

**March 27**

**Archangela Tadera**

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

**Archangela was born in Sicily to a loving and pious family. Archangelas's father died when she was 17 years old.**

**Following his death, Archangela, her sister Laura, and her mother, joined the Third Order of Saint Francis, known today as the Secular Franciscan Order.**

**She evidenced her true Franciscan heart by her generous and fervent love of the poor. So attentive and caring was she that people often mistakenly thought she was the mother of the orphaned child to which she was ministering. Her family home had a small chapel that some people in distress would visit for peace and consolation.**

**For the last 33 years of her life, Archangela knew terrible physical suffering. The pain at times was torturous. She attached her personal suffering to the suffering of Christ. After this long trial, Archangela died in peace, happy to join the company of the friends and prophets of God.**

**It is an irony that often we grow in wisdom and grace through suffering. If we are able to enter into the pain and pray for the insight that Archangela gained through hers, we, too, can make amazing advances in our own journey of faith. Let us pray for ourselves and others who suffer chronically that all of us might know the power of our redemptive love, attached as it is to Christ.**

**Let us pray**

**Healing God, come into our lives and help us to know your abiding presence, even when we do not feel it. Do not let physical pain mute our voices of praise for you, who love us beyond anything we can know or imagine. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Servant of God, Archangels Tadera is a friend of God, and she is the company we welcome today.**

