



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.



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Daily CCC, Mass Readings, Daily Saints...

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Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Syro-Malabar Rite

1st Reading: Eph 6:1-9

Gospel: Mk 12:35-40

Syro-Malankara Rite Readings:

[Gen 4:17-26; Eph 2:11-22; Mk 8:14-21](#)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS

CHAPTER TWO I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD

Article 5

"HE DESCENDED INTO HELL. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN"

Paragraph 1. CHRIST DESCENDED INTO HELL

632 The frequent New Testament affirmations that Jesus was "raised from the dead" presuppose that the crucified one sojourned in the realm of the dead prior to his resurrection.477 This was the first meaning given in the apostolic preaching to Christ's descent into hell: that Jesus, like all men, experienced death and in his soul joined the others in the realm of the dead. But he descended there as Saviour, proclaiming the Good News to the spirits imprisoned there.478633 Scripture calls the abode of the dead, to which the dead Christ went down, "hell" - Sheol in Hebrew or Hades in Greek - because those who are there are deprived of the vision of God.479 Such is the case for all the dead, whether evil or righteous, while they await the Redeemer: which does not mean that their lot is identical, as Jesus shows through the parable of the poor man Lazarus who was received into "Abraham's bosom":480 "It is precisely these holy souls, who awaited their Saviour in Abraham's bosom, whom Christ the Lord delivered when he descended into hell."481 Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him.482634 "The gospel was preached even to the dead."483 The descent into hell brings the Gospel message of salvation to complete fulfilment. This is the last phase of Jesus' messianic mission, a phase which is condensed in time but vast in its real significance: the spread of Christ's redemptive work to all men of all times and all places, for all who are saved have been made sharers in the redemption.635 Christ went down into the depths of death so that "the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live."484 Jesus, "the Author of life", by dying destroyed "him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and [delivered] all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage."485 Henceforth the risen Christ holds "the keys of Death and Hades", so that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth."486Today a great silence reigns on earth, a great silence and a great stillness. A great silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. . . He has gone to search for Adam, our first father, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow Adam in his bonds and Eve, captive with him - He who is both their God and the son of Eve. . . "I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. . . I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead."487

477 Acts 3:15; Rom 8:11; I Cor 15:20; cf. Heb 13:20.478 Cf. I Pt 3:18-19.479 Cf. Phil 2:10; Acts 2:24; Rev 1:18; Eph 4:9; Pss 6:6; 88:11-13.480 Cf. Ps 89:49; I Sam 28:19; Ezek 32:17-32; Lk 16:22-26.481 Roman Catechism 1, 6, 3.482 Cf. Council of Rome (745): DS 587; Benedict XII, Cum dudum (1341): DS 1011; Clement VI, Super quibusdam (1351): DS 1077; Council of Toledo IV (625): DS 485; Mt 27:52-53.483 I Pt 4:6.484 Jn 5:25; cf. Mt 12:40; Rom 10:7; Eph 4:9.485 Heb 2:14-15; cf. Acts 3:15.486 Rev 1:18; Phil 2:10.487 Ancient Homily for Holy Saturday: PG 43, 440A, 452C; LH, Holy Saturday.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, But stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; In the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit. More tortuous than all else is the human heart, beyond remedy; who can understand it? I, the LORD, alone probe the mind and test the heart, To reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merit of his deeds.

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- 01 Lev 6:7, Isa 61:62, Mark 6:24-45, Ps 31:1-11
- 02 Lev 8, Isa 63, Mark 6:46-7:11, Ps 31:5-11
- 03 Lev 9:10, Isa 64, Mark 7:12-37, Ps 31:12-18
- 04 Lev 11:12, Isa 65, Mark 8:1-17, Ps 31:19-24
- 05 Lev 13, Isa 66, Mark 8:18-38, Ps 32:1-7
- 06 Lev 14, Jer 1, Mark 9:1-13, Ps 32:8-11
- 07 Lev 15, Jer 2:1-19, Mark 9:24-50, Ps 33:1-10
- 08 Lev 16:17, Jer 2:20-37, Mark 10:1-17, Ps 33:11-17
- 09 Lev 18, Jer 3, Mark 10:18-38, Ps 33:18-22
- 10 Lev 19:20, Jer 4:1-17, Mark 10:39-52, Ps 34:1-8
- 11 Lev 21:22, Jer 4:18-31, Mark 11, Ps 34:9-15
- 12 Lev 23, Jer 5, Mark 12:1-19, Ps 34:16-22
- 13 Lev 24, Jer 6:1-16, Mark 12:20-44, Ps 35:1-6
- 14 Lev 25, Jer 6:17-30, Mark 13:1-18, Ps 35:7-13
- 15 Lev 26:27, Jer 7, Mark 13:19-37, Ps 35:14-20
- 16 Num 1, Jer 8, Mark 14:1-25, Ps 35:21-28
- 17 Num 2, Jer 9:1-10, Mark 14:26-47, Ps 36:1-6
- 18 Num 3, Jer 9:11-26, Mark 14:48-72, Ps 36:7-12
- 19 Num 4, Jer 10, Mark 15:1-18, Ps 37:1-7
- 20 Num 5, Jer 11, Mark 15:19-47, Ps 37:8-14
- 21 Num 6:17-26, Jer 12, Mark 16, Ps 37:15-21
- 22 Num 7:27-89, Jer 13, Luke 1:1-17, Ps 37:22-28
- 23 Num 8, Jer 14, Luke 1:18-39, Ps 37:29-35
- 24 Num 9:10, Jer 15, Luke 1:40-60, Ps 37:36-40
- 25 Num 11:12, Jer 16, Luke 1:61-80, Ps 38:1-8
- 26 Num 13, Jer 17:1-10, Luke 2:1-24, Ps 38:9-15
- 27 Num 14, Jer 17:11-27, Luke 2:25-52, Ps 38:16-22
- 28 Num 15, Jer 18, Luke 3:1-16, Ps 39:1-6
- 29 Num 16:17, Jer 19, Luke 3:17-38, Ps 39:7-13
- 30 Num 18:19, Jer 20, Luke 4:1-21, Ps 40:1-6
- 31 Num 20:21, Jer 21:1-22:14, Luke 4:22-44, Ps 40:7-13

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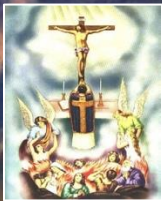
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Prayer for all souls

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.**

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6**R. (40:5a) Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked Nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, But delights in the law of the LORD and meditates on his law day and night.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree planted near running water, That yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. Whatever he does, prospers.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so, the wicked, not so; they are like chaff which the wind drives away. For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**Verse Before the Gospel**

Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Today's Saints**Saint Cuthbert of Lindisfarne**

Also known as Thaumaturgus of England, Wonder-Worker of England



Orphaned at an early age. Shepherd. Received a vision of Saint Aidan of Lindesfame entering heaven; the sight led Cuthbert to become a Benedictine monk at age 17 at the monastery of Melrose, which had been founded by Saint Aidan. Guest-master at Melrose where he was known for his charity to poor travellers; legend says that he once entertained an angel disguised as a beggar. Spiritual student of Saint Boswell. Prior of Melrose in 664. Due to a dispute over liturgical practice, Cuthbert and other monks abandoned Melrose for Lindisfarne. There he worked with Saint Eata. Prior and then abbot of Lindesfame until 676. Hermit on the Farnes Islands. Bishop of Hexham, England. Bishop of Lindesfame in 685. Friend of Saint Ebbe the Elder. Worked with plague victims in 685. Noted (miraculous) healer. Had the gift of prophecy. Evangelist in his diocese, often to the discomfort of local authorities both secular and ecclesiastical. Presided over his abbey and his diocese during the time when Roman rites were supplanting the Celtic, and all the churches in the British Isles were brought under a single authority.

Born: 634 somewhere in the British Isles

Died: 20 March 687 at Lindesfame, England of natural causes, interred with the head of Saint Oswald, which was buried with him for safe keeping, body removed to Durham Cathedral at Lindesfame in 1104, his body, and the head of Saint Oswald, were incorrupt.

Saint John Nepomucene

Also known as Jan Nepomucký, John Nepomucen, John of Nepomuk, John Wolflin, Johannes von Nepomuk, Martyr of the Confessional



While a child, he was cured by the prayers of his parents; they then consecrated him to God. Priest. Known as a great preacher who converted thousands. Vicar-general of Prague (in the modern Czech Republic). Counselor and advocate of the poor in the court of King Wenceslaus IV. He refused several bishoprics. Confessor to the queen, he taught her to bear the cross of her ill-tempered husband the king. Imprisoned for refusing to disclose the queen's confession to the king. When he continued to honor the seal of the confessional, he was ordered executed. Symbol of Bohemian nationalism. His image has been used in art as a symbol of the sacrament of Confession, and many bridges in Europe bear his likeness as their protector.

Born: c.1340 at Nepomuk, Bohemia (in modern Czech Republic) as John Wolflin

Died: burned, then tied to a wheel and thrown off a bridge into the Moldau River (in the modern Czech Republic) to drown on 20 March 1393, on the night of his death, seven stars hovered over the place where he drowned

Canonized: 19 March 1729 by Pope Benedict XIII

Patronage: against calumnies or slander, against floods, against indiscretions, bridges and bridge builders, canons, confessors and for a good confession, for discretion and silence, mariners, sailors, boatmen, watermen, running water, Bohemia, Czech Republic, archdiocese of Prague, Czech Republic, Venice, Italy.

Saint Józef Bilczewski

Also known as Giuseppe Bilczewski, Joseph Bilczewski, Jozef Bilczewski, Yosyp Bil'chevs'kyi



Eldest of nine children in a peasant family. Seminarian at Krakow, Poland. Ordained on 6 July 1884. Doctor of theology at the University of Vienna, Austria in 1886. Studied dogmatic theology and Christian archaeology in Rome, Italy and Paris, France. Professor of theology at the University of Lviv in 1891. Archbishop of Leopoli, Ukraine on 17 December 1900. Often intervened with civil authorities on behalf of Poles, Ukrainians and Jews. Guided his flock during World War I (1914 to 1918), the Polish-Ukrainian War (1918-1919), the Bolshevik invasion (1919-1920), and the anti-Catholic terror started by the Communists; from 1918-1921 his archdiocese lost about 120 priests. Fought to protect everyone in his see, regardless of race or religion.

Born: 26 April 1860 at Wilamowice, Austria (modern Ukraine)

Died: 20 March 1923 at Lviv, Ukraine of pernicious anemia

Canonized: 23 October 2005 by Pope Benedict XVI at Rome, Italy.

