

ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO



"The souls in Heaven assist us with their prayers, while we assist the souls in purgatory through our good works, prayer and participation in the Eucharist."

- Pope Francis

Nicholas was born in 1245 and named after St. Nicholas. When he was 18, he became a monk and, later, a priest. He was always very passionate about praying for the souls in purgatory, and souls would often visit him and ask for his prayers.

One day, when Nicholas was celebrating Mass, he felt a tug on his vestments. He thought it was the devil trying to distract him, but he recognized the voice. It was his brother who had passed away two weeks prior, and he was asking Nicholas for his prayers. This was the first time a soul he knew had visited him. Nicholas said that Mass for his brother, as well as several more Masses over the next two weeks. Nicholas' brother again visited him and said, "I thank you my dearest brother, because by your prayers I have achieved the end for which God created me. I am giving Him praise in His glory now." His brother had gone on to Heaven from purgatory.

Nicholas continued to pray for his brother out of fear that the devil was trying to trick him. Soon after, his brother appeared to him in a dream and assured Nicholas that he was in Heaven, but thanked him for the continued prayers, as his place in Heaven was even more magnificent.

St. Nicholas teaches us that we should always pray for the souls in purgatory because it helps them get to Heaven faster, and that it is good to continue praying for our deceased loved ones because it will only magnify their joy in Heaven.

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