

St. Sebastian, Friend and Helper of Farmers

Glorious St Sebastian, you, who enjoy God's favour, what a splendid example you gave to us by your life of prayer, sacrifice, suffering and martyrdom. St Sebastian, friend and helper of farmers, who did so often avert illnesses and pestilences by your intercession, you are also a powerful helper in the battles against sin, lukewarmness, loose morals and human respect.

We now beseech you with childlike confidence, O St Sebastian, our holy heavenly friend. Make us strong and joyful in faith, give us perseverance, obtain for us to be humble and content in living a simple, orderly life that is pleasing in the sight of the Almighty. Protect us from sin, from obvious and from secret vices and passions. Shield us from being quarrelsome and from drinking excessively, from being immoderate and from sloth, from jealousy, hard-heartedness, superstition and any kind of dishonesty. Bless livestock, life, livelihoods, forests, pastures and the entire countryside. Intercede, we entreat you, for thriving growth and against pestilences and illnesses. Strengthen us in our service for God, our fellow men and our country and, by your prayers, lead us all into our eternal country. Amen.

Novena to St. Sebastian, Martyr **January 11-19th. Feast Day Jan. 20th**

Prayers to St. Sebastian for Athletes

Dear Commander at the Roman Emperor's court, you chose to be also a soldier of Christ and dared to spread faith in the King of Kings, for which you were condemned to die. Your body, however, proved athletically strong and the executing arrows extremely weak. So another means to kill you was chosen and you gave your life to the Lord. May athletes be always as strong in their faith as their patron saint so clearly has been. Amen.

Prayers for Fortitude

O Lord, grant us the spirit of fortitude, so that guided by the example of the martyr St. Sebastian, we may learn to bear witness to the Christian Faith and patiently support the sufferings of life. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to St. Sebastian Against Illness

Glorious Sebastian, martyr and saint, I call on your strength and courage to help me through this difficult trial. Your faith was so deep, a multitude of arrows could not finish you. The piercing wounds inflicted for your faith only proved to strengthen your belief. May you intercede for those who are weakened from the effects of disease. I ask for your intercession that I may also survive that which threatens to destroy my beliefs in the mercy of Christ. Amen.

(Mention your request here...)

St. Sebastian, pray for us.

Pater, Ave, Gloria Patri...

Prayers from the Votive Mass in Time of War

O God, who bringest wars to nought and shieldest by Thy power all who hope in Thee, overthrowing those that assail them; help Thy servants who implore Thy mercy; so that the fierce might of their enemies may be brought low and we may never cease to praise and thank Thee. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever. Amen.

O God, the author and lover of peace, to whom is to live, to serve whom is to reign, shield Thy suppliants from all assaults, so that we who trust in Thy protection may fear no foe. Through our Lord...