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SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT September 3rd



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Saint Gregory the Great



Saint Gregory the Great (Pope Gregory I) was one of the most influential popes in history—administrator, theologian, liturgical reformer, and missionary strategist—shaping the medieval Church more than any other early pope. His feast day in the Latin Church is September 3, and he is honored as a Doctor of the Church. Sources:

Saint Gregory the Great
(c. 540 – March 12, 604)

Significance

Fourth and final Latin Father of the Church

Founder of the medieval papacy, exercising both spiritual and civic authority Prolific writer, especially known for the Pastoral Rule and the Dialogues

Major liturgical reformer, associated with the development of Gregorian chant

Missionary pope, sending Augustine of Canterbury to evangelize the Anglo-Saxons

Life and Background

Early Life

Born into a wealthy Roman senatorial family around 540.

Served as Prefect of Rome at age 30, the highest civil office in the city.

Converted his family estate on the Caelian Hill into a monastery, San Gregorio Magno al Celio.

Monastic and Ecclesial Career

Became a monk, embracing poverty, prayer, and study.

Sent as papal ambassador (apocrisiarius) to Constantinople.

Elected Pope on September 3, 590 during a time of plague, famine, and Lombard invasions.

Achievements and Reforms

Liturgical Reform

Standardized and simplified the Roman liturgy.

Associated with the tradition of Gregorian chant, though its

development was gradual and post-Gregory.

Pastoral Leadership

Authored the Pastoral Rule, a foundational text for bishops and pastors, emphasizing humility, discernment, and care for souls.

Wrote over 800 letters, offering insight into Church governance and diplomacy.

The Seven Prayers of St. Gregory

O Lord Jesus, I adore you hanging on the Cross, bearing the thorny crown on your head. I beg you, that your Cross may free me from the Angel. Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary.

O Lord Jesus, I adore you wounded on the Cross, having drunk vinegar and gall. I beg you, that your wounds may be the remedy of my soul. Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary.

O Lord Jesus, I ask by that bitterness of your Passion, which you underwent in the hour of your death, especially at that time when your most holy soul departed from your blessed body, to have mercy on my soul in its departure from my body, and lead it into eternal life. Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary.

O Lord Jesus, I adore you placed in the tomb, embalmed with myrrh and spices. I beg you, that your death may be my life. Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary.

O Lord Jesus, I adore you descending into hell and freeing your captives from that place. I beg you, that you may never allow me to enter there. Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary.

O Lord Jesus, I adore you rising from the dead, and ascending into heaven, and sitting at the right hand of the Father. I beg you, that I may merit to follow you there and to be presented to you. Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary.

O Lord Jesus, good Shepherd, preserve the just, pardon sinners, have mercy on all the faithful, and be well-disposed to me, a wretched and unworthy sinner. Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary.

Pope St. Gregory the Great HD

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Prayer to Saint Gregory the Great

Father, you guide your people with kindness and govern us with love. By the prayers of Saint Gregory give the spirit of wisdom to those you have called to lead your Church. May the growth of your people in holiness be the eternal joy of your shepherds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Collect Prayer

O God, who care for your people with gentleness and rule them in love, through the intercession of Pope Saint Gregory, endow, we pray, with a spirit of wisdom those to whom you have given authority to govern, that the flourishing of a holy flock may become the eternal joy of the shepherds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

St. Gregory: An Easter Prayer

It is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You Father and Your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Dear Father, by Your wondrous condescension of Loving-Kindness toward us, Your servants, You gave up Your Son. Dear Jesus You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured forth in Loving-Kindness. You cleared away the darkness of sin by Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection. You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a Conqueror. You reconciled Heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of Eternal Happiness before You redeemed us. Your Resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your Love! We pray You, Lord, to preserve Your servants in the peaceful enjoyment of this Easter happiness. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with God The Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

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Prayer of St. Gregory the Great



Acclaim To The Suffering Christ O Lord, You received affronts without number from Your blasphemers, yet each day You free captive souls from the grip of the ancient enemy. You did not avert Your face from the spittle of perfidy, yet You wash souls in saving waters. You accepted Your scourging without murmur, yet through your meditation

You deliver us from endless chastisements. You endured ill-treatment of all kinds, yet You want to give us a share in the choirs of angels in glory everlasting. You did not refuse to be crowned with thorns, yet You save us from the wounds of sin. In your thirst You accepted the bitterness of gall, yet You prepare Yourself to fill us with eternal delights. You kept silence under the derisive homage rendered You by Your executioners, yet You petition the Father for us although You are his equal in Divinity. You came to taste death, yet You were the Life and had come to bring it to the dead. Amen.

What's so Great About St. Gregory the Great?

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