

The Catholic Hack! Episode No. 24 – Praying to the Saints

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947 "Since all the faithful form one body, the good of each is communicated to the others. . . . We must therefore believe that there exists a communion of goods in the Church. But the most important member is Christ, since he is the head. . . . Therefore, the riches of Christ are communicated to all the members, through the sacraments." "As this Church is governed by one and the same Spirit, all the goods she has received necessarily become a common fund."

956 *The intercession of the saints.* "Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness. . . . They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus. . . . So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped."

Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life.

I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth.

957 *Communion with the saints.* "It is not merely by the title of example that we cherish the memory of those in heaven; we seek, rather, that by this devotion to the exercise of fraternal charity the union of the whole Church in the Spirit may be strengthened. Exactly as Christian communion among our fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ, from whom as from its fountain and head issues all grace, and the life of the People of God itself":

We worship Christ as God's Son; we love the martyrs as the Lord's disciples and imitators, and rightly so because of their matchless devotion towards their king and master. May we also be their companions and fellow disciples!

ONE FAMILY

Ephesians

Chapter 1

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And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,

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which is his body, ¹¹ the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Ephesians

Chapter 5

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[5](#) Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. [6](#)

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Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord.

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For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body.

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As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything.

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Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her

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to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word,

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that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

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So (also) husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

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For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church,

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because we are members of his body.

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"For this reason a man shall leave (his) father and (his) mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

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This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

Ephesians

Chapter 2

19

So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God,

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built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. [10](#)

Romans

Chapter 12

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Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

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Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.

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Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality.

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⁶ Bless those who persecute (you), bless and do not curse them.

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Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

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Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation.

Ephesians

Chapter 4

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² one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call;

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one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

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one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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Therefore, it says: "He ascended ³ on high and took prisoners captive; he gave gifts to men."

Galatians

Chapter 6

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¹ Brothers, even if a person is caught in some transgression, you who are spiritual should correct that one in a gentle spirit, looking to yourself, so that you also may not be tempted.

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Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. ²

What connects us

John Chapter 15

- 1 ^{1 2} "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.
- 2 He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes ³ so that it bears more fruit.
- 3 You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.
- 4 Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.
- 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.
- 6 ⁴ Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.
- 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.
- 8 By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.
- 9 As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.
- 10 If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.
- 11 "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

Mark

Chapter 12

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Jesus said to them, "Are you not misled because you do not know the scriptures or the power of God?"

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When they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven.

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As for the dead being raised, have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God told him, 'I am the God of Abraham, (the) God of Isaac, and (the) God of Jacob'?"

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He is not God of the dead but of the living. You are greatly misled."

Romans

Chapter 8

35

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

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As it is written: "For your sake we are being slain all the day; we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered."

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No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

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For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things,⁹ nor future things, nor powers,

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nor height, nor depth,¹⁰ nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Will they pray/intercede for us?

Romans

Chapter 15

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I urge you, (brothers,) by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in the struggle by your prayers to God on my behalf,

Ephesians

Chapter 6

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With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit. To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication for all the holy ones

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and also for me, that speech may be given me to open my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel

James

Chapter 5

16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful.

How can they know?

Mark

Chapter 9

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Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.

Luke

Chapter 16

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¹² "There was a rich man ¹³ who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day.

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And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,

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who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.

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When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried,

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and from the netherworld, ¹⁴ where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

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25 And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.'

Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'

26 Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.'

27 He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house,

28 for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.'

29 But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.'

30 ¹⁵ He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

Revelation

Chapter 5

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When he took it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each of the elders held a harp and gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the holy ones.

Revelation

Chapter 6

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When he broke open the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar ⁸ the souls of those who had been slaughtered because of the witness they bore to the word of God.

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They cried out in a loud voice, "How long will it be, holy and true master, ⁹ before you sit in judgment and avenge our blood on the inhabitants of the earth?"

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Each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to be patient a little while longer until the number was filled of their fellow servants and brothers who were going to be killed as they had been.

One Mediator

1 Timothy *Chapter 2*

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For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human,