

### 1: 10 Great Examples Of Biblical Prayer | Following The Truth

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When we think of Christianity, many try to strive to be perfect for God. They want to present the best version of themselves to the Lord. Check out these 5 bible characters that faced many failures, but still came out successful next to Jesus. Joseph was 17 the first time he had his dreams about ruling over his family. The dreams meant that Joseph was going to be divinely placed in a position with the power and the influence to save Israel, not only as a family, but as a future nation. They just lost it over a dream and tried to kill him and then they sold him into slavery. An ambitious lady put her eyes on him. Did Joseph fail though? He was human and at some point he felt like a failure himself. His mother did a good job of teaching him the scriptures and the sovereignty of God. Arising from his own human doubts and questions, he put his loyalty and faith in God above everything. They think that people from the bible never had any bad thought or made any mistake. You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. If Joseph lived in our time, everyone would probably consider him a loser, but God knew his heart, just as He knows yours. If you stay loyal, faithful to God, and keep exercising that gift or talent he has given you, there will be a day when victory will come. You will arise, not to be king, rich or famous, but to be in a position of influence where God will use you in a mighty way – not for your glory, but for his glory.. THERE was a man who had everything a modern rapper, or anybody else can wish: Money, money, money, a good name, health, and a beautiful family. Tragedy struck and Job lost his wealth. Next, a storm took the lives of all his children. Then, a debilitating disease that left his whole body covered with painful boils came in to finally kill him or that was what the devil first thought. Did Job have a bad moment and think of himself as a failure? Oh yeah, but not only that, his own wife told him he was a loser and according to a couple of bible versions she even suggested that he should curse God and lose his relationship with him forever and die.

### 2: Eli Apple can be a good thing for the Saints, change of scenery

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Author and Publisher - Catholic Online Facts Patron of the sick, disabled and physically challenged people and those grieving the loss of parents Birth: March 21, Beatified By: Angela Merici was an Italian religious educator and founder of the Ursulines whose deep prayer life and relationship with the Lord bore the fruit of mystical encounters with God. At just years-old, Angela and her older sister became orphans and went to live with their uncle in Salo. There they led a quiet and devout Catholic Christian life. Angela was inspired by the Holy Spirit to dedicate herself to the Lord and to give her life in service to the Church to help everyone grow closer to the Lord. In a vision, she learned her sister was in Heaven with the company of saints. She became increasingly more devout and joined the Third Order of St. Francis where she also pledged to remain a consecrated virgin, forsaking marriage to one man to be married to the Lord and His Church. When Angela was years-old, her uncle died and she returned to Desenzano. She found that around her hometown there were many young girls who had no education and no hope. Her heart was moved. She also became distressed by their ignorance and upset at the parents who had not educated them. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Angela became convinced there was great need for a better way of teaching these young girls. So, she opened her own home to them and began to teach them herself. She devotedly taught them the Catholic Christian faith. By her example and instruction, she taught them to how to pray and participate in the sacramental life of the Church. She evangelized and catechized these young girls, opening them up to the life of grace. Another vision from the Lord revealed to Angela that she was to found an institution with other consecrated virgins to further devote their lives toward the religious training of young girls. These women had little money and no power, but were bound together by their dedication to education and commitment to Jesus Christ and service to His Church. Living in their own homes, the girls met for prayer and classes where Angela reminded them, "Reflect that in reality you have a greater need to serve [the poor] than they have of your service. She was so successful she accepted an invitation from the neighboring town, Brescia, to establish a similar school there. In , she eagerly took on the opportunity to travel to the Holy Land. During the journey, she was suddenly struck with blindness while on the island of Crete. She made the entire pilgrimage and visited the sacred shrines. On the journey back home, her sight was miraculously restored while she was praying before a crucifix in the same place where she had become blind. The Lord showed Angela through this experience that she must never shut her eyes to the needs she saw around her? During the Jubilee year in , Angela traveled to Rome to gain the special grace of the plenary indulgence offered to all Christian pilgrims. He noted her wonderful success as a religious teacher for young girls and invited her to stay in Rome. Angela was humble, disliked publicity and kindly declined the generous offer. On November 25, , Angela gathered together 12 young virgins and laid down the foundation for the Order of the Ursulines at a small house near the Church of St. The community she founded was different than many of the religious orders of women which existed in her day. She believed it was important to teach the girls in their own homes with their own families. One of her favorite sayings was, "Disorder in society is the result of disorder in the family. They did pledge to live a life of consecrated celibacy, poverty and obedience. They lived this Rule of Life within their own homes. This was the first group of consecrated women to work outside of a formal cloister or convent in her day and became the first teaching order of women in the Catholic Church. The Ursulines opened both schools and orphanages and in , Angela was elected "Mother and Mistress" of the group. Her Rule was officially approved by Pope Paul III in and the Ursulines became a recognized religious community of women with a teaching ministry. Before her death, Angela reassured her Sisters who were afraid to lose her in death: Angela Merici died on January 27, Clothed in the habit of a Franciscan tertiary, Angela was buried in the Church of St. Angela is often attributed with a cloak and ladder. She is the patron saint of sickness, disabled and physically challenged people, and those grieving the loss of parents. Her feast day is celebrated on January Take a look around you. Instead of just driving or walking without paying attention today, open your eyes to the needs you see along the way. What

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people do you notice who need help but who are not being helped? What are their true needs? Make a commitment to help them in some way. Saint Angela, you were not afraid of change. You did not let stereotypes keep you from serving.

### 3: FACT CHECK: Who Wrote the Serenity Prayer?

*Saints who changed things. [Leo Knowles] -- 21 pen-portraits of saints who have made a lasting impression on the Church and on the world at large. Rarely were they welcomed with open arms, least of all by those in authority.*

Share1 Shares Given the influence of the Catholic Church through history, it is not surprising that its members many ordained religious would have a significant impact on the world we live in. Not just through theology but also science and philosophy. This list takes a look at ten priests who made significant discoveries or in other ways changed the way we think, the way we live, or the way we believe. Ranking these religious men is very difficult – in most cases they are the giants upon whose shoulders we wish to stand nani gigantum humeris insidentes and it is impossible to place one above the other. St Jerome is credited as writing the first complete translation of the Bible into the vernacular tongue of his day Latin. This was to be the first time that the average man could read the Bible unhindered by a need for an education in Greek or Hebrew. At the time, of course, the majority of people in the civilized West were part of the Roman Empire and consequently spoke Latin. The Latin used by St Jerome was that of the common man, not that of officialdom. The influence of his translation is also so great that it remains the only official Bible of the Roman Catholic Church – with no other translation or version being considered its equal. St Jerome was certainly a patient man unless you criticized his work as he spend forty full years working on his translation from ancient copies of the Old Testament and Greek and Latin manuscripts of the New Testament that no longer exist today. It was his victory in a dispute with St Peter over whether or not to require gentile converts to submit to ancient Jewish practices that made the Christian life more appealing to the citizens of the Roman Empire and beyond. Were it not for his declaring that circumcision amongst other practices were not necessary for conversion, the Church would unlikely have spread with the rapidity that it did in its infancy. With the potential for genetically altered animals including humans in the future, it might be one day said that Mendel was the father of the super-human. So significant was his contribution to genetics, Mendel is, of course, recognized as the father of said science. This was to be the first of seven significant crusades which influenced medieval history. The effect of these crusades can still be felt today in the ongoing unrest in the Middle East. He was the first man to comment on virtually every extant work of Aristotle opening up the Greek philosophers to scrutiny. Without his commentaries and his influence on his pupils, modern philosophy would be a very different monster today and one might even say that the enlightenment may never have happened as it was, in part, a rebellion against the medieval philosophies of the likes of St Albert. Through logic and observation, St Albert wrote in-depth works on such varied subjects as logic, theology, botany, geography, astronomy, astrology, mineralogy, chemistry, zoology, physiology, phrenology and more. He is, perhaps, the greatest thinker and most influential scholar of the middle ages. The reason for his reform of the calendar was that the Julian calendar in use since Roman times had years which were too long; it shows the year as being days, 6 hours in length – 11 minutes more than in reality. There was resistance to the change as some people worried that it would result in a loss of seven days of pay but ultimately it became the standard calendar of Europe and much of the world. In addition to this big change, Pope Gregory XIII also influenced the development of the arts and sciences through papal grants and support. Copernicus was the first to propound the idea that the Earth was not the center of the Universe but that rather it along with other celestial bodies revolved around the Sun. This theory held fast until the s when it was first shown that the Sun was also not the center of the Universe. It was one of the starting points of the Scientific Revolution of the 16th century. The very simple and quiet man was to rise so high in the field of philosophy and theology that his name will never be forgotten. His influence was so immense that he changed the course of philosophical thinking completely – ultimately paving the way for modern philosophers in the Enlightenment period. His influence is still felt in the Roman Catholic priesthood as his work on theology The Summa Theologica is still the basis for most seminary studies – shaping the thinking of other future priests who would and will influence the world of science. One such priest was to impact modern science in one of the most influential ways in history, Monseigneur Georges Lemaitre. Lemaitre was also one of the first scientists to adopt the use of computers for cosmological studies and he helped create the

fast fourier transform algorithm. They theorized about the circulation of the blood independently of Harvey , the theoretical possibility of flight, the way the moon effected the tides, and the wave-like nature of light.

### 4: 5 Catholic Saints With a Sinful Past, Saints, Inspiration, Faith, Church, Sin, Past - Beliefnet

*Saints who changed things (Book) Author: Knowles, Leo.*

In honor of the day, we present to you some of the lesser-known and more modern patronages of the saints. Genesius, the patron saint of actors, that tells of how he had an epiphany while performing in a play satirizing Christian sacrament and converted to Christianity on the spot, right in the middle of the play. Emperor Diocletian, for whom the play was being performed, was enraged and, when Genesius refused to change his mind, had the performer tortured and beheaded. Genesius was actually a legal clerk who became so upset about the edict of persecution for Christians that he left his position and went in search of baptism. Genesius remains the go-to patron for actors. Also martyred circa CE during the persecution of Christians under the co-ruling Roman Emperors Diocletian and Maximian, Vitus is one of the "Fourteen Holy Helpers," a group of saints venerated together because their intercession is considered especially effective. He thus was adopted as the saint of dancers, and of performers in general. Saint Vitus Dance, "a disease characterized by rapid, uncoordinated jerking movements. After 12 years, he journeyed to Milan on a mission, where he preached with a voice so "strong and commanding" and "words so convincing that the crowd would not let him leave unless he promised to come back. In , he realized his death was imminent, and preached for 50 consecutive days until his death. The funny thing about St. Bernardine being the patron saint of advertising is that he was noted for his dislike of indecent talk, something that features heavily in much of modern advertising. Once when he was a boy, an adult for some reason thought it would funny to stop Bernardine in the town square and publicly embarrass him with indecent talk, but the tables were turned when young Bernardine slapped the man across the face, humiliating him. Radio broadcasters and "communication workers" in general can look to Gabriel the Archangel as their patron saint. Gabriel is, of course, the angel who appeared to Mary to announce her pregnancy with the Son of God. John the Baptist to Zachariah. Clare was inspired to imitate Francis of Assisi after hearing him preach, and she ran away from home to "live a poor humble life for Jesus," eventually founding an order of nuns known as the "Poor Clares. Sick in her bed on Christmas Eve, she saw visions of the chapel mass on the wall of her cell, complete with organ music and singing. Clare the patron saint of television in Arnold was born into a prominent Austrian family in CE. Arnold spoke often on the topic of beer, especially its health benefits. According to legend, the procession that transported his body stopped at a tavern for refreshment on the way, but there was only one mug of beer left, so they all split it Saint Arnold Brewing Company. Brewers have a whole assortment of patron saints to call their own: Yet the explanations for these patrons are lacking. The only one given an explanation is St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break. Monica, who managed to convert her husband and his mother to Christianity. She prayed for Augustine through 17 years of his "loose living" and was consoled by a priest who told her, "It is not possible that the son of so many tears should perish. In addition to her challenges with her son Augustine, her husband was an abusive alcoholic pagan whom she had married through arrangement at a young age. Despite their differences and his bad temper, Monica was able to not only "nag him to sobriety," as one site put it, but to convert him to her faith. Those who have been divorced, especially women, can look to Helena of Constantinople, mother of Constantine the Great, as their patron saint. Helena also known as St. Helen is most often associated with the True Cross , since she is credited with finding the relics of the cross on which Jesus was crucified. Whatever the specifics, the two were in a relationship that produced an heir, Constantine, around the year CE. They remained together for at least 15 years, but in CE Constantius, who was Roman Emperor Caesar, divorced Helena to enter into a politically advantageous marriage with a younger woman, Theodora, who was the stepdaughter of Maximian, Roman Emperor Augustus at the time. As for single moms, they have St. Margaret of Cortona, who became the mistress of a nobleman when she was a teenager. Margaret remained with the nobleman for ten years and even bore him a son, despite his refusal to marry her as she desired. Francis although her past led to resistance by some

members of the order. During one pilgrimage, he suffered an "unsightly bodily affliction. For the remaining 40 years of his life, the only human contact he had was via a small window in the door of his cell, through which he received his sustenance—barley, water, and the Eucharist. Germaine, who supposedly was abandoned by her parents as a young child due to her unattractiveness. She spent her life isolated from society; as a shepherdess, she slept in fields and under stairways and had limited human interaction. Jude, Gregory the Wonderworker, and Eustace. Really, the majority of the officially recognized saints suffered through "desperate situations," so almost any of them are worth a shot. Jude is probably the most well-known for desperate situations and lost causes. His reputation as patron of the desperate is due to his New Testament letter, which "stresses that the faithful should persevere in the environment of harsh, difficult circumstances, just as their forefathers had done before them," according to Catholic. If your situation is truly impossible, though, you have only one person to turn to: From childhood, Rita also known as Margarita yearned to be a nun, but her parents forced her into marriage at age 12 to "a rich, quick-tempered, immoral man, who had many enemies in the region. So Rita turned to prayer instead, and her sons died non-violent deaths before they were able to enact any revenge.

### 5: 5 Bible Characters Who Were Successful After Miserable Failure - Beliefnet

*In particular, there are at least five saints from the Emerald Isle who literally changed the world, making a visible impact that endures to this day. Click "launch the slideshow" in the image.*

Unfortunately, we often overlook the importance of prayer in our lives, forgetting that every time we pray something happens. Abraham Intercedes for Sodom – One of the earliest Biblical examples of prayer can be found when Abraham interceded for the city of Sodom Genesis Standing before the Lord, Abraham pleaded with Him to spare the immoral city based on the fact that some holy people lived there. We all know people who have turned away from God and live an immoral lifestyle. Pleased by this noble plea, God also granted him riches and honor. We often have our priorities in the wrong order and pray solely for temporal or temporary things. We should not be ashamed to use these words, but rather look at them as a cry for help. Those who are prone to anxiety should become familiar with this prayer and not hesitate to use it when necessary. Calling out to the Lord will allow us to experience His presence and feel the peace that only He can give. Direct and to the point, we should make these words our own and pray them every day! Paul was deeply affected by his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. During the 2nd of the 3 times that he relates this story Acts In reality, it is a prayer and one that we should pray frequently. Instead of telling the Lord what He can do for us, it would be nice to ask what we can do for Him. What is Your Will for me, Lord? My favorite example of intercessory prayer in the Bible can be seen at the wedding in Cana John 2: There is a crisis – the wine has run out at a wedding feast and something needs to be done. He responds by performing His first miracle and turning water into wine. The moral of the story? Mary is always standing by, ready to take our needs to her Son! Louis de Montfort loved this prayer and recommended that it be recited at solemn moments, such as after receiving Holy Communion. Since we know that we are always called to forgive, however, we must find a way. Here is a 10 word prayer first spoken by Jesus as He suffered on the cross. Remember it the next time you need to forgive someone. It expresses all that needs to be said! The preceding examples, taken from the pages of the Bible, were designed to illustrate some of the qualities of effective and meaningful prayer. Humility, sincerity, and faith are important characteristics of prayers that are pleasing to God. Studying these examples can help us to enhance our prayers by incorporating some of the methods used by the holy men and women who have gone before us.

### 6: 15 Patron Saints for Modern Situations | Mental Floss

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Yet, in his second NFL season, Hill, listed as the third-string quarterback, has taken snaps and scored touchdowns, played receiver and made tackles on special teams. First and foremost, I love to play quarterback. But I love to compete and I love to be on the field. Faith is a topic that has come up often, Hill said in an interview with the Deseret News. I was the butt of a lot of jokes, not about my faith, but about my age. My age is what it is because I chose to serve a mission, and. I never felt that people were attacking me or my faith. They have a really strong faith and are Christians and read the Bible. It was really unique and a cool opportunity to be in the QB room with those guys. The former BYU defensive end from Ghana has battled injuries for the last three seasons. The former Utah lineman who served a mission in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was recently activated from the practice squad and played last Sunday against Green Bay. Tony Bergstrom, Washington Redskins: Since being drafted by the Oakland Raiders in , Bergstrom, who served a mission in Sacramento, California, has bounced around the league with the Houston Texans, the Arizona Cardinals and the Baltimore Ravens before landing in Washington this season. The native Utahn was drafted as an offensive lineman out of the University of Utah. Vince Biegel, New Orleans Saints: Garrett Bolles, Denver Broncos: Denney, who served a mission in New Jersey, continues to handle the long-snapping duties for the Dolphins. The former BYU defensive end has been with the Dolphins since Kyler Fackrell, Green Bay Packers: The former Utah State linebacker is in his third season with the Packers and seeing regular playing time. He hopes to show significant improvement this season, he told the Journal Times. You always feel pressure to perform. The former USU lineman is in his third season with Carolina. The Panthers won The veteran defensive lineman is in his first season with the Eagles. Ngata, who starred at Oregon, has been slowed by minor injuries this year. Daniel Sorensen, Kansas City Chiefs: The former BYU safety, who served a mission in Costa Rica, is close to returning from an injury that has kept him out all season. The Chiefs are looking forward to getting him back, defensive coordinator Bob Sutton told arrowheadpride. The offensive lineman was drafted out of UCLA. Sam Tevi, LA Chargers: The Texas native is in his second season with the Chargers. The former Ute is an offensive lineman. Fred Warner, San Francisco 49ers: If he continues to progress the way he is, he does have a bright future. Now his his third year with the Ravens and his 12th in the NFL, Weddle continues to be a team leader and perform at a high level as a safety. I never backed down, whether it was older kids or a new team. I was never scared, never intimidated, whether people liked me or not. The former University of Utah star was cut by Cleveland after training camp and had a short stint with Buffalo before signing with Kansas City in October. He was released on Nov. Before leaving Cleveland, Orchard made headlines for his genuine kindness in helping an elderly woman with her bag at the airport. Other fans approached him and he was very nice and very pleasant. I have struggled through a lot of airports and no one has ever even noticed or offered to help. Nate Orchard had no cameras watching. He had no reason to be kind to a year-old woman.

### 7: 10 Priests Who Changed the World - Listverse

*The communion of the saints includes Saint Callixtus, who was an embezzler before turning his life around and becoming the bishop of Rome in , Craughwell said.*

Saints fans are quick to bring that up via Twitter. But in new surroundings, he can be just what the Saints need at corner. A player like that would have made the Saints secondary easily one of the scariest in the league for opposing offenses. And while the trade deadline is still not here yet, the changes of Peterson becoming a Saint are now officially slim to none. Because this is the reality we, as Saints fans, are most likely looking at for the next few years at least. I thought the Giants made a massive overreach in taking him with the tenth overall pick. In my estimation, he was a solid round two talent. And we can see where that franchise sits right now. Eli Apple will wear No. He was a disappointment in his rookie season. But that is due much more to the fact that he was estimated by the Giants to be a much better player than he actually is. It says nothing about his actual talent. Then came his campaign and some off the field and locker room issues. In , under then Giants head coach Ben McAdoo, the entire Giants locker room was an unmitigated disaster. Players left and right were talking directly to the media about their dissatisfaction with him as a head coach, play caller and personnel manager. Due to his part in that fiasco, Eli Apple has gained some reputation as a malcontent and locker room poison. That, along with the fact that the current Saints locker room is one of the most solid in the NFL, should go a long way in fixing any attitude issues Eli Apple has had, if any. A team with strong leadership and good coaching at every level. The kid is also talented. Pro Football Focus had him rated much higher prior to his most recent performance against the Falcons on Monday Night Football. But the Giants have been trying to play him at their left corner position, frequently considered the number one corner. He may not be that. Marshon Lattimore is the Saints left corner. Apple will be taking over for Ken Crawley who is currently the Saints right corner. In a better system, around better talent and in a much, much better locker room playing for a winning team, things should go a lot better for Eli Apple. But Apple is six years younger than Peterson. Load Comments Top Stories.

### 8: Criticism of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Wikipedia

*the things that cannot be changed, Courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. Living one day at a time.*

Share10 Shares 2K We all think of Saints as quiet and holy people “ but history is full of some pretty amazing and curious people who came to be canonized. This list looks at ten of the toughest saints to have walked the earth “ men and women who not only lived holy lives, but kicked some serious butt at the same time. A saint is a person who lived a life of virtue. Many saints from the early Church are saints by general acclamation “ in other words, they were so popular that they simply came to be known as saints. But, from very early on in Christianity, a saint was declared as such by the Pope or in the case of martyrs, by the local Bishop. St Francis is best remembered in popular culture as the animal patron “ the saint who could talk to animals and sooth wild beasts. That was a hope that nearly came true! St Francis was received by Sultan Melek-el-Kamel, whom he wanted to convert, and suggested that his muslim scholars undergo a test of true religion by fire. They all refused, so St Francis offered to enter a fire pit and, if he was able to leave it unharmed, they would have to agree that God had protected him and that his was, therefore, the true religion. The sultan rejected his offer but was so impressed that he gave St Francis permission to preach Christianity unhindered in his lands “ an incredible concession considering the nation was in the middle of fighting against crusaders from the west. This saint was definitely a man of steel. Because of his youth, his mother, Blanche of Castile, ruled France as regent during his minority. The first began with the capture of Port Damietta in , and went on to the Battle of Fariskur, where he lost his army and was captured by the Egyptians. Perhaps most significant for the badassness of King Louis was that the whole time he was battling, he was wearing a cilice a sharp metal chain worn tightly to cause pain and sometimes bleeding around the legs or waist. So when everyone else was suffering because of battle scars, the King was suffering twice. His end was to come in his second crusade when he died “ as all good kings do “ in the midst of a bloody battle. He was a third century Roman soldier and a priest in the Guard of Diocletian, who is venerated as a Christian martyr. He is regarded as the most prominent military saint and is one of the most revered in the Western World. George was raised as a Christian and decided at a young age that he wanted to be a soldier. Some time later Diocletian decided that all soldiers who were Christians had to renounce their faith and become pagan. George refused I am sure you all see where this is going. Recognizing the futility of his efforts, Diocletian was left with no choice but to have him executed for his refusal. Before the execution George gave his wealth to the poor and prepared himself. But most of all he is a badass because he killed a dragon or so the legend goes. Here is the story of St George and the Dragon: Consequently, the citizens have to dislodge the dragon from its nest for a time, to collect water. To do so, each day they offer the dragon at first a sheep, and if no sheep can be found, then a maiden must go instead of the sheep. The victim is chosen by drawing lots. One day, this happens to be the princess. The monarch begs for her life to be spared, but to no avail. She is offered to the dragon, but there appears Saint George on his travels. He faces the dragon, protects himself with the sign of the cross, slays the dragon, and rescues the princess. The grateful citizens abandon their ancestral paganism and convert to Christianity. Ignacio de Loyola “ July 31, was a Spanish knight from a Basque noble family, hermit, priest since and theologian, who founded the Society of Jesus the Jesuits and was its first Superior General. St Ignatius was an incredibly brilliant Knight who fought in many battles without any injuries, until one fateful day. On May 20, , a cannonball wounded one of his legs and broke the other. Unperturbed, he got up and hobbled back to the castle. He needed surgery which was undertaken without anesthesia “ a treatment that most modern folk would balk at. Part of his leg bone had to be cut off, and the operation was generally a disaster. But, despite the fact that he ended up with one leg shorter than the other which led the doctors to put weights on his leg to stretch it back out , he survived and went on to found one of the most famous religious orders in the world inspired by the religious texts he read while recovering from the cannonball. That is sufficient to label him badass. Before this he spent 40 days closed in a tiny hut without any food or water. When he walked out it was hailed as a miracle. Pilgrims flocked to see St Simeon and they

erected taller pillars for him to stand on – in the end his pillar was 15 meters high. He refused to let any women come near the pillar including his mother and he would let people climb a ladder to talk to him and ask for advice. St Simeon truly cemented his name in the annals of badass history when he got an ulcer on his thigh which festered and ultimately led to his death – standing up. In one battle, Saint Joan was hit in the neck by an arrow. In another battle, whilst scaling a wall to attack the English, she was hit in the head with a canon ball – as is to be expected of a warrior saint, she shook her head and kept climbing. She was captured by the Burgundians, sold to the English, tried by an ecclesiastical court and burned at the stake when she was nineteen years old. It took years before she was officially canonized. St Vladimir of Kiev did! Vladimir was the grand prince of Kiev, who converted to Christianity in , but before his conversion he was a pretty mean not to mention profligate guy. From the start of his reign in , he conquered lands, slaughtered people, had children and generally partied hard. On a few occasions he, being a good Pagan, took part in human sacrifices: A lot was cast and it fell on a youth, Ioann by name, the son of a Christian, Fyodor. His father stood firmly against his son being sacrificed to the idols. More than that, he tried to show the pagans the futility of their faith: They have created nothing, for they have been created themselves; never will I give my son to the devils! He ruled so kindly after his conversion that he became known as Vladimir the Great – a far cry from his previous life. He became the leader of a gang of bandits who roamed the Nile Valley, spreading terror and violence. He was a large, imposing figure. On one occasion a man caught him in a theft, which annoyed St Moses immensely. The next day he swam across the Nile a not insignificant act with a knife in his mouth – his intention was the kill the guy. St Moses, instead, killed four of his sheep before sticking the knife back in his mouth and swimming back. Shortly after that the law started to catch up with him so he hid in a monastery. The influence of the monks was so great that he converted and became a monk. Some years later a group of thieves wanted to rob the monastery where St Moses was living. He caught them off guard and single handedly beat them all to a pulp. The head of the monastery said to forgive them and send them away, which surprised the robbers so much that they all apologized, converted and became monks too! He eventually died at the hands of a group of warriors who attacked the monastery when he was 75 years old – but not before he managed to help 70 of the monks escape. St Moses chose to stay behind with a few other monks to fight off the warriors. He spent his life earning his pension by fighting with his fellow soldiers throughout the Roman lands, and eventually ended up in Jerusalem helping out with various tasks he was capable of he was nearly blind. One of the tasks was to be life changing. St Longinus was instructed to assist at the crucifixion of Jesus. Being a good Roman soldier he took his work seriously and, ensuring that he get a promotion for doing a good job, stabbed Jesus in the side while he was on the cross. In other words, Longinus stabbed God. It takes a true badass to have the guts to do something like that. He immediately left the army, converted and became a monk. Not long after he was arrested for his faith, his teeth ripped out and tongue cut off. Longinus continued to speak clearly and managed to destroy several idols in the presence of the governor, who consequently had Longinus beheaded. St Quiteria was one of nine sisters all born at the same time nonuplets. In a fit of rage, she demanded that her nurse take the babies and drown them in the river. Then things get really weird. They formed a nonuplet warrior gang. The girls were all good Christians and their gang was formed to travel around breaking Christians out of jail. They spent a number of years in this task and smashing Roman idols until they were caught and returned to their father, who recognized them. He told them all to marry good Roman pagans but they refused and broke out of jail. Then the real badass began. They waged a guerilla war against the Roman Empire. Eventually, the girls were all killed or died Quiteria was beheaded and along with Quiteria, two of her sisters Marina and Liberata are saints.

### 9: The worst sinners who became saints

*The votes are in and here are the saints readers nominated for being the most influential of their time—the results contained quite a few surprises. Other than St. Bernard and John Paul II, discussed in separate previous posts here and here, they are: 1. The Apostle Paul: The author of most of the.*

A portrait depicting Saint Francis of Assisi by the Italian artist Cimabue — According to the Catholic Church , a "saint" is anyone in Heaven , whether recognized on Earth or not, who form the "great cloud of witnesses" Hebrews There are many persons that the Church believes to be in Heaven who have not been formally canonized and who are otherwise titled "saints" because of the fame of their holiness. They remind us that the Church is holy, can never stop being holy and is called to show the holiness of God by living the life of Christ. Proofs of heroicity required in the process of beatification will serve to illustrate in detail the general principles exposed above [15] upon proof of their "holiness" or likeness to God. Before that time, the popular "cults", or veneration, of saints had been local and spontaneous and were confirmed by the local bishop. Hugh de Boves , the Archbishop of Rouen , canonized him in The latest revision of this book, edited by the Jesuit Herbert Thurston and the British author Donald Attwater, contains the lives of 2, saints. Although the term " worship " is sometimes used, it is only used with the older English connotation of honoring or respecting dulia a person. According to the Church, Divine worship is in the strict sense reserved only to God latria and never to the Saints. A saint may be designated as a patron saint of a particular cause, profession, or locale, or invoked as a protector against specific illnesses or disasters, sometimes by popular custom and sometimes by official declarations of the Church. Relics of saints are respected, or "venerated", similar to the veneration of holy images and icons. The practice in past centuries of venerating relics of saints with the intention of obtaining healing from God through their intercession is taken from the early Church. John Henry Cardinal Newman interceded with God to cure him of a physical illness. The deacon, Jack Sullivan, asserted that after addressing Newman he was cured of spinal stenosis in a matter of hours. According to the Church, to be deemed a miracle, "a medical recovery must be instantaneous, not attributable to treatment, disappear for good. This symbol is found, for instance, in the Canadian heraldry of the office responsible for the St. After this, the official report on the candidate is submitted to the bishop of the pertinent diocese and more study is undertaken. The information is then sent to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints of the Holy See for evaluation at the universal level of the Church. Next, and at a minimum, proof of two important miracles obtained from God through the intercession of the candidate are required for formal canonization as a saint. These miracles must be posthumous. Glorification In the Eastern Orthodox Church a saint is defined as anyone who is in Heaven , whether recognized here on earth, or not. Sainthood in the Orthodox Church does not necessarily reflect a moral model, but the communion with God: Therefore, a more complete definition of what a saint is, has to do with the way that saints, through their humility and their love of humankind, saved inside them the entire Church, and loved all people. Orthodox belief considers that god himself reveals his saints through answered prayers and other miracles. As their popularity grows they are often then recognized by the entire church. The formal process of recognition involves deliberation by a synod of bishops. It is believed that one of the ways the holiness sanctity of a person is revealed, is through the condition of their relics remains. Occasionally when a body is exhumed something miraculous is reported as having occurred; exhumed bones are claimed to have given off a fragrance, like flowers, or a body is reported as having remained free of decay, despite not having been embalmed traditionally the Orthodox do not embalm the dead and having been buried for some years in the earth. The reason relics are considered sacred is because, for the Orthodox, the separation of body and soul is unnatural. The altar in an Orthodox church usually contains relics of saints, [32] often of martyrs. Church interiors are covered with the Icons of saints. Because the Church shows no true distinction between the living and the dead the saints are considered to be alive in Heaven , saints are referred to as if they were still alive. Saints are venerated but not worshipped. They are believed to be able to intercede for salvation and help mankind either through direct communion with God, or by personal intervention. This is a title attributed to saints who had lived a monastic or eremitic life, and it is equal to the

more usual title of "Saint". Saints in Anglicanism In the Anglican Communion and the Continuing Anglican movement, the title of Saint refers to a person who has been elevated by popular opinion as a pious and holy person. The saints are seen as elder brothers and sisters in Christ. Official Anglican creeds recognise the existence of the saints in heaven. In high-church contexts, such as Anglo-Catholicism , a saint is generally one to whom has been attributed and who has generally demonstrated a high level of holiness and sanctity. In this use, a saint is therefore not merely a believer , but one who has been transformed by virtue. The veneration of saints is sometimes misunderstood to be worship, in which case it is derisively termed "hagiolatry". Anglo-Catholics in Anglican provinces using the Articles often make a distinction between a "Romish" and a "Patristic" doctrine concerning the invocation of saints, permitting the latter in accordance with Article XXII. Indeed, the theologian E. Bicknell, stated that the Anglican view acknowledges that the term "invocation may mean either of two things: In medieval times the saints had come to be regarded as themselves the authors of blessings. Such a view was condemned but the former was affirmed. However, such a practice is seldom found in any official Anglican liturgy. Anglicans believe that the only effective Mediator between the believer and God the Father, in terms of redemption and salvation, is God the Son, Jesus Christ. Historical Anglicanism has drawn a distinction between the intercession of the saints and the invocation of the saints. The former was generally accepted in Anglican doctrine, while the latter was generally rejected. Those who beseech the saints to intercede on their behalf make a distinction between "mediator" and "intercessor", and claim that asking for the prayers of the saints is no different in kind than asking for the prayers of living Christians. Anglican Catholics understand sainthood in a more Catholic or Orthodox way, often praying for intercessions from the saints and celebrating their feast days. According to the Church of England , a saint is one who is sanctified, as it translates in the Authorised King James Version 2 Chronicles 6: Calendar of Saints Lutheran and Liturgical calendar Lutheran In the Lutheran Church , all Christians, whether in heaven or on earth, are regarded as saints. However, the church still recognizes and honors specific saints, including some of those recognized by the Catholic Church, but in a qualified way: Traditional Lutheran belief accounts that prayers to the saints are prohibited, as they are not mediators of redemption. By thanking God for examples of His mercy; 2. By using the saints as examples for strengthening our faith; and 3. By imitating their faith and other virtues. Saints in Methodism While Methodists as a whole do not practice the patronage or veneration of saints, they do honor and admire them. Methodists believe that all Christians are saints, but mainly use the term to refer to biblical people, Christian leaders, and martyrs of the faith. Although, most are named after geographical locations associated with an early circuit or prominent location. Some Methodist congregations observe All Saints Day if they follow the liturgical calendar. Many encourage the study of saints, that is, the biography of holy people. The 14th Article of Religion in the United Methodist Discipline states, The Romish doctrine concerning purgatory, pardon, worshiping, and adoration, as well of images as of relics, and also invocation of saints, is a fond thing, vainly invented, and grounded upon no warrant of Scripture, but repugnant to the Word of God. John Wesley, the theological father of world Methodism, did not practice or permit Catholic practices associated with the veneration of the Virgin Mary or prayers to saints. Other Protestantism[ edit ] In many Protestant churches, the word "saint" is used more generally to refer to anyone who is a Christian. Many Protestants consider intercessory prayers to the saints to be idolatry as an application of divine worship that should be given only to God himself is being given to other believers, dead or alive. Many emphasize the traditional New Testament meaning of the word, preferring to write "saint" to refer to any believer, in continuity with the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers. In the New Testament, saints are all those who have entered into the Christian covenant of baptism. The qualification "latter-day" refers to the doctrine that members are living in the "latter days", before the Second Coming of Christ , and is used to distinguish the members of the LDS Church, which considers itself the restoration of the ancient Christian church. In many religions, there are people who have been recognized within their tradition as having fulfilled the highest aspirations of religious teaching. In English, the term saint is often used to translate this idea from many world religions. They are worshiped in churches where they appear as saints and in religious festivals, where they appear as the deities. Buddha and Bodhisattva Buddhists in both the Theravada and Mahayana traditions hold the Arhats in special esteem, as well as Bodhisattvas, other Buddhas, or eminent members of

the Sangha. Tibetan Buddhists hold the tulku reincarnates of deceased eminent practitioners as living saints on earth. Hindu saints are those recognized by Hindus as showing a great degree of holiness and sanctity. Hinduism has a long tradition of stories and poetry about saints. There is no formal canonization process in Hinduism, but over time, many men and women have reached the status of saints among their followers and among Hindus in general unlike in Christianity, Hinduism does not canonize people as saints after death, but they can be accepted as saints during their lifetime. This explains another common name for Hindu saints: Wali Islam has had a rich history of veneration of saints often called wali , which literally means "Friend [of God]" , [50] which has declined in some parts of the Islamic world in the twentieth century due to the influence of the various streams of Salafism. In Sunni Islam , the veneration of saints became a very common form of devotion early on, [50] and saints came to be defined in the eighth-century as a group of "special people chosen by God and endowed with exceptional gifts, such as the ability to work miracles. The Quran has pointed to it in different places, and the sayings of the Prophet have mentioned it, and whoever denies the miraculous power of saints are innovators or following innovators. As Christopher Taylor has remarked: Tzadik The term Tzadik "righteous" , and its associated meanings, developed in rabbinic thought from its Talmudic contrast with Hasid "pious" , to its exploration in ethical literature , and its esoteric spiritualisation in Kabbalah. In Hasidic Judaism , the institution of the Tzadik assumed central importance, combining former elite mysticism with social movement for the first time. The term Sant is applied in the Sikh and related communities to beings that have attained enlightenment through God realization and spiritual union with God via repeatedly reciting the name of God Naam Japo. Sants grace the Sadh Sangat with knowledge of the Divine God, and how to take greater steps towards obtaining spiritual enlightenment through Naam. Gurus are the physical incarnation of God upon Earth. Sikhism states however, that any beings that have become one with God are considered synonymous with God. As such, the fully realized Sant, Guru, and God are considered one.

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