

March 2
Agnes of Prague (13th Century)

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

She is recognized as our friend because she chose to live a life of virtue. To live a virtuous life is a bold choice. It means to live goodness, practice justice and wash oneself with moral integrity. As a Poor Clare nun, Agnes sought to ground her life in the virtues that have characterized Franciscan life age unto age. In her lifetime she lived for God alone and at the service of her community. Though she was from a family of privilege, she chose to live simply. Though she was recognized for her gift of leadership, she eschewed titles of honor and was simply known among the sisters of her community as the "senior sister."



Today we do not often talk about living a life of virtue. We would not be surprised if she were not understood for not accepting family gifts and privileges others wished to share with her. We call her company because her loyalty was rooted in Christ. No one and no thing distracted her from the one thing important, the one virtue that makes all virtues possible. "You shall love your God with all your heart, with all your mind and all your strength and your neighbor as yourself."

Let us pray.

O God of abundant blessings, you blessed Saint Agnes of Prague with wealth, and she generously used this gift to help the poor. She financed a hospital, a Franciscan friary and a Poor Clare convent. She never considered herself above others, and even after she became abbess, she cooked for the sisters and mended the clothes of lepers. Help me to grow in my own generosity. Teach me to be a cheerful giver as I share whatever you have given me. Bless me with your Spirit of joy in serving those whom the world declares to be unworthy. Help me always to see myself as an instrument of your grace. Saint Agnes of Prague, pray for me. Amen.

Agnes of Prague is a friend of God. The company we welcome today.