



**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 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 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.**

**Mission of Jesus**



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

Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time, August 20, 2024, Volume 178.

**Today's Bible Readings**

**Latin Rite**

**1st Reading:**

Ez 28:1-10

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Deuteronomy 32:26-27AB, 27CD-28, 30, 35CD-36AB

**Gospel:** Mt 19:23-30

**Syro-Malabar Rite**

**1st Reading:**

[2 Pt 1:1-11](#)

**Gospel:** [Lk 12:13-21](#)

**Syro-Malankara Rite**

[2 Cor 13:11-13; Mt 6:22-23](#)

**Meditation: Who Can Enter the Kingdom of Heaven?**

Was Jesus really against wealth (Matthew 19:23)? And why did he issue such a strong warning to the rich (as well as to the rest of us who desire to be rich)? We know that Jesus was not opposed to wealth per se, nor was he opposed to the wealthy. He had many friends who were well-to-do, including some notorious tax collectors! One even became an apostle! Jesus' warning reiterated the wisdom of the Old Testament: "Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is perverse in his ways" (Proverbs 28:6; see also Psalm 37:16). "Do not wear yourself out to get rich; be wise enough to desist" (Proverbs 23:4).

We are all poor beggars in need of God

Jesus seems to say that it is nearly impossible for the rich to live as citizens of God's kingdom. The camel was regarded as the largest animal known by the Jews where Jesus lived and taught. The "eye of the needle" could be interpreted quite literally or it could figuratively describe the narrow and low gate of the city walls which was used by travelers when the larger public gate was locked at night. Normal sized people had to "lower" themselves to enter that gate. A camel would literally have to kneel and crawl through it. Until we humbly kneel before the Lord and acknowledge our total need and dependence on him, we will not find true peace, security, and happiness that can sustain us now and forever. Only God alone can satisfy our deepest need and longing. Augustine of Hippo reminds us that we are all poor beggars of God.

Possessions can create false security and independence

Why is Jesus so cautious about wealth? Wealth can make us falsely independent. The church at Laodicea was warned about their attitude towards wealth and a false sense of security: "For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing" (Revelations 3:17). Wealth can also lead us into hurtful desires and selfishness (see 1 Timothy 6:9-10). Look at the lesson Jesus gave about the rich man and his sons who refused to aid the poor man Lazarus (see Luke 16:19ff). They neglected to serve God. Only those who put their trust in God and who depend on him, and who share what they have with those in need, will find true peace, security, and happiness which lead to everlasting life and joy in God's kingdom. Where is your treasure? The Scriptures give us a paradox - we lose what we keep and we gain what we give away. Generosity will be amply repaid, both in this life and in the age to come (Proverbs 3:9-10, Luke 6:38). Jesus offers us an incomparable treasure which no money can buy and no thief can steal. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. Material wealth will shackle us, like a bound slave, to this earth unless we guard our heart and set our treasure in God and his kingdom of everlasting life and joy.

Where is your treasure?

Lord Jesus, you have captured our hearts and opened to us the treasures of heaven. May you always be my treasure and delight and may nothing else keep me from giving you my all.

**1st Reading: Ez 28:1-10**

The word of the LORD came to me: Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre: Thus says the Lord GOD: Because you are haughty of heart, you say, "A god am I! I occupy a godly throne in the heart of the sea!"— And yet you are a man, and not a god, however you may think yourself like a god. Oh yes, you are wiser than Daniel, there is no secret that is beyond you. By your wisdom and your intelligence you have made riches for yourself; You have put gold and silver into your treasuries. By your great wisdom applied to your trading you have heaped up your riches; your heart has grown haughty from your riches— therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because you have thought yourself to have the mind of a god, Therefore I will bring against you foreigners, the most barbarous of nations. They shall draw their swords against your beautiful wisdom, they shall run them through your splendid apparel. They shall thrust you down to the pit, there to die a bloodied corpse, in the heart of the sea. Will you then say, "I am a god!" when you face your murderers? No, you are man, not a god, handed over to those who will slay you. You shall die the death of the uncircumcised at

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**The Bible in one year:**

**August**

- 01 1 Chron 1, Ezek 48:13ñ35, Acts 24, Ps 89:28ñ34
- 02 1 Chron 2, Dan 1, Acts 25:1ñ13, Ps 89:35ñ41
- 03 1 Chron 3ñ4, Dan 2:1ñ16, Acts 25:14ñ27, Ps 89:42ñ48
- 04 1 Chron 5, Dan 2:17ñ37, Acts 26, Ps 89:49ñ52
- 05 1 Chron 6, Dan 2:38ñ49, Acts 27:1ñ20, Ps 90:titleñ9
- 06 1 Chron 7, Dan 3:1ñ23, Acts 27:21ñ44, Ps 90:10ñ17
- 07 1 Chron 8, Song of Three 1ñ25, Acts 28:1ñ19, Ps 91:1ñ6
- 08 1 Chron 9, Song of Three 26ñ45, Acts 28:20ñ31, Ps 91:7ñ16
- 09 1 Chron 10ñ11, Song of Three 46ñ68, Rom 1, Ps 92:titleñ3
- 10 1 Chron 12, Dan 3:24ñ30, Rom 2, Ps 92:4ñ10
- 11 1 Chron 13ñ15, Dan 4, Rom 3:1ñ14, Ps 92:11ñ15
- 12 1 Chron 16, Dan 5:1ñ14, Rom 3:15ñ31, Ps 93:1ñ94:5
- 13 1 Chron 17ñ18, Dan 5:15ñ31, Rom 4, Ps 94:6ñ12
- 14 1 Chron 19ñ21, Dan 6, Rom 5, Ps 94:13ñ19
- 15 1 Chron 22ñ23, Dan 7:1ñ15, Rom 6, Ps 94:20ñ23
- 16 1 Chron 24, Dan 7:16ñ28, Rom 7, Ps 95
- 17 1 Chron 25ñ26, Dan 8, Rom 8:1ñ20, Ps 96:1ñ6
- 18 1 Chron 27, Dan 9, Rom 8:21ñ39, Ps 96:7ñ13
- 19 1 Chron 28ñ29, Dan 10, Rom 9, Ps 97:1ñ7
- 20 2 Chron 1ñ3, Dan 11:1ñ13, Rom 10, Ps 97:8ñ12
- 21 2 Chron 4ñ5, Dan 11:14ñ33, Rom 11:1ñ14, Ps 98
- 22 2 Chron 6ñ7, Dan 11:34ñ12:13, Rom 11:15ñ36, Ps 99
- 23 2 Chron 8ñ9, Dan 13:1ñ15, Rom 12, Ps 100
- 24 2 Chron 10ñ11, Dan 13:16ñ36, Rom 13, Ps 101:titleñ4
- 25 2 Chron 12ñ14, Dan 13:37ñ64, Rom 14, Ps 101:5ñ8
- 26 2 Chron 15ñ17, Dan 14:1ñ12, Rom 15, Ps 102:titleñ9
- 27 2 Chron 18ñ19, Dan 14:13ñ42, Rom 16, Ps 102:10ñ16
- 28 2 Chron 20, Hos 1, 1 Cor 1:1ñ13, Ps 102:17ñ23
- 29 2 Chron 21ñ23, Hos 2, 1 Cor 1:14ñ31, Ps 102:24ñ28
- 30 2 Chron 24ñ25, Hos 3ñ4, 1 Cor 2, Ps 103:titleñ9
- 31 2 Chron 26ñ27, Hos 5, 1 Cor 3, Ps 103:10ñ16

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the hands of foreigners, for I have spoken, says the Lord GOD.

**Responsorial Psalm: Deuteronomy 32:26-27AB, 27CD-28, 30, 35CD-36AB**

**R. (39c) It is I who deal death and give life.**

"I would have said, 'I will make an end of them and blot out their name from men's memories,' Had I not feared the insolence of their enemies, feared that these foes would mistakenly boast."

**R. It is I who deal death and give life.**

"Our own hand won the victory; the LORD had nothing to do with it." For they are a people devoid of reason, having no understanding.

**R. It is I who deal death and give life.**

"How could one man rout a thousand, or two men put ten thousand to flight, Unless it was because their Rock sold them and the LORD delivered them up?"

**R. It is I who deal death and give life.**

Close at hand is the day of their disaster, and their doom is rushing upon them! Surely, the LORD shall do justice for his people; on his servants he shall have pity.

**R. It is I who deal death and give life.**

**Alleluia**

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ became poor although he was rich so that by his poverty you might become rich. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel: Mt 19:23-30**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Amen, I say to you, it will be hard for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of heaven. Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and said, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For men this is impossible, but for God all things are possible." Then Peter said to him in reply, "We have given up everything and followed you. What will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you that you who have followed me, in the new age, when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory, will yourselves sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

**Today's Saints**



**Saint Bernard of Clairvaux**

Also known as Mellifluous Doctor of the Church, Last of the Fathers of the Holy Church

Born to the French nobility; brother of Saint Humbeline. At age 22, fearing the ways of the world, he, four of his brothers, and 25 friends joined the abbey of Citeaux; his father and another brother joined soon after. Benedictine. Founded and led the monastery of Clairvaux which soon had over 700 monks and eventually 160 daughter houses. Revised and reformed the Cistercians. Advisor to, and admonisher of, King Louis the Fat and King Louis the Young. Attended the Second Lateran Council. Fought Albigensianism. Helped end the schism of anti-Pope Anacletus II. Preached in France, Italy, and Germany. Helped organize the Second Crusade. Friend and biographer of Saint Malachy O'More. Spiritual advisor to Pope Eugene III, who had originally been one of his monks. First Cistercian monk placed on the calendar of saints. Proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius VIII. Every morning Bernard would ask himself, "Why have I come here?", and then remind himself of his main duty - to lead a holy life.

**Born:** 1090 at Fontaines-les-Dijon, Burgundy, France

**Died:** 20 August 1153 at Clairvaux Abbey, Ville-sous-la-Ferté, Aube, France Canonized 1170 by Pope Alexander III

**Patronage:** beekeepers, bees, Burgundy, France, candlemakers, chandlers, Cistercian Order, Cistercians, Gibraltar, Knights Templar, Queens College, Cambridge, England, Speyer Cathedral, wax-melters, wax refiners.



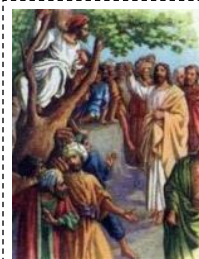
**Saint Maria de Mattias**

Born to a pious and educated upper class family. Though women of her day were forbidden a formal education, she learned to read and write, and much about her faith at home from her father. Being an upper class girl of the time, she grew up isolated and self-involved, but in her mid-teens she felt the hollowness of her life, and began to search for more meaning. She prayed for enlightenment and received a mystical vision that led her to leave home and wander the roads, explaining the love of God to any who would listen. At age 17 she attended a mission preached by Saint Gaspere de Bufalo, and saw the obvious changes to people who attended. She wanted to have the same effect, and with the aid of Venerable Giovanni Merlini she founded the Congregation of the Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ in Acuto, Italy on 4 March 1834, a woman's congregation for teaching girls. She expanded their work to teaching and catechizing women and boys. Though, due to the social mores of the time she was not allowed to speak to men, they would often gather on their own, sometimes in hiding, to listen to her teaching. Pope Pius IX assigned her to running the San Luigi Hospice in Rome, and from there she worked to expand the Adorers. The congregation experienced occasional opposition from the clergy, but always support from the laity; they ran 70 schools by Mary's death, most in small isolated towns, and over 400 by her beatification.

**Born:** 4 February 1805 at Vallecorsa, Frosinone, Papal States (modern Italy)

**Died:** 20 August 1866 in Rome, Italy of natural causes, buried in the Verano cemetery, Rome, relics venerated in Rome at the Church of the Precious Blood

**Canonized:** 18 May 2003 by Pope John Paul II at Vatican Basilica.



**Saint Zacchaeus the Publican**

Also known as Zaccheo

Additional Memorials 20 April (Coptic calendar), 32nd Sunday after Pentecost (Byzantine calendar), 27 August (Martyrology of Rabban Sliba)

Mentioned in Gospel of Luke as the short tax collector who climbed a tree in order to see Jesus because he couldn't see over the crowd. Jesus decided to go to the man's house, and when the locals grumbled that Christ was friendly with sinners, Zacchaeus showed his conversion by making retribution to any he had harmed, and by giving largely to charity. Since that's all we actually know, many legends have grown around him, including that he married Saint Veronica, that he became bishop of Caesarea in Palestine, and that he is Saint Amadour who was an early hermit in France. Patronage innkeepers (the word publican formerly meant a collector of taxes from the public; in English it later meant the proprietor of a public house, pub or inn.

