continual mission of healing. In fact, before arriving at the house of Peter, Jesus had just healed a centurion's servant. When the centurion came to Jesus stating that he was not even worthy to have Him enter his house, Jesus saw the centurion's faith and healed his servant from a distance. After arriving at the house of Peter, we are told that many people brought to Jesus those who were possessed by demons, and Jesus healed them all. But between the healing of the servant and the healings of the many, another healing occurred. The response to this healing sets for us a wonderful example. Peter's mother-in-law was ill and in bed with a fever. It's unclear just how ill she was, but the fact remains that she was ill to the point of being in bed. Notice, first, that Jesus was not even asked to heal her. Rather, He "saw" her ill and in bed, approached her of His own choosing, "touched her hand," and she was healed. Within the same sentence describing Jesus' healing, we are told that "she rose and waited on him." First of all, "she rose." This should be seen as a symbolic depiction of what we must do when we are touched by grace. The grace of God, when it is given to us, must have the effect of causing us to rise. We rise from sin when we confess that sin and receive forgiveness, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We rise up every time God enters our lives to give us direction, clarity and hope. To rise is to be strengthened to dispel the burden that sin and confusion causes. We rise in strength, renewed and determined to go about the will of God. After this woman rose, she "waited" on Jesus. This is the reason we rise up when touched by grace. We are not given God's grace so that we can go back to our sin, or pursue our own ventures, or do our own will. We rise so that we can serve our Lord and His holy will. In a sense, Jesus' actions in our lives impose upon us a holy burden. But it is a burden that is light. It's an obligation to serve and give ourselves to our Lord to attend to Him, His holy will, and to all that He calls us to do. Reflect, today, upon this threefold action of the Gospel. See Jesus approaching you and touching you in your prayer. Know that He comes to you not only because you pray to Him but out of His own initiative when He sees you will respond. Then consider your response. Rise from that which keeps you down. Let God's grace free you from the burdens you carry. And as He grants you this grace, determine to wait on Him and to serve His will alone. The service of our Lord is what we are made for, and doing so will enable us to continually receive His grace through His touch of love.

My merciful Jesus, You continually come to me, approaching me to reach out and touch me with Your grace. You desire my healing and strengthening every day. Help me to be open to all that You wish to bestow and please free me from all that keeps me down. May I rise up in service of You and Your holy will so that Your Kingdom may be built up more fully through me. Jesus, I trust in You.

1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11

In those days, King Herod laid hands upon some members of the Church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also. -It was the feast of Unleavened Bread.- He had him taken into custody and put in prison under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. He intended to bring him before the people after Passover. Peter thus was being kept in prison, but prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God on his behalf. On the very night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter, secured by double chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while outside the door guards kept watch on the prison. Suddenly the angel of the Lord stood by him and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying, "Get up quickly." The chains fell from his wrists. The angel said to him, "Put on your belt and your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Put on your cloak and follow me." So he followed him out, not realizing that what was happening

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through the angel was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first guard, then the second, and came to the iron gate leading out to the city, which opened for them by itself. They emerged and made their way down an alley, and suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter recovered his senses and said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting."

Responsorial Psalm: 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (5) The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

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. The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

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. The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Taste and see how good the LORD is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

R. The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

2nd Reading: 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

I, Paul, am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 16:13-19

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Today's Saints



Saint Paul the Apostle

Also known as Apostle Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles, Paul of Tarsus, Saul of Tarsus Memorials, 25 January (celebration of his conversion), 16 February (Saint Paul Shipwrecked), 29 June (celebration of Saint Peter and Saint Paul as cofounders of the Church), 18 November (feast of the dedication of the Basilicas of Peter and Paul)

Jewish Talmudic student. Pharisee. Tent-maker by trade. Saul the Jew hated and persecuted Christians as heretical, even assisting at the stoning of Saint Stephen the Martyr. On his way to Damascus, Syria, to arrest another group of faithful, he was knocked to the ground, struck blind by a heavenly light, and given the message that in persecuting Christians, he was persecuting Christ. The experience had a profound spiritual effect on him, causing his conversion to Christianity. He was baptized, changed his name to Paul to reflect his new persona, and began travelling, preaching and teaching. His letters to the churches he help found form a large percentage of the New Testament. Knew and worked with many of the earliest saints and fathers of the Church. Martyr.

Born: c.3 at Tarsus, Cilicia (modern Turkey) as Saul

Died: beheaded c.65 at Rome, Italy

Patronage: against hailstorms, against snake bites, against snakes, Catholic Action, Cursillo movement, lay people, authors, writers, evangelists, journalists, reporters, missionary bishops, musicians, newspaper editorial staff, public relations personnel and work, publishers, rope braiders and makers, saddle makers; saddlers, tent makers, Malta, Bath Abbey, England, 16 dioceses, 28 cities.



Saint Peter the Apostle

Also known as Cephas, First Pope, Keipha, Kepha, Pre-eminent Apostle, Prince of the Apostles, Shimon Bar-Yonah, Shimon Ben-Yonah, Simon, Simon bar Jonah, Simon ben Jonah, Simon Peter Memorials, 29 June (feast of Peter and Paul as founders of the Church), 22 February (feast of the Chair of Peter, emblematic of the world unity of the Church), 1 August (Saint Peter in Chains), 18 November (feast of the dedication of the Basilicas of Peter and Paul)

Professional fisherman. Brother of Saint Andrew the Apostle, the man who led him to Christ. Apostle. Renamed "Peter" (rock) by Jesus to indicate that Peter would be the rock-like foundation on which the Church would be built. Bishop. First Pope. Miracle worker.

Born: c.1 in Bethsaida as Simon

Died: martyred c.64 in Rome, Italy, crucified head downward because he claimed he was not worthy to die in the same manner as Christ Name Meaning rock

Patronage: Universal Church, against fever, against foot problems, against frenzy, bakers, bridge builders, butchers, clock makers, cobblers, shoe makers, fishermen, harvesters, locksmiths, longevity, net makers, papacy, popes, ship builders, shipwrights, stone masons, watch makers, Isle of Guernsey, Exeter College, Oxford, England, 17 dioceses, 46 cities, 3 abbeys.



Saint Paulus Wu Anju

Also known as Baolu

Married layman in the apostolic vicariate of Southeastern Zhili, China. Father of Saint Ioannes Baptista Wu Mantang; uncle of Saint Paulus Wu Wanshu. Martyred in the Boxer Rebellion.

Born c.1838 in Xihetou, Shenzhou, Hebei, China

Died 29 June 1900 in Xiaoluyi, Shenzhou, Hebei, China

Canonized 1 October 2000 by Pope John Paul II.





