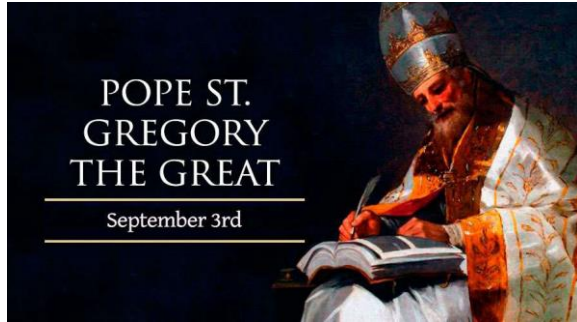


CHAPLET of ST. GREGORY the GREAT (Pope)



On the Cross:

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! - Saint Gregory's Easter Prayer

Invitatory (First Pendant Bead):

Almighty and merciful God, who raised up Gregory of Rome to be a servant of the servants of God, and inspired him to send missionaries to preach the Gospel to the English people: Preserve in your Church the catholic and apostolic faith they taught, that your people, being fruitful in every good work, may receive the crown of glory that never fades away; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

On the Remaining Eight Beads:

1st: O Lord, you received affronts without number from your blasphemers, yet each day you free captive souls from the grip of the ancient enemy. *Our Father...*

2nd: You did not avert your face from the spittle of perfidy, yet you wash

souls in saving waters. *Our Father...*

3rd: You accepted your scourging without murmur, yet through your meditation you deliver us from endless chastisements. *Our Father...*

4th: You endured ill-treatment of all kinds, yet you want to give us a share in the choirs of angels in glory everlasting. *Hail Mary...*

5th: You did not refuse to be crowned with thorns, yet you save us from the wounds of sin. *Hail Mary...*

6th: In your thirst you accepted the bitterness of gall, yet you prepare yourself to fill us with eternal delights. *Hail Mary...*

7th: 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. *Glory Be...*

8th: You came to taste death, yet you were the Life and had come to bring it to the dead. *Glory Be...*

--St. Gregory's "Prayer of Acclaim to the Suffering Christ"

Exit Invitatory (Medal):

So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.' --Mark 10:42-45

Final Prayer (Still On Medal):

We pray You, Lord, to preserve Your servants in the peaceful enjoyment of 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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Saint Gregory the Great's Story

Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome.

Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery, including St. Augustine! He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed.

Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he interviewed the Lombard king.

His book, *Pastoral Care*, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.

An Anglican historian has written: "It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great."

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Saint Gregory the Great's accomplishments are many and his advancement of the Church and the teachings of Christ impressive. Gregory's family heritage included three saints and his great-grandfather was a Pope. He was very well connected within the church and his studies were conducted by the best teachers of the time. He could have chosen any path in life but instead used his fortune to do God's work. His missionary efforts include France, Spain, and Africa. Pope Saint Gregory I is one of the Four Latin Doctors of the Church. He is the Patron Saint of Teachers, Musicians and Epilepsy.



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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

