

Saints - An Authentic Witness

When we think of the saints, we often think of men and women who are very devote, holy and extraordinary. These people are out of our reach and most certainly we could never even get close to becoming one.

“Be not Afraid” St. John Paul The Great

“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” St. Francis of Assisi

What does it take to become a Saint? But before you can find the answer, we must start even simpler; who are the saints? Saints are ordinary everyday people, who strived to live as authentic witnesses of Christ. From heroic deeds, to silent suffering, they were humble; they were patient (most of the time); they were sinners; they had families; they struggled everyday; but most importantly they trusted in God to help them live authentically.

**“The greater my unworthiness, the more abundant is his mercy.”
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

“Anybody can be Pope; the proof of this is that I have become one.” Pope St. John XXIII

What does it take to be a saint? Start simply by loving as Christ loved, listening to someone with an open and understanding heart; do something for someone else, without expecting anything in return, not even a thank you. Saints are not perfect people; they are people who allowed God to help them try to be more Christ-like in every aspect of life. We are all saints in the making, we only need to allow God to help us become one.

“Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you, remember Christ crucified and be silent.” St. John of the Cross.

“Many would be willing to have afflictions provided that they not be inconvenienced by them.” St. Francis de Sales

*Jesus,
open my heart and fill it to beyond my limitations, with understanding, compassion and love. Fulfill my need to be great, by making me humble in all areas of life. Teach me through Your Word and through the lives of the Saints, who accomplished the greatest triumph in this world; to be one with You as You and the Father are One! In the simplest of tasks, may I always be an authentic witness of Your love and mercy without exception.*

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