



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 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.**

Mission of Jesus



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

Wednesday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time, September 18, 2024, Volume 178.

Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite

1st Reading:

1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22

Gospel: Lk 7:31-35

Syro-Malabar Rite

1st Reading:

[Heb 12:1-3](#)

Gospel: [Lk 24:13-35](#)

Syro-Malankara Rite

[Eph 6:10-17; Mt 16:21-23](#)

Meditation: A Well-Ordered Soul

"We played the flute for you, but you did not dance. We sang a dirge, but you did not weep." John the Baptist came neither eating food nor drinking wine, and you said, 'He is possessed by a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking and you said, 'Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is vindicated by all her children." Luke 7:32-35 Ecclesiastes 3 is a very popular reading for funerals. It says, "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to give birth, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant...A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance." This reading is consoling to those who are mourning at a funeral because life is filled with many different emotions and experiences. When those at a funeral think about their loved one, they will recall both the good times and the bad, the sorrows and the joys. Doing so helps remind them that even though the funeral is a time of sorrow, joys will follow in the future. This is the natural rhythm of life. In our Gospel today, Jesus challenged those who failed to have the proper human response at the right time. "We played the flute for you, but you did not dance. We sang a dirge, but you did not weep." The image of playing a flute and singing a dirge and the subsequent failure to dance and weep reveals a certain disconnect that many people had to John the Baptist and to Jesus Himself during their ministries. In commenting upon this passage, Saint Augustine says that John the Baptist's preaching was like a dirge that called people to the "weeping" of repentance. However, when he preached, there were many who failed to respond with the appropriate repentance. When Jesus came, He preached and gave witness to the new life of grace that He came to bestow. Though some listened and responded to Him, there were many who did not. Jesus' message was like the music of the flute that was to inspire people to "dance." But many failed to respond with the joy that they were invited to experience and live through His transforming message and grace. There is, indeed, an appointed time for everything and for every affair under Heaven. The mission we have been given is to be attentive to that which God is speaking to us at each and every moment of our lives. At times we must "weep" by looking at our sins honestly, experience the horror of those sins, and passionately reject them. At other times we will "dance" when God invites us into His consoling grace and asks us to see clearly His merciful love. At those moments we are invited to be deeply grateful and to express that gratitude with our whole souls. Reflect, today, upon the calling you have been given to live in a well-ordered way. Do so by considering how attentive you are to the people around you. Does the attentiveness of your charity help you to see the hurt within the hearts of those who are suffering? Are you compelled to offer them a compassionate ear and merciful heart? When others are experiencing the joys of life, are you able to share that joy with them? Can you do so fully, without jealousy or envy of any kind? When God inspires you to some act of conversion and bestows some grace, do you listen and promptly obey, responding in the most appropriate way? Our souls must become sensitive to the promptings of grace and must respond accordingly. Seek to have a well-ordered soul so that you will live and experience the life that God places before you each day in accord with His perfect will.

Lord, Your soul was perfectly ordered, always responding to the will of the Father with perfection. You were firm when love demanded it, courageous in the face of hardship, merciful to the repentant sinner, and joyful at the conversion of all. Please help me to always be attentive to the promptings of Your grace and to always respond to You in the way I am called. Jesus, I trust in You.

1st Reading: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is

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The Bible in one year: September

- 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 92:1ñ15
- 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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patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22

R. (12) Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten stringed lyre chant his praises. Sing to him a new song; pluck the strings skillfully, with shouts of gladness.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

For upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he has chosen for his own inheritance. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life, you have the words of everlasting life. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Lk 7:31-35

Jesus said to the crowds: "To what shall I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? They are like children who sit in the marketplace and call to one another, 'We played the flute for you, but you did not dance. We sang a dirge, but you did not weep.' For John the Baptist came neither eating food nor drinking wine, and you said, 'He is possessed by a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking and you said, 'Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

Today's Saints



Saint Joseph of Cupertino

Also known as Giuseppe da Copertino, Joseph Desa, Joseph of Copertino, the Flying Friar, the Gaper (derogatory term from his childhood)

Joseph's father, Felice Desa was a poor carpenter who died before the boy was born. Creditors drove his mother, Francesca Panara, from her home, and Joseph was born in a stable. Starting at age eight, he received ecstatic visions that left him gaping and staring into space. He had a hot temper, which his strict mother worked to overcome. Apprenticed to a shoemaker. At age 17 Joseph applied for admittance to the Friars Minor Conventuals, but was refused due to his lack of education. He applied to the Capuchins, was accepted as a lay-brother in 1620, but his ecstasies made him unsuitable for work, and he was dismissed. Abused by his family, he continued his prayers, and was accepted as an oblate at the Franciscan convent near Cupertino, Italy. His virtues were such that he became a cleric at 22, a priest at 25. Joseph still had little education, could barely read or write, but received such a gift of spiritual knowledge and discernment that he could solve intricate questions. His life became a series of visions and ecstasies, which could be triggered any time or place by the sound of a church bell, church music, the mention of the name of God or of the Blessed Virgin or of a saint, any event in the life of Christ, the sacred Passion, a holy picture, the thought of the glory in heaven, etc. Yelling, beating, pinching, burning, piercing with needles - none of this would bring him from his trances, but he would return to the world on hearing the voice of his superior in the order. He would often levitate and float (which led to his patronage of people involved in air travel), and could hear heavenly music. Even in the 17th century, there was interest in the unusual, and Joseph's ecstasies in public caused both admiration and disturbance in the community. For 35 years he was not allowed to attend choir, go to the common refectory, walk in procession, or say Mass in church. To prevent making a spectacle, he was ordered to remain in his room with a private chapel. He was brought before the Inquisition, and sent from one Capuchin or Franciscan house to another. But Joseph retained his joyous spirit, submitting to Divine Providence, keeping seven Lents of 40 days each year, never letting his faith be shaken.

Born: 17 June 1603 at Cupertino, diocese of Nardo, near Brindisi in the kingdom of Naples, Italy as Joseph Desa

Died: 18 September 1663 at Ossimo, Italy of a rapidly developed but severe fever, buried in the Crypt of the Sanctuary, Church of Saint Francis, Ossimo

Canonized: 16 July 1767 by Pope Clement XIII

Patronage: air crews, Air Forces, air travellers, flyers, aircraft pilots, aviators, flyers, astronauts, paratroopers, students, school children, test takers, Cupertino, Italy, Ossimo, Italy.



Saint Richardis of Andlòu

Also known as Richardis of Swabia, Richardis of Alsace, Richardis de Soabe, Richarda, Richarde, Richgard, Richgarda, Richkart

Daughter of Kenneth I, the Count of Alsace (in modern France) and a Scottish emigre. Sister of King Boso of Provence. Married Charles the Fat at age 22. Crowned Holy Roman Empress in 881. After nineteen years of marriage, she was accused by Emperor Charles of infidelity, though the reasons behind the claim were likely political. Charles claimed she was involved with the Bishop Liutword of Vercelli. She denied the charges, and even underwent trial by fire, a barbaric ritual that "proved" she was innocent by surviving being placed in the flames. Vindicated, Richardis left Charles, and became a nun the Château de Hohenbourg in Alsace. Founded a Benedictine abbey at Andlòu, France in 887, and lived the remainder of her days there. Legend says that Richardis once found a mother bear grieving over a dead cub in the woods near the abbey. Richardis held the cub, and it returned to life. Both mother and cub became devoted companions of Richardis.

Born: 839 Andlòu, Alsace, France

Died: c.895 at Andlòu, Alsace, France of natural causes, relics there in an 11th century church.



Saint Đaminh Trach Đòài

Also known as Dominic Trach Đòài

Additional Memorial 24 November as one of the Martyrs of Vietnam

Raised a devout Catholic. Dominican tertiary. Priest. Worked in the missions until his arrest in 1842. One of the Martyrs of Vietnam.

Born: c.1792 at Ngoai Voi, Nam Đinh, Vietnam

Died: beheaded on 18 September 1840 at Bay Mau, Hanoi, Vietnam

Canonized: 19 June 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

