

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, VHM (1572 - 1641 AD)



*a life of faith, love, good works & forgiveness in CHRIST*

"Jane's father was the president of the parliament of Burgundy, France. Her mother died when she was but eighteen months old. At twenty, Jane was wed to Christophe de Rabutin, the Baron de Chantal.

She bore him six children, three of whom survived infancy. When, only eight years into their marriage, Christophe was fatally shot in a hunting accident, Jane was inconsolable. She brought it to prayer, and after four months of grieving, emerged with a heart on fire for GOD.

And yet she was not able to forgive her husband's accidental shooter. After a time, she moved in with her disagreeable father-in-law and his vain and intemperate housekeeper. She gave herself to caring for her children and embraced strict penances.

When, three years later, she met Saint Francis de Sales, he became her spiritual director, a sure and gentle guide. Soon afterward, Jane was able to forgive the man who had shot her husband, even becoming godmother to one of his children.

In 1610, Jane and Francis founded the Congregation of the Visitation [of Holy Mary]. Interior humility, rather than exterior penances, was to be their hallmark. Jane spent the remaining thirty-one years of her life guiding the women who flocked to the Order. "Love! love! love!" she told them. "I know nothing else"

Eighty-six houses of the Order were in existence when she died. Eternal Father, through the intercession of Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, bring me friends who help me to discover Your Mercy!" \* AMEN.

TOBIT 4:5-11

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awJONw\\_kFV4&list=RDs7BB6kArmoI&index=18](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awJONw_kFV4&list=RDs7BB6kArmoI&index=18)

5 My son, be mindful of The LORD our GOD all thy days, and let not thy will be set to sin, or to transgress His Commandments: do uprightly all thy life long, and follow not the ways of unrighteousness.

6 For if thou deal truly, thy doings shall prosperously succeed to thee, and to all them that live justly.

7 Give alms of thy substance; and when thou givest alms, let not thine eye be envious, neither turn thy face from any poor, and The Face of GOD shall not be turned away from thee.

8 If thou hast abundance give alms accordingly: if thou have but a little, be not afraid to give according to that little:

9 For thou layest up a Good Treasure for thyself against the day of necessity.

10 Because that alms do deliver from death, and suffereth not to come into darkness.

11 For alms is a good gift unto all that give it in The Sight of The Most High.

\*["Saint Jane Frances de Chantal" The Magnificat, 9/06/2021. Saints Who Teach Us to Forgive, p 87.]