

The Chaplet of Saint Lawrence

Born: December 31, 225 A.D. in Valencia

Died: August 10, 258 A.D. in Rome

Feast Day: August 10

Patronages: Rome; Librarians; Students; miners; Tanners; Chefs; Roasters; Poor; Firefighters; Comedians

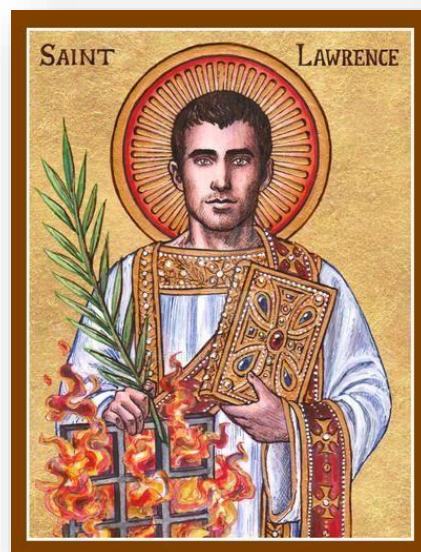
In 257, when Saint Sixtus became Pope, he ordained Saint Lawrence deacon, and though he was still young, appointed him the first of the seven deacons who served in the Church of Rome. To this office was annexed the care of the treasury of the Church and the distribution of its revenues among the poor. In that same year, the Emperor Valerian published his edict of persecution and commanded all bishops, priests, and deacons to be put to death immediately. Saint Sixtus, at the same time, ordered him to distribute the treasures of the Church among the poor. Saint Lawrence did as he was commanded, selling even the sacred vessels to increase the sum.



At that time the Church of Rome, besides providing for its ministers, maintained 1500 poor people and even sent alms to distant countries. The Prefect of Rome commanded Saint Lawrence to surrender the treasures of the Church, and he promised to show them to him. On the third day, instead of gold and silver, he exhibited the poor whom he had gathered together.

The enraged Prefect commanded that he should be slowly roasted on a gridiron. The order was mercilessly executed but the martyr, strengthened by Divine grace, endured his suffering with heroic fortitude and even found strength to jest at the expense of his torments and his persecutor. To his last breath, the holy deacon prayed for the conversion of the city of Rome, that the faith of Christ might thence spread throughout the world. Several senators, who had witnessed his execution, were converted to Christianity and gave decent burial to his body. His martyrdom occurred in the year 258.

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How to Pray the Chaplet

Begin on the Crucifix

Glorious St Lawrence, model of Christian fortitude, I implore you in your loving kindness to pray for me before the throne of God. To you I have recourse in the problems that daily surround me. Shield me against my selfishness and my indifference to God and my neighbor. Inspire me to imitate your Christian virtues. May your blessing be with me always, so that I may see and serve Christ in others and work for His Kingdom. Graciously obtain for me from God those favors and graces which I need so much in the trials, miseries and afflictions in life, particularly...

(Mention your request here...)

Help me, dear St Lawrence, to live and die as a faithful child of God, to run in the sweetness of His loving will and to attain the eternal happiness of heaven. Lord, Jesus, we pray that the flames of Your Divine love may burn away all traces of vice within us and that we may be practical and zealous in the service of the poor. Amen.

<https://novenaprayer.com/st-lawrence-novena/>

First Set of Three Beads Pray the Our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in

Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Second Set of Three Beads Pray the Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou among women and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Third Set of Three Beads Pray the Glory Be

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; World without end. Amen.

Close on the Medal

O glorious Saint Lawrence, Martyr and Deacon, who, being subjected to the most bitter torments, did not lose your faith nor your constancy in confessing Jesus Christ, obtain in like manner for us such an active and solid faith, that we shall never be ashamed to be true followers of Jesus Christ, and fervent Christians in word and in deed, even in spite of trials, persecutions, or the sword. Amen.

