

CHRISTIAN CALENDAR: AUGUST 23

Today, August 23, the Christian Church commemorates Saint Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons (Eastern tradition) and Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin and Patroness of the Americas (Western tradition). This day is dedicated to prayers for the protection of faith, purity of heart, and family guidance.

1. The Lord's Prayer (Our Father)

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen."

2. Angelic Salutation (Hail Mary)

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

3. Prayer for Purity of Faith to Saint Irenaeus of Lyons

"O Holy Father Irenaeus, great Defender of the Church and guardian of the apostolic tradition! You who manfully fought against false teachings to preserve the pure light of the Gospel. Ask our Lord to grant us the spirit of wisdom, discernment, and steadfastness in the True Faith, protecting our minds from doubt and our hearts from pride. Amen."

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