



St. Jerome

September 30

Who was St. Jerome?

September 30th is the Feast Day of St. Jerome. St. Jerome was a scholar and priest who lived during the fourth century and is well-known for his contributions to biblical studies and his translation of the Bible into Latin.

While he was in Rome, he studied Greek, Latin, history, theology and philosophy, resulting in him building his own library with copies of the books and texts which he read. St. Jerome dedicated his life to studying and preserving the Sacred Scriptures. By 382, after his pilgrimage to the east, St. Jerome returned to Rome, where he was acclaimed as secretary and librarian by Pope Damasus. During his stay there, he spent several years translating the Bible from its original languages into Latin, creating a version known as the Vulgate. This translation made the Bible more accessible to people and played a significant role in the spread of Christianity.

Upon the death of Pope Damasus, St. Jerome was banished from Rome due to his satirical writing directed to the Roman clergy, and eventually settled in Antioch. With him, several widows and virgins travelled with the sole purpose of being enlightened by God and seeking St. Jerome's wisdom. Slowly, this led to the formation of new monasteries and convents.

St. Jerome's love for learning and his commitment to the truth inspired many people. He believed that studying the Scriptures and deepening our understanding of God's word would lead us closer to Him. He encouraged others to seek knowledge and to live virtuous lives. Throughout his life, Jerome wrote Scriptural commentaries, biographies, held conferences, taught the youth, translated most of the Old Testament into Hebrew and Greek, and even built several monasteries to continue his literary studies.

Beyond his scholarly pursuits, St. Jerome was known for his humility and simplicity. He lived a life of self-discipline and prayer, seeking to grow in holiness. St. Jerome's writings and letters reflect his deep love for God and his desire to help others on their spiritual journeys, which is why he was later canonized as a saint.

On his feast day, we honour St. Jerome's contributions to biblical scholarship and his dedication to the Word of God. We can learn from his example of seeking knowledge, living with humility, and striving to draw closer to God through prayer and study. St. Jerome's life teaches us the importance of valuing learning, living virtuously and embracing a personal relationship with God.

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Quotes

*"Be ever engaged, so that
whenever the devil calls he may
find you occupied."*

*"The face is the mirror of the mind,
and eyes without speaking confess
the secrets of the heart."*

*"Begin now what you will be
hereafter."*

Prayer

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

St. Jerome,
You were a devoted scholar and servant of God,
dedicated to studying and sharing His Word.
We turn to you with reverence and seek your intercession.

Help us to have a deep love for the Scriptures,
just as you did.
Inspire us to study and understand God's Word,
that it may guide us in our daily lives and draw us closer to Him.

St. Jerome,
we ask for your guidance in our pursuit of knowledge and wisdom.
Assist us in discerning the truth and applying it to our lives,
that we may live in accordance with God's will.

Grant us humility and simplicity of heart,
that we may approach God's Word with open minds
and receptive spirits.
Help us to seek the richness of His teachings
and to share the Gospel with others in words and actions.

St. Jerome,
pray for us,
that we may grow in faith,
deepen our love for God,
and become lifelong learners in our journey of spiritual growth.
May we be inspired by your example of dedication, study, and prayer.

Amen.

Patron Saint

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Valence, France





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FEAST DAY:
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SCHOOL LOCATION:
Aurora, ON

*"When we pray, we speak
to God, but when we
read, God speaks to us."*
- St. Jerome

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