

Saint Wenceslaus, Czech King, Martyr (907 - 935 AD)



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"The son of the Christian Duke Vratislav and a heathen mother, Wenceslaus was born... near Prague. He was still a teenager when he wrested the throne from his mother, who was suppressing The Church.

Wenceslaus invited Latin Clergy into the country and promoted education in his realm. His policies drew the ire of his brother, who was complicit in Wenceslaus' murder... [on the very steps of a Church].

The "eternal prince" of the Czech people, Wenceslaus "had the courage to prefer The Kingdom of Heaven to the enticement of worldly power" (Pope Benedict XVI).

In the year 2000, the Czech Republic declared September 28 "Czech Sainthood Day," honoring Wenceslaus, the country's patron." * Thus the source of the expression, "Good King Wenceslaus," whose soul was set on CHRIST and his heart on his people, a Martyr for The Faith.

"O GOD, Who taught the Martyr Wenceslaus to place
The Heavenly Kingdom before an earthly one,
grant through his prayers that, denying ourselves,
we may hold fast to You with all our heart.
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.

ISAIAH 9:2,6-7

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vkwarcV5ki&list=RDd_Ahm3jDvdQ&index=24

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a Great Light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath The Light shined.

6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty GOD, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of The LORD of Hosts will perform this.

*["Saint Wenceslaus." The Magnificat, 9/28/2021. Optional Memorial & Collect, p 385.]