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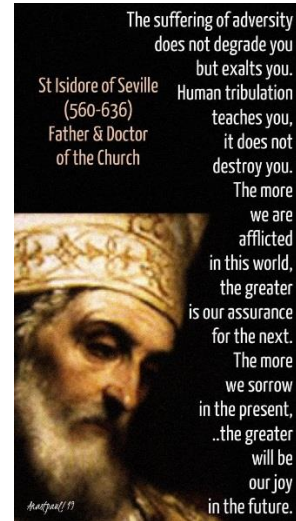
Isidore was literally born into a family of saints in sixth century Spain. Two of his brothers, Leander and Fulgentius, and one of his sisters, Florentina, are revered as saints in Spain. It was also a family of leaders and strong minds with Leander and Fulgentius serving as bishops and Florentina as abbess.

This didn't make life easier for Isidore. To the contrary, Leander may have been holy in many ways, but his treatment of his little brother shocked many even at the time. Leander, who was much older than Isidore, took over Isidore's education and his pedagogical theory involved force and punishment. We know from Isidore's later accomplishments that he was intelligent and hard-working so it is hard to understand why Leander thought abuse would work instead of patience.

One day, the young boy couldn't take any more. Frustrated by his inability to learn as fast as his brother wanted and hurt by his brother's treatment, Isidore ran away. But though he could escape his brother's hand and words, he couldn't escape his own feeling of failure and rejection. He noticed water dripping on the rock near where he sat. The drops of water that fell repeatedly carried no force and seemed to have no effect on the solid stone. And yet he saw that over time, the water drops had worn holes in the rock. Isidore realized that if he kept working at his studies, his seemingly small efforts would eventually pay off in great learning. He also may have hoped that his efforts would also wear down the rock of his brother's heart.

When he returned home, however, his brother in exasperation confined him to a cell (probably in a monastery) to complete his studies, not believing that he wouldn't run away again. Either there must have been a loving side to this relationship or Isidore was remarkably forgiving even for a saint, because later he would work side by side with his brother and after

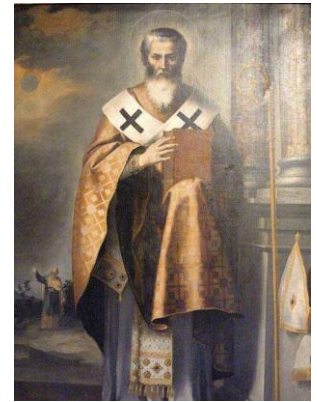
Leander's death, Isidore would complete many of the projects he began including a missal and breviary.



Isidore was able to separate the abusive way he was taught from the joy of learning. He didn't run from learning after he left his brother but embraced education and made it his life's work. Isidore rose above his past to become known as the greatest teacher in Spain. His love of learning made him promote the establishment of a seminary in every diocese of Spain. He didn't limit his own studies and didn't want

others to as well. In a unique move, he made sure that all branches of knowledge including the arts and medicine were taught in the seminaries.

His encyclopedia of knowledge, the Etymologies, was a popular textbook for nine centuries. He also wrote books on grammar, astronomy, geography, history, and biography as well as theology.

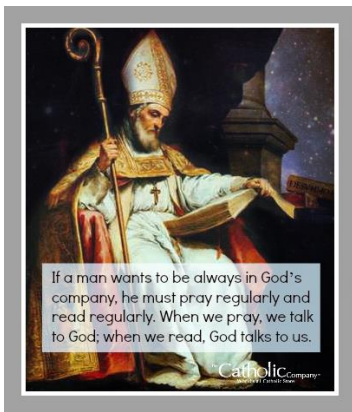


As bishop of Seville for 37 years, succeeding Leander, he set a model for representative government in Europe. Under his direction, and perhaps remembering the tyrannies of his brother, he rejected autocratic decision-making and organized synods to discuss government of the Spanish Church. Still trying to wear away rock with water, he helped convert the barbarian Visigoths from Arianism to Christianity (Arianism is the belief that Jesus is not God, but a creation of God the Father).

He lived until almost 80. As he was dying his house was filled with crowds of poor he was giving aid and alms to. One of his last acts was to give all his possessions to the poor. When he died in 636, this Doctor of the Church had done more than his brother had ever hoped; the light of his learning caught fire in Spanish minds and held back the Dark Ages of barbarism from Spain. But even greater than his outstanding mind must have been the genius of his heart that allowed him to see beyond rejection and discouragement to joy and possibility.

[https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=58](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=58)

## Praying the Chaplet of St. Isidore of Seville



**Opening Prayer on the Medal:** Almighty and eternal God, who hast created us in Thy image and hast bidden us to seek after all that is good, true, and beautiful, especially in the divine person of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee that, through the intercession of Saint Isidor, bishop and doctor, during our journeys through the internet we will direct our hands and eyes only to that which is pleasing to Thee and treat with charity and patience all souls whom we encounter. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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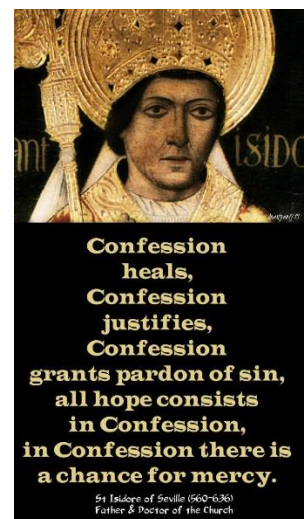
**Day 1/Bead 1** Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us St. Isidore of Seville as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the devotion to You he showed throughout his life, from the time he was a young boy in a holy family. St. Isidore of Seville, we know little about your early life. But multiple people in your family came to be recognized as saints. As a member of this holy family, you began on the path to serving God. Please bring my petitions before God Whom you served! You continued on the path of holy service to God for the rest of your life. You became an archbishop and helped unite the Church in a time of great conflict. Pray for me, that I may be as devoted a servant of God as you were. Pray that I may be eager to devote my life to God. Please also pray for (mention your intentions here). St. Isidore of Seville, pray for us! *OUR FATHER*

**Day 2/Bead 2** Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us St. Isidore of Seville as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the love of You he showed from the time he was a young student and throughout his whole life. St. Isidore of Seville, you studied under the guidance of your older brother, St. Leander, during your youth. Though your early school experience was very harsh, you grew to love learning. Please bring my petitions before the throne of God! You understood the importance of education. As an archbishop, you promoted the study of theology, grammar, history, geography, and other

subjects. You worked to help lead your people closer to God through study. Pray for me, that I may always be eager to learn more about God. Pray that I may be as eager to serve God as you were. Please also pray for (mention your intentions here). St. Isidore of Seville, pray for us! *OUR FATHER*

**Day 3/Bead 3** Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us St. Isidore of Seville as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the devotion to You he showed in choosing to serve as an archbishop. St. Isidore, we knew few details about the early years of your vocational path. But we know that you held the monastic life in high esteem, and that you were elected archbishop after your brother's death. Please bring my petitions before God Whom you served so devotedly! As archbishop, you were deeply concerned for the welfare of your people. You did a lot of good work for the Church and never tired of serving God. Pray for me, that I may always be eager to serve God in whatever ways He calls me to serve Him. Pray that I may be happy to devote my life to Him. Please also pray for (mention your intentions here). St. Isidore of Seville, pray for us! *OUR FATHER*

**Day 4/Bead 4** Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us St. Isidore of Seville as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the virtue with which he led your people as archbishop. St. Isidore of Seville, you were chosen as archbishop of Seville after the death of St. Leander. As archbishop, you ensured that the monasteries in your archdiocese were protected. Then, you developed a course of action to promote the spiritual welfare of your people. Please bring my petitions before God Whom you served with such enthusiasm! You worked hard to bring unity to the Church in your archdiocese. You fought against heresy and taught the true teachings of the Church. Pray for me, that I may serve God and His Church as devotedly as you did. Pray that I may never cease seeking to serve God faithfully. Please also pray for (mention your intentions here). St. Isidore of Seville, pray for us! *OUR FATHER*



**Day 5/Bead 5** Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us St. Isidore of Seville as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the love of You he showed by working to foster peace and unity in society. St. Isidore of Seville, you actively began working to unify your people after you

were made archbishop of Seville. You worked to unite subcultures of people into a unified Church. Please continue to bring my petitions before the throne of God! You succeeded in bringing about unity, and you did a lot to strengthen the Church. Under your leadership, many people were brought closer to God. Pray for me, that I may work as diligently to bring others to God as you did. Pray that I may never miss the opportunity to help bring peace and unity to others around me. Please also pray for (mention your intentions here). St. Isidore of Seville, pray for us! *OUR FATHER*

**Day 6/Bead 6** Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us St. Isidore of Seville as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the virtue he showed in working to promote the Church's true teachings and to defend those teachings against heresy. St. Isidore of Seville, there were many divisions in the Church when you served as archbishop. You worked hard to unite the Church and to defeat heresy, out of love for God. Please bring my petitions before God Whom you loved so dearly! You were able to get rid of the Arian heresy almost entirely in your area. You were also effective in halting the spread of the Acephali Heresy shortly after it began. Pray for me, that I may always be as willing to fight for and defend the truth as you were. Pray that I may never waver in my devotion to the true teachings of God. Please also pray for (mention your intentions here). St. Isidore of Seville, pray for us! *OUR FATHER*

**Day 7/Bead 7** Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us St. Isidore of Seville as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the love of You he showed in using education to bring others to unity and increased holiness. St. Isidore of Seville, you grew to love learning despite your harsh school experience as a child. You made education your life's work, and you sought to serve God through it. Please bring my petitions before God Whom you sought to serve! You worked to counteract barbarism through education. You promoted the establishment of more seminaries, and you promoted more learning in all subject areas. Pray for me, that I may never tire of learning more about God in my life. Pray that I may make use of all natural gifts possible to glorify God in the world. Please also pray for (mention your intentions here). St. Isidore of Seville, pray for us! *OUR FATHER*

**Day 8/Bead 8** Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us St. Isidore of Seville as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the devotion to You he showed in his life of service to Your Church. St. Isidore of Seville, you became archbishop of Seville after your brother, St. Leander, died. As archbishop, you eagerly set out to do all you

could to lead your flock and unite God's Church. Please bring my petitions before God Whom you served so eagerly! You did a lot to unify your scattered and conflicted people. You helped bring an end to heresies, and you led your people to deeper holiness. Pray for me, that I may always be eager to serve God and His Church in my life. Pray that I may never miss the opportunity to put my gifts to use at the service of God's Church. Please also pray for (mention your intentions here). St. Isidore of Seville, pray for us! *OUR FATHER*

**Day 9/Bead 9** Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us St. Isidore of Seville as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the virtue he showed in his care for the poor around him. St. Isidore of Seville, your virtuous care for the poor became apparent near the time of your death. Before your death when you were nearly eighty years old, your home was filled with poor people. You distributed alms to them, out of love for God. Please continue to bring my petitions before the throne of God! In your great love for God and charity towards your brothers and sisters in Christ, you gave away all of your possessions to the poor before you died. Pray for me, that I may grow in charity towards those in need. Pray that I may never miss the opportunity to serve God through charity towards the poor. Please also pray for (mention your intentions here). St. Isidore of Seville, pray for us! *OUR FATHER*

<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-isidore-of-seville-novena>

**Closing Prayer on the Crucifix (Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville)** Here we are before thee, O Holy Ghost. We feel the burden of our infirmities, but we are united all together in Thy name: come to us, help us, enter into our hearts: teach us what we should do, the path to follow, do for us what Thou askest us to do. Be the only one to propose and guide our decisions, because only Thou, with the Father and the Son, hast a name that is glorious and holy. Do not allow us to offend justice, Thou, who lovest order and peace, Let not ignorance lead us astray, Let not human sympathy bias us, Do not let people or office influence us. Keep us intimately close to Thee with the gift of Thy Grace, so that we may be only one thing with Thee, and nothing may separate us from the Truth. Gathered in Thy Holy Name, may we be good and firm, so that all we do may be in one accord with Thee, awaiting that the faithful fulfillment of our duty may lead us to the eternal good. Amen.

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