

MORNING MEDITATION

Tuesday, Third Week of Lent

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

(Exodus 34:6-7)

Daniel 3:25, 34-43

Azariah prays with a humble and contrite heart. He affirms his confidence that those who follow God's ways and trust in God cannot be put to shame. He prays for God's kindness, mercy and compassion for his people.

Pray for God's compassion and mercy! Be humble and pray with confidence!

Psalm 25

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me
for you are God, my savior.

Mathew 18:21-35

Peter asked Jesus how often he must forgive his brother. The Rabbis taught that a man must forgive his brother three times. Peter was willing to go further than that, suggesting seven times!!! Jesus responded by suggesting seventy times seven – forgiveness without limit!!!

We have been forgiven much! And we have been forgiven without condition! Learn to forgive from the heart!

Jesus told them a parable about a servant who was forgiven a great debt. This servant went out and treated a fellow-servant without mercy and his unforgiving attitude was condemned!!!

Our calling is to forgive others as we have been forgiven, without condition and without limit.

May forgiveness be your Easter gift – forgive yourself and others without limit!!!

Saint of the Day, March 14 - St. Matilda of Saxony and 8 other saints are remembered this day.

Matilda was born in 895 C.E. at Engern, Westphalia, Germany. She was the daughter of Count Dietrich of Westphalia and Reinhild of Denmark. She was raised by her grandmother, the Abbess of Eufurt convent. She left the abbey in 913 and got married to King Henry the Fowler of Saxony. She was well known for her generosity, teaching the ignorant, comforting the sick, visiting prisoners, etc.. After Henry's death, she was betrayed by Otto, her son, when he falsely accused her of financial mismanagement and extravagant charities. She devoted herself to building three convents and a monastery. She was left in charge of the kingdom when Otto went to Rome to be crowned Emperor (often regarded as the beginning of the Holy Roman Empire), and spent most of the declining years of her life at the convent at Nordhausen she had built. She died at the monastery at Quedlinburg on March 14, 968.

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