



March 23

Blessed Jeremy Lambertenghi

Good day, good people. May the Lord give you peace!

Good fortune awaits us from our guest today, Blessed Jeremy Lambertenghi. A number of miracles are attributed to him. Signs were evident in his youth that he had of unique relationship with God. Seeking to deepen this growing love, he joined the Third Order Regular friars and thrived

spiritually. Soon after his ordination to the priesthood, miracles were attributed to him. His life was spent caring for the spiritual needs of others. After his death the miracles continued which led many to befriend him.

Jeremy had a gift. There is nothing to suggest that Jeremy engaged in any heroics in his life. Yes, he was faithful to his life as a priest and as a Third Order member. But it was the gratuitous gift from God that brought about the many miracles. Jeremy simply made himself the conduit of grace. The grace flowed from God, through Jeremy to the petitioner. Obviously, there was nothing to inhibit this grace; the channel of Grace was wide open.

We marvel at a person so utterly disposed to God's abiding love. Jeremy is a powerful reminder that "nothing is impossible with God." We have witnessed over and over again that God is full of surprises when it comes to his elect. God chooses those we often fail to recognize as God's friends and prophets. The Prophet Isaiah, (55:8) reminds us explicitly: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," says the Lord.

You have a gift. What is it? Are you aware of it? Are you afraid of it? Do you use it? Our lives depend upon your gift. We know that all of us are gifted by God. Sometimes we don't value our gift or we think it is not that important. Let us correct our vision and view the gift with the eyes of God. God has blessed us and we need to value the gift, not from our perspective, but from the perspective of God. Like Blessed Jeremy, therein lies our holiness.

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you continue to pour out your grace upon each one of us and for this we are most grateful. Give us the ability to see ourselves and our gifts the same vision as you view us and our gifts. Let the intercession of Blessed Jeremy Lambertenghi be a model to us of humble reception and fervent response. Amen.

Blessed Jeremy Lambertenghi is a friend of God we welcome today.