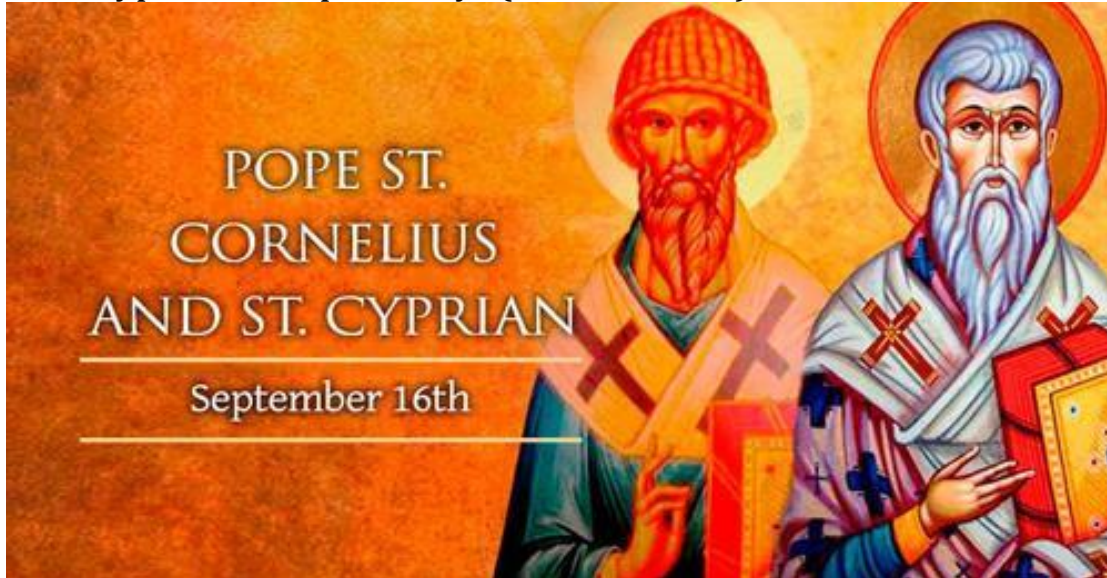


Saint Cornelius, Pope & Martyr (died c 253 AD)

Saint Cyprian Bishop & Martyr (died c 258 AD)



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"Cornelius and Cyprian have shared this feast since ancient times. Cornelius was elected the successor of Peter in 251. In his short pontificate, he patiently suffered the schism of the anti-pope Novatian."

Father Novatian, a leading North African Church theologian, opposed any readmittance under any conditions of lapsed Christians back into The Church, the "lapsi," who had denounced The Catholic Faith under threat and pain of imperial pagan Roman persecution.

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Novatian>

"Having been elected Bishop of Carthage in North Africa (modern day Tunisia) in 248, Cyprian supported Cornelius, consistently urging the unity of The Church in his many pastoral letters.

"No one can have GOD as his Father who does not have The Church as his Mother," he wrote." Pope Cornelius - with the support of Bishop Cyprian - successfully advocated for the readmittance to The Church those who had apostatized under threat of Martyrdom, with earnest and appropriate penance.

"In 253, the Romans arrested Cornelius and sent him into exile, where he was either martyred or died as a result of mistreatment.

Cyprian was martyred in Carthage in 258. Today's Martyrs were among the many Shepherds of The Church who have followed CHRIST into the valley of death, rather than lead their flocks astray after... [false] gods.

They defended The Church especially from popular but false teaching and from division," realizing that all men - both outside and within The Church - are in this life imperfect sinners in need of CHRIST's Grace. *

St. Pope Cornelius and St. Bishop Cyprian, Martyrs for The Faith, pray for us, that we may in GOD's Grace find forgiveness in our hearts for others as You, in Your Most Sacred Heart, offer forgiveness to us. AMEN.

REVELATION 7:17

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzQMrjnAZXc&list=RD08JSCEHR-p8&index=11>

For The Lamb which is in the midst of The Throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto Living Fountains of Waters: and GOD shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

"Your Sins are Forgiven" by Saint Bishop Cyprian

"The HOLY SPIRIT says in The PSALMS: "Your eyes have seen my imperfection and in Your Book are all things written [PSALM 139:16]. Again, "Man looks on [outward] face, GOD [looks upon] the heart (I SAMUEL 16:7). The LORD Himself also warns beforehand and forearms us, saying: "Let all The Churches know that I AM The Searcher of hearts and minds (REVELATION 2:23).

He sees the hidden things, He contemplates what is concealed and unseen, nor is anyone able to escape the eyes of GOD Who says: "I AM a GOD Who is near and not a GOD from afar off. If a man be hidden in hidden places, will I not therefore see him? (JEREMIAH 23:23-24).

He sees the minds and hearts of individuals and destined to judge, not only regarding deeds, but also regarding our words and thoughts; He inspects the minds and wills of us all

Let each of you confess, I beg you, brothers, his own sin while still in the world, while you can still be allowed confession, while there is the possibility of making amends, and forgiveness, granted through the Priests, is still efficacious with GOD.

Let us turn to GOD with our whole heart and expressing penitence for our sin with true sorrowing, let us plead with GOD for His Mercy. Let us prostrate our soul before Him, let us repay our debt with mourning, and let all our hope rest on His Support.

GOD Himself tells us in what condition we must entreat: "Return to Me with all your heart and at the same time with fasting and weeping and lamentation, and rend your hearts and not your garments (JOEL 2:12-13). Let us turn again to The LORD with our whole heart."*

* ["Saints Cornelius and Cyprian." The Magnificat, 9/16/2021. Memorial & commentary, p 236-239. "Your Sins are Forgiven" by Saint Bishop Cyprian, Meditation of the Day, p 242-243.]