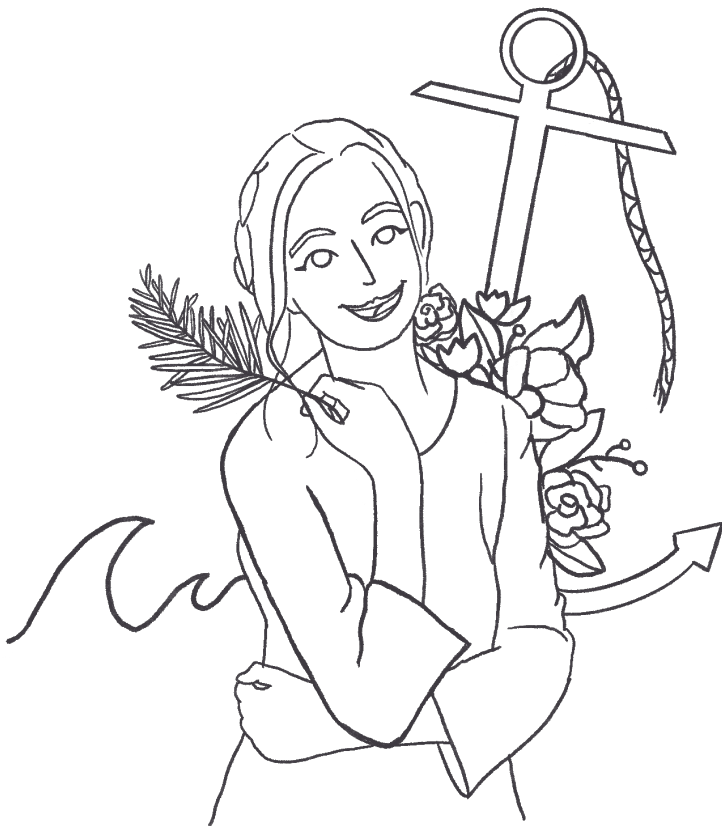




st. philomena



“my kingdom is
heaven.”



St. Philomena was 13-years-old when she died. Not much was known about her life until 1802, when her bones were discovered in Christian catacombs. There was a palm branch carved on her grave symbolizing that she was a martyr, meaning she died for Christ. Around the same time, she appeared in dreams to three different people from different parts of the world. She told these people the story of her life. The faithful quickly developed a devotion to her after miracles and healings began to occur through her intercession.

Philomena was a Greek princess who had such a deep love for Christ that she made a promise to God to stay unmarried, saving her heart and life for God.

When she and her father, the Greek emperor, traveled to Rome to plead with the Roman emperor to not go to war with them, the Roman emperor took an interest to Philomena and asked her to marry him. She refused because of her promise to God and this made him very angry. The Roman emperor threw Philomena in jail and tortured her for weeks. Philomena had a vision of Mary holding baby Jesus saying that things would end in three days. In three days, the Roman emperor asked to marry Philomena again. When she refused, he tied an anchor to her in an attempt to drown her, but the rope broke. Then, he tried firing flaming arrows at her, but the arrows instead caught the bows on fire. The Roman emperor finally beheaded her.

In 1837, she was officially canonized as a saint. Her feast day is August 11, and she is the patron saint of children, infants and youth.

Pray to St. Philomena that you, too, can live a Christ-centered life and strive for sainthood. No matter your age, you can also become a saint!

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