

JULY 31  
SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA  
PRIEST, FOUNDER OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS  
SOLEMNITY

Ignatius was born in 1491 at Loyola in Guipúzcoa. After spending some time as a courtier, he turned to a military career. In 1521, while convalescing after a wound received at the siege of Pamplona, he suddenly conceived a burning desire to follow in the footsteps of Christ. His spiritual experiences during his retreat at Manresa were to provide the core of his book of *Spiritual Exercises*. In 1537 he was ordained in Venice, and in the same year moved to Rome. There in 1540 he founded the Society, and in the following year was elected its first General. In every kind of apostolic work he contributed greatly to the Catholic revival of the sixteenth century and to the renewal of the Church's missionary activity. He died in Rome in 1556, and was canonized by Gregory XV in 1622.

EVENING PRAYER I

Hymn

Jesus's soul, make holy  
Souls by sin made lowly;  
Jesus's body, feed us  
And to heaven lead us.

Lifeblood for us flowing,  
Set our hearts aglowing;  
Cleanse us, water streaming  
For the world's redeeming.

Bitter passion cheer us;  
O good Jesus, hear us;  
in your wounds receive us;  
Jesus, never leave us.

From our foe defend us;  
In death's hour befriend us;  
Bid us then possess you,  
Evermore to bless you.

### Psalmody

**Ant. 1:** Let us praise the Lord our God and show him reverence and serve him.

### Psalm 112

Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed  
both now and for evermore!  
From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God,  
who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the dungheap he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people.  
To the childless wife he gives a home,  
and gladdens her heart with children.

**Ant.:** Let us praise the Lord our God and show him reverence and serve him.

**Ant. 2:** What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?

### Psalm 146

Praise the Lord, for he is good;  
sing to our God, for he is loving;  
to him our praise is due.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and brings back Israel's exiles,  
and heals the broken-hearted;  
he binds up all their wounds.  
He fixes the number of the stars;  
he calls each one by its name.

Our Lord is great and almighty;  
his wisdom can never be measured.  
The Lord raises the lowly;  
he humbles the wicked to the dust.  
O sing to the Lord, giving thanks;  
sing psalms to our God with the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds;  
he prepares the rain for the earth,  
making mountains sprout with grass  
and with plants to serve man's needs.  
He provides the beasts with their food  
and young ravens that call upon him.

His delight is not in horses  
nor his pleasure in warriors' strength.  
The Lord delights in those who revere him,  
in those who wait for his love.

**Ant.:** What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?

**Ant. 3:** Let us thank the Lord our God because he has given us life.

**Col. 1:12-20**

Let us give than thanks to the Father,  
who has qualified us to share  
in the inheritance of the saints in light.  
He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,  
in whom we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God,  
the first-born of all creation,  
for in him all things were created,  
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominations  
or principalities or authorities—  
all things were created through him and for him.  
He is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the Church;  
he is the beginning,

the first-born from the dead,  
that in everything he might be pre-eminent.  
For in him the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of his cross.

**Ant.:** Let us thank the Lord our God because he has given us life.

**Scripture Reading** (Rom. 11:33-36)

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

**Short Responsory**

**R.** Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit. Let us praise him for ever and ever. Let us bless. . .

**V.** To God alone be honor and glory. Let us praise him for ever. Glory be to the Father. . . . Let us bless. . . .

**Magnificat Antiphon**

Saint Ignatius uniquely sought the greater service and praise of God; he ordered all things for the greater glory of God.

Intercessions: see Appendix

### Our Father

### Concluding Prayer

Lord, in your providence you guided Saint Ignatius to found the Society of Jesus. Enrich it, we pray, with gifts of heart, mind, and spirit. Make us all one with you in holiness and love, so that we may know your will and obey it as your faithful servants. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### INVITATORY

**Ant.:** Let us celebrate the solemnity of Saint Ignatius: come let us adore Jesus Christ, the King of glory.

(Invitatory Psalm as in the Ordinary)

### THE OFFICE OF READINGS

### Hymn

Let all be one in mind and heart  
With Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
Who, though he was by nature God,  
God's glory laid aside.

He laid his heavenly glory down;  
God's servant he became;  
Obediently he lived, to die  
In shame upon the cross.

Now God has raised him up, to bear  
The name above all names;  
At Jesus's name all knees shall bow,  
All tongues proclaim him Lord.

All glory now the Father shares  
With his exalted Son,  
Whom God the Holy Spirit raised  
From death to heaven's throne.

### Psalmody

**Ant. 1:** God exalted Christ and gave him the name  
which is above every other name.

#### Psalm 109:1-5, 7

The Lord's revelation to my Master:  
"Sit on my right:  
I will put your foes beneath your feet."

The Lord will send from Sion  
your sceptre of power:  
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth  
on the holy mountains;  
from the womb before the daystar I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.  
"You are a priest for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old."

The Master standing at your right hand  
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath. He shall drink  
from the stream by the wayside  
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

**Ant.:** God exalted Christ and gave him the name which  
is above every name.

**Ant. 2:** At the name of Jesus let every knee bow, in  
heaven and on earth and under the earth.

#### Psalm 46

All you peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.

He subdues people under us  
and nations under our feet.  
Our inheritance, our glory, is from him.  
given to Jacob out of love.

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord ascends with trumpet blast,  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king over all the earth,  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.



The princes of the peoples are assembled  
with the people of Abraham's God.  
The rulers of the earth belong to God,  
to God who reigns over all.

**Ant.:** At the name of Jesus let every knee bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

**Ant. 3:** Let every tongue confess, "Jesus Christ is Lord," to the glory of the Father.

**Psalm 144:1-13**

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever and ever.

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised;  
his greatness cannot be measured.

Age to age shall proclaim your works,  
shall declare your mighty deeds,  
shall speak of your splendor and glory,  
tell the tale of your wonderful works.

They will speak of your terrible deeds,  
recount your greatness and might.  
They will recall your abundant goodness;  
age to age shall ring out your justice.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat your blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,

to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendor of your reign.  
Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age.

**Ant.:** Let every tongue confess, "Jesus Christ is Lord,"  
to the glory of God the Father.

**V.** Jesus Christ yesterday and today.

**R.** The same for ever.

### First Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (2:1-18)

*Have this mind among you, which was in Christ Jesus*

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which was in

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a libation upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

**Responsory** (cf. *Spir. Ex.*, n. 104)

**R.** May God grant us a deep-felt knowledge of the Lord, who was made man for us.

**V.** That we may the better love and follow him, who was. . . .

**Second Reading**

A reading from the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus  
(*Examen Generale*, ch. 4, n. 44)

*Those who are truly following Christ our Lord love and intensely desire to clothe themselves with the same clothing and uniform of their Lord.*

[Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the Founder of the Society of Jesus, toiled indefatigably in the Lord's vineyard, with the single purpose of promoting, in obedience to the Pope, the greater glory of God and the salvation of men throughout the world. He revealed the inspiration of his own life in the following sublime words in which he described the spirit of those who are called to follow Christ in the Society.]

It is likewise highly important to bring this to the mind of those who are being examined (through their esteeming it highly and pondering it in the sight of our Creator and Lord), to how great a degree it helps and profits one in the spiritual life to abhor in its totality and not in part whatever the world loves and embraces, and to accept and desire with all possible energy whatever Christ our Lord has loved and embraced. Just as the men of the world who follow the world love and seek with such great diligence honors, fame, and esteem for a great name on earth, as the world teaches them, so those who are progressing in the spiritual life and truly following Christ our Lord love and intensely desire everything opposite. That is to say, they desire to clothe themselves with the same clothing and uniform of their Lord because of the love and reverence which he deserves, to such an extent that where there would be no offence to His Divine Majesty and no imputation of sin to the neighbor, they would wish to

suffer injuries, false accusations, and affronts, and to be held and esteemed as fools (but without their giving any occasion for this), because of their desire to resemble and imitate in some manner our Creator and Lord Jesus Christ, by putting on his clothing and uniform, since it was for our spiritual profit that he clothed Himself as he did. For he gave us an example that in all things possible to us we might seek, through the aid of his grace, to imitate and follow him, since he is the way which leads men to life.

*Responsory (cf. Spir.Ex., n. 167)*

**R.** I desire to be poor along with Christ in poverty rather than rich, that I may be more like him.

**V.** I desire to be insulted along with Christ so grossly insulted, rather than to be well thought of, that. . . .

**Te Deum**

**Concluding Prayer: as at Morning Prayer**

### MORNING PRAYER

**Hymn (cf. Col. 1:15-20)**

Christ is the likeness that reveals  
God, whom no eye has seen.  
In him creation came to be,  
God's firstborn, Lord of all.

On him creation still depends,  
Heav'n, earth, things seen, unseen,  
Thrones, dominations, principdoms, powers,  
All through him, for him, made.

He is before all else that is,  
All is in him made whole.  
He is the head who rules the Church,  
One Body with its Lord.

He is the First, as firstborn Son  
Who rose the first from death,  
Who as creation's sovereign Lord  
All primacy now owns.

In him God's fullness chose to dwell,  
By him to make all one,  
Through death to bring in peace to him  
All things of heav'n and earth.

### Psalmody

**Ant. 1:** Lord, our God, how much you have done for us,  
how much that is your own have you shared with us.

(Psalms and Canticle of Sunday, Week I)

**Ant. 2:** Blessed be the Lord, who lives in us, gives us  
life, and makes us his temple.

**Ant. 3:** We thank you, Lord, from whom all good things  
come, like sunbeams from the sun or streams from their  
source.

### Scripture Reading (1 Jn. 4:16, 19)

We know and believe the love God has for us. We love,  
because he first loved us.

**Short Responsory**

R. You have broken my chains. I will make you a sacrifice of praise. You have. . . .

V. I will call upon the name of the Lord. I will make you a sacrifice of praise. Glory be. . . . You have. . . .

**Intercessions: See Appendix**

**Benedictus Antiphon**

My heart is ready, Lord, my heart is ready: take and receive all my liberty.

**Our Father****Concluding Prayer**

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**PRAYER DURING THE DAY*****(Complementary Psalms)*****Before Noon**

**Ant.:** You have given me everything; to you, Lord, I give everything back.

**Scripture Reading** (Jn. 15:16)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit that your fruit should abide.

V. The Lord is my strength and my praise.

R. He has become my salvation.

**Midday**

**Ant.:** Everything is yours, Lord, to be used simply as you wish.

**Scripture Reading** (Jer. 20:7, 9b)

O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived. There is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

V. The new herald of salvation has risen like fire.

R. His word burnt like a torch.

**Afternoon**

**Ant.:** Lord, give me your love and your grace; it is all I need.

**Reading**

To anyone who chooses to join me, I offer nothing but a share in my hardships; but if he follows me in suffering he will assuredly follow me in glory.

V. O good Jesus, hear me.

R. Hide me within your wounds.



## EVENING PRAYER II

Hymn: as at Evening Prayer I.

## Psalmody

**Ant. 1:** I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!

## Psalm 116

O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him, all you peoples!  
Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever.

**Ant.:** I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!

**Ant. 2:** To all whom I send you you shall go, and whatever I command you you shall speak, says the Lord.

## Psalm 26:1-6

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?

When evil-doers draw near  
to devour my flesh,  
it is they, my enemies and foes,  
who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me  
my heart would not fear.  
Though war break out against me  
even then would I trust.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savor the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple.

For there he keeps me safe in his tent  
in the day of evil.  
He hides me in the shelter of his tent,  
on a rock he sets me safe.

And now my head shall be raised  
above my foes who surround me  
and I shall offer within his tent  
a sacrifice of joy.

I will sing and make music for the Lord.

**Ant.:** To all to whom I send you you shall go, and what-  
ever I command you you shall speak, says the Lord.

**Ant. 3:** A new commandment I give to you, that you love  
one another as I have loved you.

**Canticle (Eph. 1:3-10)**

Blessed be the God and Father  
of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

He chose us in him  
before the foundation of the world,  
that we should be holy  
and blameless before him.

He destined us in love  
to be his sons through Jesus Christ,  
according to the purpose of his will,  
to the praise of his glorious grace  
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of his grace  
which he lavished upon us.

He has made known to us  
in all wisdom and insight  
the mystery of his will,  
according to his purpose  
which he set forth in Christ.

His purpose he set forth in Christ,  
as a plan for the fulness of time,  
to unite all things in him,  
things in heaven and things on earth.

**Ant.:** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

**Scripture Reading** (1 Jn. 4:20-21)

If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

**Short Repensory**

**R.** By this all men will know that you are my disciples.  
By this. . . .

**V.** If you have love for one another. All men. . . . Glory be. . . . By this . . . .

**Magnificat Antiphon**

Saint Ignatius loved the Creator in all things, and all things in him, according to his most holy and divine will.

**Intercessions:** see Appendix.

**Our Father**

**Concluding Prayer**

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