

**September 3 – Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great
Pope & Doctor of the Church**

I

For the Church: that, inspired by Saint Gregory the Great, she may shepherd God's people with wisdom and zeal; let us pray to the Lord.

That the leadership of Pope Saint Gregory the Great and his deep commitment to the poor and renewal of the liturgy at the end of the 6th century will be a model for all in leadership in the Church today, let us pray to the Lord.

That world leaders may govern with a spirit of service, caring for the needs of their people with justice and compassion, let us pray to the Lord.

For all pastors, missionaries, and those who serve the Church, that they may be filled with the wisdom and dedication of Saint Gregory, let us pray to the Lord.

That we may have a deep love for the liturgy and sacred music, recognizing their power to lift our hearts to God, as Saint Gregory taught, let us pray to the Lord.

That our local community may be a place where faith is lived with integrity and where all are committed to serving God and neighbor, let us pray to the Lord.

For the unity of Christians and for the spread of the Gospel to all nations, let us pray to the Lord.

That all who served the Church with pastoral love may rejoice with Saint Gregory the Great in God's eternal kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.



II

For Pope Leo: that, like Saint Gregory, he may lead God's people with humility and pastoral strength, let us pray to the Lord.

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May the apostolic life of Saint Gregory the Great, the first pope to use the title, *servant of the servants of God*, inspire Pope Leo as he serves the Church and the world with mercy in the name of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

That civil society may value wisdom, learning, and the spiritual heritage of humanity, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who are called to positions of leadership in the Church, that they may be models of holiness and pastoral care, let us pray to the Lord.

That we may be attentive to the needs of the poor and suffering, following Saint Gregory's example of charitable service, let us pray to the Lord.

That our parish may be a community that cherishes sacred tradition and actively works to bring Christ's love to all, let us pray to the Lord.

That all who have died may be welcomed by Christ, the Good Shepherd, into His eternal fold; let us pray to the Lord.

