

<p>St. Abraham, Patriarch</p> <p>"Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."</p> <p><i>Pray for the conversion of Israel</i></p>	<p>St. Alphonsus De Liguori</p> <p>August 1</p> <p>"Leave the world and give yourself to Me." (Jesus to St. Alphonsus)</p> <p><i>Pray for good spiritual directors</i></p>	<p>Saint Andrew</p> <p>November 30th</p> <p>"Saint Andrew was the first convert among the apostles; he was especially in the Lord's confidence; thrice is he described as introducing others to him; lastly he is little known in history, while the place of dignity the name of highest renown have been allotted to his brother Simon, whom he was the means of bringing to the knowledge of his Savior." J.H. Newman <i>Pray in thanksgiving for the quiet and humble of the world who do the work of the Lord without recognition.</i></p>
<p>Saint Angela Merici, mystic, religious founder</p> <p>January 27th</p> <p>"Mothers of children, even if they have a thousand, carry each and every one fixed in their hearts, and because of the strength of their love they do not forget any of them. In fact, it seems that the more children they have the more their love and care for each one is increased."</p> <p><i>Pray for mothers.</i></p>	<p>Saint Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>July 26th</p> <p><i>I wish in a special way on Christmas Day to give mothers my own special motherly blessing, and Jesus will bless the rest with His own blessing.</i> (Our Lady of Medjugorje 12/19/1985)</p> <p><i>Pray for the holiness of all mothers.</i></p>	<p>Saint Anthony of Egypt, 4th century desert monk</p> <p>January 17th</p> <p>"Now therefore, beloved, let this word be manifest among you, that the bounty of the Father spared not his Only begotten for our sakes, but delivered him up for the salvation of us all."</p> <p><i>Pray for the purification of the world from evil.</i></p>
<p>Saint Anthony of Padua</p> <p>June 13th</p> <p>"We spread the love of God by loving as he loves."</p> <p><i>Pray for non-believers.</i></p>	<p>Archangel Gabriel</p> <p>September 29th</p> <p>"The one who looked like a man touched me again and strengthened me, saying, 'Fear not, beloved, you are safe; take courage and be strong.' When he spoke to me, I grew strong and said, 'Speak, my lord, for you have strengthened me.'" (Daniel's vision of the Archangel Gabriel)</p> <p>Daniel 10:18-19</p> <p><i>Pray that Divine love will conquer the world.</i></p>	<p>Saint Michael the Archangel</p> <p>September 29th</p> <p>"Satan is strong and that is why I am seeking your prayers for those who are under his influence, so that they may be saved." (Mary in Medjugorje)</p> <p><i>Pray that those who are under the influence of Satan may be saved</i></p>

<p>Archangel Raphael September 29th</p> <p>"I was sent to put you to the test. At the same time, however, God commissioned me to heal you and your daughter-in-law Sarah. I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who enter and serve before the Glory of the Lord...No need to fear; you are safe. Thank God now and forever. As for me, when I came to you it was not out of any favor on my part, but because it was God's will. So continue to thank him every day; praise him with song." (Tobit 12:14-18)</p> <p><i>Pray for the healing of families</i></p>	<p>St Augustine of Hippo, bishop, Doctor of the Church August 28th</p> <p>You have forgiven me my past sins and drawn a veil over them, and in this way You have given me happiness in yourself, changing my life by faith and Your sacrament. When others read of those past sins of mine their hearts are stirred so that they no longer lie listless. Instead their hearts are roused by the love of Your mercy and the joy of Your grace.</p> <p><i>Pray for the conversion of sinners</i></p>	<p>Newborn Baby Jesus</p> <p>"Today when Jesus is born and by His birth brings immeasurable joy, love and peace, I call you, in a special way to say your 'yes' to Jesus. Open your hearts so that Jesus enters into them, comes to dwell in them and starts to work through you. Only in this way will you be able to comprehend the true beauty of God's love, joy and peace." (Message thru Jacov 2000)</p> <p><i>Let the baby Jesus be your guide.</i></p>
<p>St. Barbara December 4th</p> <p>The blood of the martyrs is the seed of Christians.</p> <p><i>Pray for the spread of the Church to all parts of the world</i></p>	<p>St. Benedict, abbot and patriarch of western monks July 11th</p> <p>"See how the Lord in His love shows us the way of life. Clothed then with faith and the performance of good works, let us set out on this way, with the Gospel for our guide, that we may deserve to see him who has called us to his kingdom (1 Thes 2:23)"</p> <p>from the Rule of Saint Benedict <i>Pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God.</i></p>	<p>St Benedict Joseph Labre, pilgrim recluse April 16th</p> <p>"These things offend God and they are not good for you either. Try to work if you can. If you can't work, be good to the people who care for you."</p> <p><i>Pray for the homeless</i></p>
<p>Saint Bernadette of Lourdes April 16th</p> <p>"My weapons are prayer and sacrifice, to my dying breath. At death the weapon of sacrifice will fall away, but that of prayer will follow me to heaven."</p> <p><i>Offer sacrifices to Mary for her intentions</i></p>	<p>Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot, Doctor of the Church (celebrated on 20 August)</p> <p>"When God forgives a sinner who humbly confesses his sin, the devil loses his dominion over the heart he had taken."</p> <p><i>Pray for those who are called and have not yet said "yes."</i></p>	<p>St. Camillus of Lellis July 18</p> <p>The Lord asks that we do not bury the talent so invaluable that the Lord placed in our hands, so that we obtained holiness during the life and then eternal glory</p> <p><i>Pray for nurses and those in the health care profession</i></p>

<p>Servant of God Catherine Doherty</p> <p>"To love with the heart of God, we must empty ourselves totally of self, to allow Christ to love through us. Without him we cannot love anything or anyone, not even ourselves."</p> <p>Pray for love to conquer in our world.</p>	<p>St. Catherine of Alexandria November 25th</p> <p>"God is peace itself. Therefore, approach him through your personal prayer and then live peace in your hearts. In this way, peace will flow from your hearts like a river into the whole world. Do not speak about peace, but make peace." Our Lady of Medjugorje, Feb 25, 1991</p> <p><i>Pray for nurses and unmarried women</i></p>	<p>Saint Catherine of Genoa, mystic, wife, hospital director (celebrated September 15th)</p> <p>"Dear children, I ask you to pray every day for the souls in Purgatory. In this way you too will acquire intercessors who will be able to help you in life" (message of Mary in Medjugorje)</p> <p><i>Pray for the souls in purgatory.</i></p>
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<p>Child Jesus, King of Love</p> <p>"Whoever receives one such child in my Name, receives me." (Matthew 18:5)</p> <p><i>"Dear children! Today in a special way I bring the little Jesus to you, that He may bless you with His blessing of peace and love."</i> (12/25/1991)</p> <p>Pray for the reign of the Child Jesus in all hearts.</p>	<p>St Clare of Assisi (celebrated August 11th)</p> <p>"Look daily into that spotless mirror, dear queen and spouse of Christ, and see your face in it. See how you are to adorn yourself, within and without, in all the blossoms of virtue, as befits a chaste daughter and spouse of that greatest of kings. In that mirror poverty, humility, and love beyond all telling shine radiantly."</p> <p>Pray for consecrated virgins to grow ardently in love for Jesus</p>	<p>Saints Cosmas & Damian, 4th century martyrs, physicians (celebrated September 27th)</p> <p>Jesus replied, "It is not the healthy who need the doctor, but the sick. Go and learn the meaning of the words: What I want is mercy, not sacrifice." Matt 8: 12-13</p> <p>Pray for those who minister to sick bodies and to sick souls</p>

<p>Cure of Ars, Saint Jean-Marie-Baptiste Vianney, (celebrated on 4 August)</p> <p>"My children, we cannot comprehend the power of a soul over the Good Lord: it can obtain whatever it wants."</p> <p><i>Pray for priests.</i></p>	<p>Saint Dismas the good thief "We are paying for what we did, but this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom,.Jesus replied 'Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:41-43 <i>Pray for those who have delayed their conversion to Jesus</i></p>	<p>Saint Dismas, the good thief March 25 "Lord, remember me when you come into Your Kingdom" <i>Pray for the conversion of criminals</i></p>
<p>Saint Dominic (August 8) "My God, what will become of sinners? My God, have mercy on sinners!" <i>"Dear children, Do not be hard hearted towards the mercy of God, which has been pouring out upon you for so long a time. In this special time of prayer, permit me to transform your hearts so that you may help me to have my Son resurrect in all hearts, and that my heart may triumph. Thank you!"</i> ((04/02/2007) Intercede for hardened hearts.</p>	<p>Saint Dominic Savio (celebrated on 9 March) "Pray without ceasing and ask the Holy Spirit to inspire you always. In all that you ask, in all that you do, seek only the will of God." (Mary in Medjugorje - 13 October 1984)</p> <p><i>Pray for the young.</i></p>	<p>Edith Stein, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross "I joyfully accept the death God has appointed for me, in perfect submission to his most holy will. May the Lord accept my life and death for the honor and glory of his name, for the needs of his holy Church...for the Jewish people, that the Lord may be received by his own and his kingdom come in glory..." <i>Pray for philosophers and theologians.</i></p>
<p>Elijah, the Prophet "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Pray for a deepening of faith throughout the world</p>	<p>Saint Elizabeth (mother of John the Baptist) (celebrated November 5th) "When your greeting sounded in my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy!" Pray for all mothers, that they will welcome new life, and receive the Holy Spirit as Elizabeth did.</p>	<p>St. Elizabeth of Portugal, Queen of Portugal July 4th And Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. "Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, "Then who can be saved?" And looking at them Jesus said to them, "For man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." <i>Pray for the conversion of political leaders</i></p>

<p>Saint Elizabeth of the Holy Trinity (Celebrated November 8th)</p> <p>"It's not looking at our own miseries that we should be cleansed but by looking upon Him who is all purity and all Sanctity"</p> <p>Strive to offer a loving, dwelling place in your heart for the Holy Trinity</p>	<p>Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity (celebrated November 9th)</p> <p>"If you feel ice fall on your heart, go warm up near He who is the Source of Love and Who makes emptiness only in order to fill up all that is empty".</p> <p>Pray for vocations to the contemplative life</p>	<p>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (celebrated January 4th)</p> <p>"I offer myself to your Father by you, to yourself by your Father and you to the Holy Spirit who is the mutual love of both."</p> <p>Pray for an increase in women religious.</p>
<p>Saint Maria Faustina (celebrated October 5th)</p> <p>"I know God is in my heart. With Him I go to work, with Him I go to recreation, with Him I suffer, with Him I rejoice; I live in Him and He in me. I am never alone, because He is my constant companion. He is present to me at every moment. Our intimacy is very close, through a union of blood and flesh."</p> <p>Pray for deeper intimacy with God.</p>	<p>Sts. Felicity and Perpetua, Third Century Martyrs March 7th</p> <p><i>"Dear children! Today I invite you to comprehend your Christian vocation. Little children, I led and am leading you through this time of grace, that you may become conscious of your Christian vocation. Holy martyrs died witnessing: I am a Christian and love God over everything. Little children, today also I invite you to rejoice and be joyful Christians, responsible and conscious that God called you in a special way to be joyfully extended hands toward those who do not believe, and that through the example of your life, they may receive faith and love for God. (" 11/25/1997)</i></p> <p>Pray for the courage of the martyrs to reign in the Church</p>	<p>Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (celebrated December 22nd)</p> <p>"We can do nothing of ourselves, for we are poor and miserable, but if we have faith and trust in him who comforts us, then we can do all things."</p> <p>Pray for an increase in women religious.</p>
<p>Saint Francis de Sales (celebrated January 24th)</p> <p>In all your affairs rely wholly on Divine Providence, through which alone you must look for success. Labor quietly on your part to co-operate with its designs. Amidst those ordinary affairs and occupations that require most so earnest an attention, you should look more on God than on them.</p> <p>Pray for writers, journalists and editors of all kinds</p>	<p>Saint Francis of Assisi (celebrated October 4th)</p> <p>"All Highest, Glorious God, cast Your light into the darkness of my heart. Grant me right faith, firm hope, perfect charity, and profound humility; with wisdom and perception, O Lord, that I may do what it truly Your holy will."</p> <p>Pray for the gift of faith.</p>	<p>Saint Francis Xavier (celebrated on 3 December)</p> <p>"We must be wary of our own strength and trust God immensely. Let us never show discouragement and never doubt victory!"</p> <p>Pray for missionaries.</p>

<p>The Holy Family of Nazareth Sunday after Christmas</p> <p>"Don't be afraid to take Mary, your wife, home, for that which is conceived in her comes from the Holy Spirit."</p> <p>Pray for blessed, holy, and happy families</p>	<p>The Holy Guardian Angels (celebrated on 2 October)</p> <p>"Whoever prays does not fear the future and whoever fasts does not fear evil." (Mary in Medjugorje - 25 Jan. 2001)</p> <p>Help us to remember and call upon our Guardian Angel when in need.</p>	<p>The Fourteen Holy Helpers of Mankind August 8th</p> <p>Fourteen Holy Helpers, who served God in humility and confidence on earth and are now in the enjoyment of His beatific vision in Heaven; because thou persevered till death thou gained the crown of eternal life.</p> <p>Remember the dangers that surround us in this vale of tears, and intercede for us in all our needs and adversities. Amen.</p> <p>Invoke the Fourteen Helpers for the sake of mankind this year</p>
<p>The Holy Innocents (celebrated Decemeber 28th)</p> <p>Theirs was a wordless profession of faith in Jesus. They died because they bore the likeness of the Christ Child, and are crowned with life eternal.</p> <p>Pray for an end to abortion</p>	<p>Holy Souls in Purgatory (celebrated November 2nd)</p> <p>"For if he had not expected the fallen to rise again it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead, whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense reserved for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. This was why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sin." 2 Maccabees 12:44-45</p> <p>Pray for the Souls in Purgatory</p>	<p>St. Ignatius of Loyola (celebrated July 31st)</p> <p>"Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and all my will-all that I have and possess. You, Lord, have given all that to me. I now give it back to you, O Lord. All of it is yours. Dispose of it according to your will. Give me only your love and your grace, for that is enough for me."</p> <p>Pray for a spirit of total surrender.</p>

<p>Isaiah, the Prophet</p> <p>"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here am I! Send me.'" (Isaiah 6:8)</p> <p>Get to know the book of Isaiah</p>	<p>Saint Jacinta of Fatima (celebrated February 20th)</p> <p>"Tell everyone that God gives us grace through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She is the one we should ask."</p> <p>Pray for the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart.</p>	<p>St. James, the Greater, Apostle July 25th</p> <p><i>"Little children, pray especially at this time that little Jesus, the Creator of peace, may be born in your hearts. Only through prayer will you become my apostles of peace in this world without peace. (11/25/1999)</i></p> <p>Pray for great zeal in the hearts of Our Lady's Apostles</p>
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<p>Saint John of the Cross (celebrated December 14th)</p> <p>"Would that men might come at last to see that is quite impossible to reach the thicket of the riches and wisdom of God except by first entering the thicket of much suffering, in such a way that the soul finds there its consolation and desire." Pray for those who suffer, that they unite with Jesus and find joy.</p>	<p>St. John Eudes August 19th</p> <p>„We must preach to the poor, otherwise," said Saint John, "we put a bandage on the wound, but do not heal it."</p> <p>Pray for the renewal of the seminaries throughout the world.</p>	<p>Saint John Paul the Great October 22</p> <p>"Jesus Christ, in the revelation of the mystery of the Father and his love, fully reveals man to himself and makes his supreme calling clear." ~Gaudium Et Spes 22</p> <p>Pray that Jesus will have the first place in your life.</p>
<p>Saint John the Evangelist (celebrated December 27th)</p> <p><i>"Dear children! Today, in a special way, I invite you to take the cross in the hands and to meditate on the wounds of Jesus. Ask of Jesus to heal your wounds, which you, dear children, during your life sustained because of your sins or the sins of your parents. Only in this way, dear children, you will understand that the world is in need of healing of faith in God the Creator. (03/25/97)</i></p> <p>Pray for those wounded by life that they might be healed.</p>	<p>Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus</p> <p>"The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and said: Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; she will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus."</p> <p>Pray for the gift of blessed fatherhood for the world's families.</p>	<p>St. Joseph of Arimathea March 17</p> <p>"There was a man named Joseph, an upright and holy member of the Sanhedrin, who had not been associated with their plan or their action...This man approached Pilate with a request for Jesus' body. He took it down, wrapped it in fine linen, and laid it in a tomb hewn out of the rock, in which no one had yet been laid."</p> <p>Lk 23:50-53</p> <p>Pray for great reverence for the Body of Christ.</p>
<p>Saint Juan Diego</p> <p>"Listen... Do not let your countenance, your heart be disturbed....Am I not here, I, who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do you need anything more? Let nothing else worry you, disturb you. Do not let your uncle's illness worry you, because he will not die now. You may be certain that he is already well."</p> <p>Pray for complete trust in Mary</p>	<p>St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin and Foundress March 3rd</p> <p>"And here is the passive way – to be filled unto the fullness of God. The passive way – I abandon myself to it, not in a multiplicity of trials, extraordinary penances accomplished, practices of great works – but in peaceful abandonment to the tenderness of Jesus, which I must try to imitate, and by being in constant union with his meek and humble heart.</p> <p>Pray for receptivity to Christ.</p>	<p>Saint Kateri Tekawitha, Native American July 14th</p> <p><i>"Dear children! Today I call you to love. Little children, love each other with God's love. At every moment, in joy and in sorrow, may love prevail and, in this way, love will begin to reign in your hearts. The risen Jesus will be with you and you will be his witnesses. I will rejoice with you and protect you with my motherly mantle. Especially, little children, I will watch your daily conversion with love. (03/25/2005)</i></p> <p>Pray for the conversion of young people</p>

<p>St. Lawrence (Celebrated August 10th) After three days, Lawrence gathered all of the lepers, cripples, orphans, widows, the poor and the lame and presented them to the prefect as the "true treasures of the Church." Carry the poor in your heart and encourage them.</p>	<p>St. Longinus, First Century Martyr "One of the soldiers thrust a lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out." John 19:34 "Truly this was the Son of God!" Mt 27:54 Pray for light for the spiritually blind.</p>	<p>Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort (celebrated on 28 April) "The more the Holy Spirit finds Mary in a soul, the more active and powerful He becomes to bring forth Jesus Christ in that soul, and that soul in Jesus Christ." Pray for true consecration to Mary!</p>
<p>Blessed Louis and Zelie Martin St. Therese and Louis Martin could do no more than gaze at each other. With difficulty he pointed his index finger upward and was heard to whisper, "Until Heaven!" (Blessed Louis Martin on his deathbed to Little Flower) Our Mother said to me, 'Don't be afraid; wait and see, your soul will expand.' (Blessed Zelie Martin to Leonie who was nearly impossible to handle) Pray that Holiness may be born in families</p>	<p>Blessed Leonie Martin (Celebrated June 16th) "Your little Leonie may be changed, not only in name, but in everything which might be displeasing to Him whom alone she wishes to love." "It is inappropriate for me to moan over my faults as I have done until now. That is pride. As our Holy Founder said, it is no wonder that weakness is weak; I must humble myself, not vex myself". Pray for children who are not understood</p>	<p>St. Leopold Mandic 1866-1942 (Celebrated October 16th) Cappuchin Priest in Yugoslavia: "I expect everything from the charity of our Lord Jesus Christ and His Divine Heart" Pray for souls to make a Holy Confession</p>
<p>St Luke the Evangelist (celebrated October 18th) 'After carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, I have decided to write an ordered account for you, so that you may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.' Luke 1:3-4 Pray for great evangelists in the Church today.</p>	<p>St. Margaret Mary Alacoque October 16 "A just soul has so much power over my heart that it can obtain forgiveness for thousands of criminals." (Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque) Cultivate devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus</p>	<p>Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (celebrated on 16 October) "Make your home in the adorable Heart of Jesus Christ, take your little worries and disappointments, and all will find peace there. You will find the remedy for your ills, the strength for your weaknesses and shelter in all your needs." Pray for those crushed by trials</p>
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<p>Saint Charbel, Hermit in Lebanon (celebrated on 24 December)</p> <p>"Through Mary we are born, not to this world, but to God."</p> <p><i>Pray for the Lebanon.</i></p>	<p>St. Charles Borromeo November 4th</p> <p>"We ought to walk in front, and our spiritual subjects will follow us more easily."</p> <p><i>Pray for spiritual directors.</i></p>	<p>Blessed Charles de Foucault (France) December 1</p> <p>"My Father, I abandon myself to you. Do with me what you will."</p> <p><i>Pray for peace in the Holy land.</i></p>
<p>Saint Gemma Galgani – Mystic and Victim Soul April 11</p> <p><i>"If I saw the gates of Hell open and I stood on the brink of the abyss , I should not despair, I should not lose hope of mercy, because I should trust in you, my God"</i></p> <p><i>Pray for those who are despondent or despairing.</i></p>	<p>Blessed Bartolo Longo- Feast October 5</p> <p>Former Satanist who dedicated his life to Mary. Saint John Paul called him "the apostle of the rosary"</p> <p>"Mary says, 'Come to my School, to my Rosary School and I will teach you the holy love and the short and safe way to gain heaven.' "My only desire is to see Mary, who has saved me and who will save me from the clutches of Satan."</p> <p>(Last words of Bartolo Longo on his death bed - October 5 1926)</p> <p><i>Pray for greater devotion to the Rosary</i></p>	<p>Teresa de Los Andes- Feast April 12 (the first Chilean and the first Discalced Carmelite nun outside Europe to be declared a saint. Patron of young people)</p> <p>"God is my heaven here below. I live with him. Even when I am walking, we speak together without being interrupted by anyone. If you would know him enough, you would love him. If you would stay with him for one hour, you would know heaven on earth</p> <p>We pray for the peoples of Latin America</p>

<p>Blessed Elena Guerra: Feast April 11 wrote 12 confidential letters to Pope Leo XIII, asking him to encourage greater devotion to the Holy Spirit among Catholics. He then wrote an encyclical on the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>"Pentecost is not over. In fact it is continually going on in every time and in every place, because the Holy Spirit desired to give himself to all men and all who want him can always receive him, so we do not have to envy the apostles and the first believers; we only have to dispose ourselves like them to receive him well, and He will come to us as he did to them."</p> <p>We pray for openness to the Holy Spirit for the Church and the world.</p>	<p>Saint Mary MacKillop- Feast August 8</p> <p>First and only Australian saint, founder of schools and orphanages, and caring for the spiritually needy. She suffered terrible misunderstandings and endured them for the sake of Christ.</p> <p>"Never see an evil without considering what you might do to remedy it."</p> <p>We pray for the peoples of Australia</p>	<p>Blessed Solanus Casey- November 3</p> <p>"Blessed be God in all his designs" Capuchin priest in Detroit served as a doorman though he was not allowed to preach formally or hear confessions.</p> <p>He would listen to the story of everyone as if he had all the time in the world...." Many healings were reported by people who came to the door of the friary and for whom he prayed. When they returned to credit him with healing he would say "No, your faith has healed you".</p> <p>We pray for those who have spiritual needs that they seek healing in faith.</p>
<p>Saint Charles Lwanga and his companions (a total of 23 Anglican and 22 Catholic martyrs to the faith in Uganda - Feast June 3</p> <p>He protected the other pages from sexual advances by the king. As he was being burnt, Lwanga said to the Guardian, "It is as if you are pouring water on me. Please repent and become a Christian like me."</p> <p>Pray for the faith to grow in Africa.</p>	<p>Saint Junipero Serra- Feast Day July 1</p> <p>Franciscan missionary and founder of several missions in California serving the needs of the native people.</p> <p>"Always forward, never back"</p> <p>We pray for the Franciscans who serve at Saint James and all the priests who have helped us live Our Lady's messages.</p>	<p>Saint Peter Faber- Cofounder of the Jesuits- August 2</p> <p>I beg of you, my Lord, to remove anything which separates me from you, and you from me. Remove anything that makes me unworthy of your sight, your control, your reprobation; of your speech and conversation, of your benevolence and love Cast from me every evil that stands in the way of my seeing you, hearing, tasting, savoring, and touching you; fearing and being mindful of you; knowing, trusting, loving, and possessing you; being conscious of your presence, and as far as may be, enjoying you. That is what I ask for myself and earnestly desire from you. Amen</p> <p>May Jesus be loved above all!</p>

<p>Saint Jose Maria Escriva- June 26</p> <p>"Love the Church; Serve the church with the conscious gladness of one who has committed himself to this service for Loves sake. And if we should see anyone travelling without hope, like the two men on the road to Emmaus, let us approach them full of faith- not in our own name but in Christ's name- to reassure them that Jesus promise cannot fail for he is always watching over his Spouse and he will never abandon her. The darkness will pass away because we are children of the light and have been called to life everlasting."</p> <p>For those who do not love the Church and those who do not know the love of the Church.</p>	<p>Saint Josephine Bakhita- February 8</p> <p>Born in Sudan, she was kidnapped and suffered severe abuse at the hands of her torturers. She eventually wound up with an Italian family in Italy and through them she was introduced to the Catholic faith and became a sister dedicated to teaching others for the love of God.</p> <p>She was known for her smile, gentleness and holiness. She even went on record saying, "If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and Religious today."</p> <p>Pray to forgive those who have harmed us.</p>	<p>Saint Andre Bessette- January 6</p> <p>Canadian brother, known for his devotion to Saint Joseph. With childlike devotion, he recommended novenas and prayers to Saint Joseph as well as sacramental oil and many who came to him were healed.</p> <p>"When you invoke Saint Joseph, you don't have to speak much. You know your Father in heaven knows what you need; well, so does His friend Saint Joseph." "Tell him, 'If you were in my place, Saint Joseph, what would you do? Well, pray for this in my behalf.'</p> <p>Saint Andre, help us be generous in our intercessory prayer.</p>
<p>Saint Euphrasia Eluvathinkal Feast Day aug 29</p> <p>In Kerala, India, the local people called her "praying Mother" and her Sisters in the community referred to her as the "Mobile Tabernacle" because the divine presence she kept within her radiated to all she encountered" (Vatican) Saint Euphrasia is frequently petitioned for problems with the family or fertility, Many childless couples who come to pray at the site of the saint's death end up having children afterward</p> <p>We pray for the people of India</p>	<p>The Chinese Martyrs- Feast July 9</p> <p>120 people both children and to adult were martyred for the faith in China. One was 14-year-old Wang Anna who refused to renounce her faith. Seconds before her cruel death, she cried out: "The door of heaven is open to all, then whispered, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus". 18-year-old Chi Zhuzi, became a Catholic at 17, Disowned by his family, he was eventually captured and ordered to publicly worship idols. When he refused, they cut off his right arm. He still refused, declaring: "Every piece of my flesh, every drop of my blood will tell you that I am Christian"</p> <p>We pray for the people of China.</p>	<p>Saint Andrew Kim and companions- Sept 20</p> <p>First Korean born Catholic priest and patron of Korea. His last words before his cruel Martyr's death were.</p> <p>"This is my last hour of life, listen to me attentively: if I have held communication with foreigners, it has been for my religion and for my God. It is for Him that I die. My immortal life is on the point of beginning. Become Christians if you wish to be happy after death, because God has eternal chastisements in store for those who have refused to know Him."</p> <p>For the people of Korea that they come to know the love of God.</p>

<p>St. Mark Ji Tianxiang, Chinese Martyr, Feast July 9</p> <p>An opium addict, Mark couldn't receive communion because his addiction was regarded as gravely sinful and scandalous at the time. He prayed for deliverance from his addiction and remained faithful to the Church until he was jailed because of his faith. As Ji and his family were dragged to prison to await their execution, his grandson looked fearfully at him. "Grandpa, where are we going?" he asked. "We're going home," came the answer. At his trial he was given a chance to renounce his faith, but he refused. It is said that he sang the litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary as he was led to his execution.</p> <p>We pray for those addicted to drugs</p>	<p>Venerable Matt Talbot- June 19</p> <p>An Irish layman who drank heavily for over 16 years, Matt spent the last forty years of his life in sobriety, penance and deep prayer. He rose at 5 a.m. every day so as to attend Mass before work. At work, whenever he had spare time, he found a quiet place to pray. He spent most of every evening on his knees.</p> <p><i>"I am with you and I desire to help you to grow in renunciation and mortification, that you may be able to understand the beauty of the life of people who go on giving themselves to me in special way. Dear children, God blesses you day after day and desires a change of your life. Therefore, pray that you may have the strength to change your life."</i> (05/25/90)</p> <p>We pray for those who struggle with addictions to drugs or alcohol and for their families.</p>	<p>Father Jacques Hamel- July 27 Death</p> <p>Murdered by Isis terrorists while saying Mass, Pope Francis called him a martyr</p> <p>The Archbishop of Rouen, revealed during the solemn funeral Mass homily that Fr. Hamel tried to push away his attackers with his feet, saying "Go away, Satan!" The archbishop told us: "Evil is a mystery. It reaches heights of horror that take us out of the human. ...Isn't that what you wanted to say, Jacques, with your last words, when you fell to the ground? After you were struck by the knife, you tried to push away your assailants with your feet and said, 'Go away, Satan.' You repeated it, 'Go away, Satan.' You expressed your faith in the goodness of humans and that the devil put his claws in"</p> <p><i>For the grace not to yield when confronted by evil.</i></p>
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<p>Saint Jose Sanchez del Rio- Feb 10</p> <p>At the height of anti Catholicism in 20th century Mexico, Jose was imprisoned and tortured as he held on to the Catholic faith. Forced to watch the brutal torture of a man in prison he encouraged the suffering man: "You will be in Heaven before me.</p> <p>Prepare a place for me. Tell Christ the King I shall be with him soon". He was told by the soldiers that if he denounced Christ he would live. But he answered: "Long live Christ the King! Long live Our Lady of Guadalupe!"</p> <p>We pray for young people that they would fix their eyes on Christ the King</p>	<p>Saint Frances of Rome- March 9</p> <p>One of her contemporaries writes: "With peace of soul, she always reconciled herself to the will of God, and gave him thanks for all that happened. God had not chosen her to be holy merely for her own advantage.</p> <p>For this reason people flocked to Frances from all directions, as to a safe refuge. No one left her without being consoled, although she openly rebuked them for their sins and fearlessly reproved them for what was evil and displeasing to God."</p> <p>For wives and mothers.</p>	<p>Saint Rafka (Rebecca of Lebanon)</p> <p>Known as the Little flower of Lebanon, Saint Rafka was a Marionite Lebanese nun who has had thousands of healings attributed to her intercession.</p> <p>Desiring to share in the sufferings of Christ, she experienced severe illness due to tuberculosis. One American doctor removed her eye without anesthetic. She calmly said to the doctor: "I am in communion with the Passion of Christ. May God preserve your hands, Doctor. May God repay you." During her suffering she joyously repeated the phrase "in participation with Jesus' Passion".</p> <p>For the people of the Middle East that they may know communion with the Passion of Christ</p>
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<p>Pope Saint Gregory the - Sept 3</p> <p>"The Holy Bible is like a mirror before our mind's eye. In it we see our inner face. From the Scriptures we can learn our spiritual deformities and beauties. And there too we discover the progress we are making and how far we are from perfection."</p> <p>We pray for the Pope and the Bishops of the Church.</p>	<p>Pope Leo the Great Feast November 10</p> <p>A great pope, he battled heresies and is best known for turning back Atilla the Hun from invading Europe</p> <p>"It was fitting, therefore, that the birth which brings salvation brought no corruption to virginal integrity; the bringing forth of Truth was at the same time the safeguarding of virginity. Dearly beloved, this kind of birth was fitting for Christ, the power and the wisdom of God: a birth in which he was one with us in our human nature but far above us in his divinity. If he were not true God, he would not be able to bring us healing; if he were not true man, he would not be able to give us an example"</p> <p>We pray for theologians and Catholic schools and universities.</p>	<p>Saint Tarsicius- August 15</p> <p>This 12 year old Saint was an acolyte taking holy communion to prisoners about to be executed for their faith. He was identified by a mob in the road as a Christian and died a martyrs death protecting the most Blessed Sacrament from their violent hands</p> <p>Let us pray for a greater love for the Eucharist and never to take Mass for granted.</p>
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<p>Blessed Alexandrina of Balasar- Oct 13</p> <p>Portuguese mystic who was a contemporary of the Fatima seers , she petitioned the bishops of Portugal to ask for the consecration of the world to the immaculate heart and offered sufferings for that purpose. She lived for 13 years on the Eucharist alone. While this phenomenon was inexplicable to everyone else, Alexandrina knew the cause of it, for Jesus had already told her:- "You are living by the Eucharist alone because I want to prove to the world the power of the Eucharist and the power of my life in souls."</p> <p><i>After her death Sister Lucia of Fatima wrote to her spiritual director: " May the Lord grant that Alexandrina's cause of beatification advance as quickly as possible, for the glory of God. It is necessary that such a materialistic world sees that there are still souls capable of being raised into the realms of the supernatural."</i></p> <p>For the grace to offer our sufferings for the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart</p>	<p>Blessed Franz Jagestatter- August 9</p> <p>A devout Catholic and daily communicant, he refused to bow to Hitler 1907-1943 On 9 August, before being executed, Franz wrote:</p> <p>"If I must write... with my hands in chains, I find that much better than if my will were in chains. Neither prison nor chains nor sentence of death can rob a man of the Faith and his free will. God gives so much strength that it is possible to bear any suffering.... People worry about the obligations of conscience as they concern my wife and children. But I cannot believe that, just because one has a wife and children, a man is free to offend God".</p> <p>We pray for religious liberty for all peoples in all nations.</p>	<p>Blessed Chiara Luce Badano (1971-1990) October 29</p> <p>Dying as a teenager she believed in living every instance in the fullness of God. At age 12 she wrote: "I am 12 years old. I have met the Ideal and immediately became very attracted to it. The most important reality for me during these meetings has been re-discovering Forsaken Jesus.... I discovered that Forsaken Jesus is the key to unity with God and I want to choose Him as my first Spouse and get prepared for when He comes. To prefer Him! I understood that I can find Him in the distant ones, the atheists, and that I must love them in a very special way, without interest! I re- discovered the Gospel under a new light.... Just as it's easy for me to learn the alphabet so must it also be to live the Gospel. I have re-discovered this phrase that says: "Give, and it shall be given to you": I must learn to trust Jesus more, to believe in his immense love.</p> <p>We pray for teenagers and young people that they may come to know Christ's love in life and live it to the fullest.</p>
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<p>Blessed Isadore Bakanja- August 15</p> <p>His employers at a Belgian rubber plantation in the Congo had ordered the 22 year old to cease sharing the gospel as well as remove the scapular that he wore as a witness to his faith. Isidore's refusal to comply with the demands of his supervisor resulted in his being brutally beaten and chained 24 hours a day. He died as a resulting infection promising to pray for the supervisor who beat him. "I shall pray for him. When I am in heaven, I shall pray for him very much."</p> <p>For the grace to forgive those who have wounded us.</p>	<p>Saint Simon Stock- July 3</p> <p>It was to Saint Simon Stock, on July 16, 1251, that Our Lady gave the brown scapular. Our Lady promised to all who wore the brown scapular that she would obtain for them the grace of final perseverance in the Catholic Faith. An early chronicle about him states: To him appeared the Blessed Virgin with a multitude of angels, holding the Scapular of the Order in her blessed hands, and saying: 'This will be a privilege for you and for all Carmelites, that he who dies in this will not suffer eternal fire.'</p> <p>For the grace of perseverance.</p>	<p>Saint Martin of Tours- November 11</p> <p>While Martin was a soldier in the Roman army and stationed in Gaul (modern-day France), he experienced a vision. One day as he was approaching the gates of a city where he met a scantily clad beggar. He impulsively cut his military cloak in half to share with the man. That night, Martin dreamed of Jesus wearing the half-cloak he had given away. He heard Jesus say to the angels: "Martin, who is still but a catechumen clothed me with this robe." After this dream he was baptized at age 18.</p> <p>For the grace to see the face of the Christ in the poor</p>
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<p>Saint Margaret of Castello- Feast April 13</p> <p>Born blind and with physical deformities, Margaret was rejected by her parents and suffered greatly in her life.</p> <p>In spite of her physical difficulties, Margaret visited prisoners, helped the sick, and comforted people who were suffering. Soon everyone in the city of Castello knew about Margaret and admired her. At her death, the entire city attended her funeral and that a crippled young girl was healed during the Mass.</p> <p>We pray for those who are disabled in any way.</p>	<p>Blessed Herman , Author of the Hail Holy Queen Prayer- September 25</p> <p>Born with a cleft palate, spina bifida, and cerebral palsy, He became a monk at age 20. He studied and wrote on astronomy, theology, math, history, poetry, Arabic, Greek and Latin before becoming blind later in life. He was the most famous religious poet of his day and was called "the wonder of his age". In every rosary we pray the beautiful prayer "Hail Holy Queen" which he wrote.</p> <p>We pray for parents who are told that their unborn children may have disabilities, that they may choose life.</p>	<p>Saint Scholastica, Sister of Saint Benedict- Feb 10.</p> <p>According to the <i>Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great</i>, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close at hand and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day. He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own Rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey. Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Scholastica replied, "I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it." Brother and sister parted the next morning after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove. Benedict then announced the death of his sister to the monks and later buried her in the tomb he had prepared for himself.</p> <p>We pray for love between siblings</p>
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