

st. thomas more



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As a young man, Thomas More was fascinated by joining the monastery in the English hillside, but God called him to be a husband and father instead. He and his wife, Jane, had four children before she passed away at a young age. Thomas remarried a woman named Alice, taking her daughter in as his own. He was known as a loving father who wanted the best for his children, making sure that his daughters received the same education as his son.

Thomas was also an excellent writer, lawyer, and politician who was known for his honesty and integrity. He rose to the high and powerful position as Lord Chancellor of England in 1529. King Henry VIII trusted Thomas as his political righthand man.

However, King Henry decided that the government would not follow the pope anymore and in turn, broke away from the Catholic Church. This did not shake Thomas’s faith and he continued to remain loyal to both the Church and the pope. Thomas also refused to accept King Henry’s divorce and remarriage which made King Henry livid. Despite Thomas’ honesty and integrity, he was arrested and sentenced to death. His last words were: “I die the king’s good servant, but God’s first.”

Pray through the intercession of St. Thomas More that you may always have the courage to stand up for what you believe in, even when others put you down.

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