

Saint Monica (331 - 387 AD)

the blessed fruits of a virtuous Christian woman



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"Born in 331 in North Africa to Christian parents, Monica married Patricius, with whom she had at least three children. She kept peace in her family, quelling her husband's rages with meekness and winning the heart of her mother-in-law with kindness.

Both were eventually won over to The Faith. After her husband's death, Monica sought after the salvation of her son Augustine. For over fifteen years, she pursued him with earnest "tears, prayers, complaints, and laments. Augustine was received into The Church in 386 and became a Bishop and Doctor of The Church. Monica died in 387." +

Saint Monica, pray for us, that we too may persevere in prayer and love for the sake of the conversion and salvation of the souls of all our loved ones in our Redeemer JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

"O GOD, Who console the sorrowful
and Who mercifully accepted the motherly
tears of Saint Monica for the conversion
of her son Augustine, grant us, through
the intercession of them both, that we
may bitterly regret our sins and find
The Grace of Your Pardon.
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.

PROVERBS 31:10-31

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRPRkFO-8P0>

10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil

12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all

30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth The LORD, she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

+ ["Saint Monica." The Magnificat, 8/27/2021. Memorial & Collect, p 380-381.]