

Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr (287 - 305 AD)



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“In art, Catherine of Alexandria [Egypt] bears a spiked wheel and the Martyr’s palm. She is said to have been a 4<sup>th</sup>-Century [AD] woman of great learning who confounded the emperor’s pagan scholars with her defense of Christianity.”

Of noble birth, Catherine had a miraculous vision at age 14 of Holy Mary and The Infant JESUS. Well educated, she became a gifted defender of The Faith with Divine Inspiration and a sharp intellect.

Soon thereafter, the pagan Roman Emperor Maxentius began a brutal and blood persecution of Christians. Saint Catherine personally went to the emperor to chastise and dissuade him from further evil.

Instead of immediately executing her, the emperor brought dozens of his finest court advisers to argue against Catherine.

“After Catherine’s arguments converted some of her interlocutors and the emperor’s own wife, Catherine was threatened with the torment of the wheel” by Maxentius after she refused to renounce her Faith in CHRIST.

Neither scourging nor imprisonment would sway her from The Lord. The emperor condemned Saint Catherine to death by grinding from a spiked wheel designed for torturous execution, but offered her clemency if she would marry him.

Refusing the emperor’s offer to save her earthly life at the price of her virginity and her eternal soul, the enraged Maxentius condemned her to death.

But at Catherine’s holy and virtuous touch of the intended instrument of her torture and death, an “An angel intervened, destroying the wheel.” On the emperor’s subsequent order, “Catherine was beheaded.” \*

She is the patron Saint of students, unmarried girls and Christian apologists. Saint Catherine of Alexandria, pray for us, that we may use our gifts of faith and reason to stand as effective witnesses to Your Word and Church, no matter the odds.

“Almighty ever living GOD, Who gave  
Saint Catherine of Alexandria to Your people  
As a Virgin and an invincible Martyr,  
Grant that through her intercession  
We may be strengthened in faith and constancy  
And spend ourselves without reserve  
For The Unity of The Church” in Your Truth.  
“Through our Lord JESUS CHRIST, Your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with You in The Unity  
Of The HOLY SPIRIT, GOD for ever and ever.” \*  
AMEN.

I CHRONICLES 16:8-12

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLp85eLlaIM>

Lord JESUS CHRIST, may we always testify of Thee in Faith and Truth!

<sup>8</sup> Give thanks unto The LORD, call upon His Name, make known His deeds among the people.

<sup>9</sup> Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him, talk ye of all His wondrous works.

<sup>10</sup> Glory ye in His holy Name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek The LORD.

<sup>11</sup> Seek The LORD and His strength, seek His Face continually.

<sup>12</sup> Remember His marvellous works that He hath done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth;

\*[“Saint Catherine of Alexandria.” The Magnificat, 11/25/2021 AD. Optional memorial & Collect, p 352-353.]