

August 25, 2020

Hello Tuesday!

Our saint of the day was very religious and passed along those values to his son as evidenced by the letter attached. So how perfect is our quote of the day as a reminder that we all need to exemplify God's words in our own lives so we can be a model and guide to others.

1. Today's Readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082520.cfm>

2. ***The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus***: St. Louis

Today is the optional memorial of St Louis IX, King of France. Louis was a dutiful father who loved his children and considered it his greatest duty to teach them the Catholic Faith. When separated from his children due to the requirements of the realm, Louis wrote letters in which he passed on his fatherly and saintly advice. Attached are both his biography and one of these inspiring letters. (Catholic.com)

3. Quote of the Day: "Young people need the light of watchful guides to lead them on the path of salvation." — *St. John Baptist de la Salle*

May you have success today on your path to salvation! One step at a time!



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St. Louis was born to King Louis VIII and Blanche of Castile, at Poissy on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1215. Louis was made King at only 11 years of age, and was the father of 11 children. He led an exemplary life, bearing constantly in mind his mother's words: "I would rather see you dead at my feet than guilty of a mortal sin." His biographers have written of the long hours he spent in prayer, fasting, and penance, without the knowledge of his people.

The French king was an avid lover of justice, who took great measures to ensure that the process of arbitration was carried out properly. All of 13<sup>th</sup> century Christian Europe willingly looked upon him as an international judge.

He was renowned for his charity. "The peace and blessings of the realm come to us through the poor," he would say. Beggars were fed from his table; he ate their leavings, washed their feet, ministered to the wants of the lepers, and daily fed over one hundred poor. He founded many hospitals and houses: The House of the Felles-Dieu for reformed prostitutes, the Quinze-Vingt for 300 blind men (1254), as well as hospitals at Pontoise, Vernon, Compiègne.

St. Louis was a patron of architecture. The Sainte Chappelle, an architectural gem, was constructed in his reign as a reliquary for the Crown of Thorns, and it was under his patronage that Robert of Sorbonne founded the "Collège de la Sorbonne," which became the seat of the theological faculty of Paris, the most illustrious seat of learning in the medieval period. St. Louis died of the plague near Tunis, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1270, during the Second Crusade. He is the patron of masons and builders.

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From a spiritual testament to his son by St. Louis

*A just king rules the earth*

My dearest son, my first instruction is that you should love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your strength. Without this there is no salvation. Keep yourself, my son, from everything that you know displeases God, that is to say, from every mortal sin. You should permit yourself to be tormented by every kind of martyrdom before you would allow yourself to commit a mortal sin.

If the Lord has permitted you to have some trial, bear it willingly and with gratitude, considering that it has happened for your good and that perhaps you well deserved it. If the Lord bestows upon you any kind of prosperity, thank him humbly and see that you become no worse for it, either through vain pride or anything else, because you ought not to oppose God or offend him in the matter of his gifts.

Listen to the divine office with pleasure and devotion. As long as you are in church, be careful not to let your eyes wander and not to speak empty words, but pray to the Lord devoutly, either aloud or with the interior prayer of the heart.

Be kindhearted to the poor, the unfortunate and the afflicted. Give them as much help and consolation as you can. Thank God for all the benefits he has bestowed upon you, that you may be worthy to receive greater. Be just to your subjects, swaying neither to right nor left, but holding the line of justice. Always side with the poor rather than with the rich, until you are certain of the truth. See that all your subjects live in justice and peace, but especially those who have ecclesiastical rank and who belong to religious orders.

Be devout and obedient to our mother the Church of Rome and the Supreme Pontiff as your spiritual father. Work to remove all sin from your land, particularly blasphemies and heresies.

In conclusion, dearest son, I give you every blessing that a loving father can give a son. May the three Persons of the Holy Trinity and all the saints protect you from every evil. And may the Lord give you the grace to do his will so that he may be served and honored through you, that in the next life we may together come to see him, love him and praise him unceasingly. Amen.