

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 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.



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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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Latin Rite

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13 Syro-Malabar Rite 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: <u>Gen 5:19-31</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Josh 4:15-24 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: <u>Rom 6:15-23</u> Gospel: <u>Mt 7:21-27</u> Syro-Malankara Rite Readings: Mt 8:1-4; Gen 7:6-16;

2 Kings 5:1-14; Jer 50:4-7; Isa 33:2-9; Acts 9:20-25; Rom 3:27-4:3; Lk 5:12-16

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 Catechism of the Catholic Church SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS

## CHAPTER TWOI BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD Article 4

#### "JESUS CHRIST SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED AND WAS BURIED" Paragraph 1. JESUS AND ISRAEL

III. JESUS AND ISRAEL'S FAITH IN THE ONE GOD AND SAVIOUR

587 If the Law and the Jerusalem Temple could be occasions of opposition to Jesus by Israel's religious authorities, his role in the redemption of sins, the divine work par excellence, was the true stumbling-block for them.363588 Jesus scandalized the Pharisees by eating with tax collectors and sinners as familiarly as with themselves.364 Against those among them "who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others", Jesus affirmed: "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."365 He went further by proclaiming before the Pharisees that, since sin is universal, those who pretend not to need salvation are blind to themselves.366589 Jesus gave scandal above all when he identified his merciful conduct toward sinners with God's own attitude toward them.367 He went so far as to hint that by sharing the table of sinners he was admitting them to the messianic banquet.368 But it was most especially by forgiving sins that Jesus placed the religious authorities of Israel on the horns of a dilemma. Were they not entitled to demand in constemation, "Who can forgive sins but God alone?"369 By forgiving sins Jesus either is blaspheming as a man who made himself God's equal, or is speaking the truth and his person really does make present and reveal God's name.370590 Only the divine identity of Jesus' person can justify so absolute a claim as "He who is not with me is against me"; and his saying that there was in him "something greater than Jonah,. . . greater than Solomon", something "greater than the Temple"; his reminder that David had called the Messiah his Lord, 371 and his affirmations, "Before Abraham was, I AM", and even "I and the Father are one." 372591 Jesus asked the religious authorities of Jerusalem to believe in him because of the Father's works which he accomplished.373 But such an act of faith must go through a mysterious death to self, for a new "birth from above" under the influence of divine grace.374 Such a demand for conversion in the face of so surprising a fulfilment of the promises375 allows one to understand the Sanhedrin's tragic misunderstanding of Jesus: they judged that he deserved the death sentence as a blasphemer.376 The members of the Sanhedrin were thus acting at the same time out of "ignorance" and the "hardness" of their "unbelief".377

363 Cf. Lk 2:34; 20:17-18; Ps 118:22. 364 Cf. Lk 5:30; 7:36; 11:37; 14:1. 365 Lk 18:9; 5:32; cf. Jn 7:49; 9:34. 366 Cf. Jn 8:33-36; 9:40-41. 367 Cf. Mt 9:13; Hos 6:6. 368 Cf. Lk 15:1-2, 22-32. 369 Mk 2:7[ETML:C/]. 370 Cf. Jn 5:18; 10:33; 17:6,26. 371 Cf.Mt 12:6, 0, 36, 37, 41-42. 372 Jn 8:58; 10:30. 373 Jn 10:36-38. 374 Cf. Jn 3:7; 6:44. 375 Cf. Is 53:1. 376 Cf. Mk 3:6; Mt 26:64-66. 377 Cf. Lk 23 34; Acts 3: 17-18; Mk 3:5; Rom 11:25, 20

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Moses spoke to the people, saying: "The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.' And having set them before the LORD, your God, you shall bow down in his presence."

#### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 R. (cf. 15b) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of

# 6:24ñ45, Ps 31:titleñ4 02 Lev 8, Isa 63, Mark 6:46ñ7:11. Ps 31:5ñ11 03 Lev 9ñ10, Isa 64, Mark 7:12ñ37, Ps 31:12ñ18 04 Lev 11ñ12, Isa 65, Mark 8:1ñ17, Ps 31:19ñ24 05 Lev 13, Isa 66, Mark 8:18ñ38, Ps 32:titleñ7 06 Lev 14, Jer 1, Mark 9:1ñ23, 06 Lev 14, Jer 1, Mark 9: 102 Ps 32:8ñ11 07 Lev 15, Jer 2:1ñ19, Mark 9:24ñ50, Ps 33: 1ñ10 08 Lev 16ñ17, Jer 2:20ñ37, Mark 10:1ñ17, Ps 33:11ñ17 00 Lev 18, Jac 2, Mark 09 Lev 18, Jer 3, Mark 10:18ñ38, Ps 33:18ñ22 10 Lev 19ñ20, Jer 4:1ñ17, Mark 10: 39ñ52, Ps 34:titleñ8 11 Lev 21ñ22, Jer 4:18ñ31, Mark 11, Ps 34:9ñ15 12 Lev 23, Jer 5, Mark 12:1ñ19, Ps 34:16ñ22 13 Lev 24, Jer 6:1ñ16, Mark 12:20ñ44, Ps 35:titleñ6 14 Lev 25, Jer 6:17ñ30, Mark 13: 1ñ18, Ps 35: 7ñ13 15 Lev 26ñ27, Jer 7, Mark 13: 19ñ37, Ps 35:14ñ20 16 Num 1, Jer 8, Mark 14:1ñ25, Ps 35:21ñ28 17 Num 2, Jer 9:1ñ10, Mark 14:26ñ47, Ps 36:titleñ6 18 Num 3, Jer 9:11ñ26, Mark 14:48ñ72, Ps 36:7ñ12 19 Num 4, Jer 10, Mark 15: 1ñ18, Ps 37: titleñ7 20 Num 5, Jer 11, Mark 15: 19ñ47, Ps 37:8ñ14 21 Num 6:1ñ7:26, Jer 12, Mark 16, Ps 37:15ñ21 22 Num 7:27ñ89, Jer 13, Luke 1:1ñ17, Ps 37:22ñ28 23 Num 8, Jer 14, Luke 1:18ñ39, Ps 37:29ñ35 24 Num 9ñ10, Jer 15, Luke 1:40ñ60, Ps 37:36ñ40 25 Num 11ñ12, Jer 16, Luke 1:61ñ80, Ps 38: titleñ8 26 Num 13, Jer 17:1ñ10, Luke 2:1ñ24, Ps 38:9ñ15 27 Num 14, Jer 17: 11ñ27, Luke 2:25ñ52, Ps 38: 16ñ22 28 Num 15, Jer 18, Luke 3:1ñ16, Ps 39:titleñ6 29 Num 16ñ17, Jer 19, Luke 3:17ñ38, Ps 39:7ñ13 30 Num 18ñ19, Jer 20, Luke 4:1ñ21, Ps 40:titleñ6 31 Num 20ñ21, Jer 21: 1ñ22:14, Luke 4:22ñ44, Ps 40:7ñ13 Resources Importance of the Mass Mystical Stigmata

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the Almighty, say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust." **R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.** No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, For to his angels he has given command about you, that they guard you

#### in all your ways. **R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

Upon their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the asp and the viper; you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and glorify him.

# R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart —that is, the word of faith that we preach—, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the Scripture says, No one who believes in him will be put to shame. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

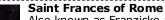
### Verse Before the Gospel

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

#### Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

#### Today's Saints



Also known as Franziske av Rome, Francesca Bussa de' Leoni, Francesca Romana

Born to the aristocracy, the daughter of Paul Bussa and Jacobella de' Roffredeschi. Married at age twelve to Lorenzo de' Ponziani; her marriage lasted 40 years. Mother of three in 1400, 1404, and 1407. Widow. Benedictine. Foundress of the Oblates of the Tor de' Specchi (Collatines). Said to have been guided by an archangel only she could see. Spent her life and fortune, both as laywoman and religious, in the service of the sick and the poor, including the founding of the first home in Rome for abandoned children. Dictated 97 Visions, in which she saw many of the pains of Hell. On her feast day priests bless cars due to her patronage of cars and drivers. Frances certainly never drove, but legend says that when she went abroad at night, her guardian angel went before her, lighting the road with a headlight-like lantern, keeping her safe in her travels. **Born:** 1384 in Rome, Italy as Francesca Bussa de' Leoni

**Died:** 1440 in Rome, Italy, relics at Saint Frances of Rome Church, Rome, Italy, entombed beneath the pavement of the Ponziani sacristy of the Church of Saint Cecilia, Rome, Italy **Canonized:** 29 May 1608 by Pope Paul V

**Patronage:** against plague, automobile drivers (given in 1951), automobilists, aviators, cab drivers, death of children, lay people, motorcyclists, motorists, people ridiculed for their piety, pilots, Roman housewives, taxi drivers, widows, women, Rome, Italy.

# Saint Gregory of Nyssa



Younger brother of Saint Basil the Great. Friend of Saint Gregory of Nanzienzen. Educated in Athens, Greece. Influenced by the works of Origen and Plato. Married to Theosebeia, who may have been a deaconess. Professor of rhetoric. Disillusioned with his life as a teacher, he became a priest and hermit; his mother and sister already lived the monastic life. Bishop of Nyssa, Lower Armenia, in 372. Archbishop of Sebaste. Fought against Arianism, but not as successfully as he hoped. Easy-going, tactless, inefficient in monetary matters, Gregory was cheated and deceived to the point that Demosthenes, governor of Pontus, accused him of stealing Church property and had him imprisoned. He escaped, but was deposed by a synod of bishops in 376. He wandered in exile for two years, then was restored to his see. Attended the Council of Antioch. Fought the Meletian heresy. Participated in the second ecumenical Council at Constantinople as a theologian. Fought Arianism and reaffirmed the decrees of the Council of Nicaea. The council called him, "Father of the Fathers" because he was widely venerated as the great pillar of orthodoxy and the great opponent of Arianism. Father of the Church. There is some debate about Gregory's relationship with his wife following his episcopal consecration. Some say he continued to live with her, but Saint Jerome says that the eastern churches did not permit this. Born c.333 at Caesarea, Cappadocia

Died c.398 of natural causes.

### Saint Dominic Savio



One of ten children of a blacksmith and seamstress. Protege of Saint John Bosco. Altar boy at age 5. At 12 he entered the Oratory School preparatory to becoming a priest. Well-liked and pious, his health forced him to give up his dream of the priesthood. He died at age 15; his dying words: "What beautiful things I see!" His birthplace is now a retreat house for teenagers; the home where he grew up in Morialdo is now a retreat house for children. The final house in which he lived is the home in Mondonio where the Savio family moved when he was 10, and where he eventually died. Here you can see his father's metal shop, and his mother's tailoring shop. His tomb is in the basilica of Mary, Help of Christians in Turin, not far from the tomb of his mentor, teacher and biographer, Saint John Bosco. **Born:** 2 April 1842 at Riva di Chieri, Turin, Italy

**Died:** 9 March 1857 at Mondonio, Italy of natural causes **Canonized:** 12 June 1954 by Venerable Pope Pius XII

**Patronage:** boys, children's choirs, choir boys (given on 8 June 1956 by Pope Pius XII), choirs, falsely accused people, juvenile delinquents, Pueri Cantors, Colegio Santo Domingo, Bogotá, Colombia (chosen in January 1977), singers.

