

# A MOMENT FOR PRAYER



Jerome Gratian of the Mother of God, Discalced Carmelite priest, was born in Valladolid, Spain, on June 6, 1545, and died a holy death in Brussels on September 21, 1614. A highly educated man, he put his qualities and talents at the service of the foundational work of Saint Teresa of Jesus. From his experience of prayer, he loved Jesus and proclaimed the Gospel through preaching. With his writings, he directed prayerful persons on the path of the true spirit. His existence can be summarized in a phrase taken from his letters: “I have no other desire or ambition in this life than, while I live, to dedicate myself to what is of greatest service to God and brings greater benefit to souls.”

On December 15, 2000, the General Definitory of the Discalced Carmelites in Rome authorized the initiation of the steps necessary to begin the process for his canonization. On July 1, 2005, the Vatican’s Congregation for the Causes of the Saints gave approval for the process of canonization to begin in Rome.

You can say the following prayer with Father Jerome Gratian, which is taken from his writings and offers all your being to God:

“Lord, from this moment all my things are yours: I give them to you and place them in your hands; do with them and with me all that you will as with your own property. Yours is my soul, my life, my health, my happiness, my quietude, my honor, my property, and all which in this life I can have and desire; I want nothing save only you. If you wish to give me some of these, I will take them as your property, and if you wish to take them from me, I will not be vexed or complain, for I have already given them to you and they are no longer mine. And all your things are mine and I take them as my own. Your honor, your law, your Church, your faith, your Father and Mother and your saints, your cross, your souls that are on earth. And from now on I want nothing else but to defend your honor, keep your law, bring forth fruit in your Church, revere and serve your Mother and your Eternal Father and the saints in heaven, secure the health of your souls, suffer your cross, and do all which I know will bring you pleasure and delight, even if it costs me my life.”

If you wish to entrust a need to the intercession of Fr. Jerome Gratian, you may use this prayer:

**Eternal Father, you chose your servant Jerome Gratian to transmit the Teresian heritage and promote the missionary life of your Church. Through his intercession, grant me the grace I trustingly beseech of you...**

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be**

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**PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST!**