



St. Gregory the Great

September 3

Who was St. Gregory the Great?

St. Gregory the Great was a very notable figure in church History. He was born around 540 AD in Rome during a time that was plagued by wars, invasions and famine. St. Gregory's story unfolds amidst these challenging circumstances.

His father, Gordanius, was a wealthy senator and the Prefect of Rome, while also serving in the Church with the title of Reginarius. His mother, Silvia, came from a noble family and today is the patron saint of pregnant women. Gregory enjoyed books and learning very much and as a result became very educated for that time. What truly set him apart was his extraordinary generosity and empathy for the less fortunate.

Following the tragic loss of his father, Gregory selflessly converted the family estate in Rome into a monastery. With a great deal of enthusiasm, he established six Benedictine monasteries across his Sicilian estates.

In 590 AD, Gregory was named Pope by the clergy of Rome, humbly referring to himself as the "*servant of the servants of God*." His compassionate nature and exceptional leadership qualities earned him the title of "*Gregory the Great*."

Gregory's diplomatic skills, vast knowledge, talents and unwavering devotion to God proved invaluable in creating peace with other countries. He ensured the survival of Rome during times of famine and fostered harmony within the Church. However, his vision extended far beyond Rome. Guided by a deep love for humanity, Pope Gregory began missionary efforts throughout Europe, sending groups of monks to share the teachings of faith with many new communities.

Pope Gregory became widely known for his unending commitment to helping the poor. He selflessly donated the wealth bestowed upon the Church by the generous citizens of Rome towards charitable causes. From financial assistance to donating land, no act of kindness was too small. He actively encouraged his staff and fellow priests to replicate this compassionate spirit, even urging the clergy to personally go out into the streets to care for the poor.

In his final years, Pope Gregory endured the physical challenges of arthritis but remained true to his faith. On March 12, 604, he departed from this world, leaving behind a legacy that continues to inspire. It was no surprise that he was quickly canonized as a saint, for his love for God shone brilliantly in every aspect of his life.

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Quotes

"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist."

"Act in such a way that your humility may not be weakness, nor your authority be severe. Justice must be accompanied by humility, that humility may render justice lovable."

"If the work of God could be comprehended by reason, it would no longer be wonderful, and faith would have no merit if reason provided proof."

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

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.

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FEAST DAY:
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*"You cannot acquire the
gift of peace if by your
anger you destroy the
peace of the Lord."
- St. Gregory the Great*

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