

Some Thoughts for September, 2025

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September's song is melancholy yet sweet. It is melancholy because we leave the summer fun behind and get back to the daily routines of business as usual. Its sweetness comes with the excitement of change. We leave the summer sun to begin thoughts of autumn. Change is difficult, but necessary. September's gem is the gorgeous blue sapphire. Its flowers are the aster and the morning glory. Praise You Lord for the seasons! You give us beauty all year long.

We start out with Labor Day, which was started in New York by the labor unions in the late 1800's, and in a few years grew into a federal holiday. It's a welcome holiday, because it kind of eases us into such a drastic change of pace.

On the 3rd we celebrate St. Gregory the Great. St. Gregory was the 64th Bishop of Rome. He is known for starting the first recorded large-scale mission from Rome. He was a member of the Benedictine order and wrote extensively of St. Benedict. By the way St. Benedict had many of the spiritual gifts that Padre Pio had including restoration of life. He also could see into the future.

On the 9th we celebrate St. Peter Claver a Spaniard from the 1500's. His vocation was to bring peace and relief to slaves. He was a Jesuit priest and he would visit those horrible slave ships and bring much comfort and peace to those terrified African slaves who were being treated most inhumanly. St. Peter Claver please pray for an end to human trafficking.

On the 23rd we celebrate St. Padre Pio who probably is one of the most famous saints of our times. Jesus appeared to him many times in his childhood. He became a priest and was noted for hearing confessions, as he could read hearts. He had the stigmata (wounds of Christ) for 50 years. He could bi-locate and even was known to have stopped time. During the 2nd World War he appeared in the clouds to stop the allied forces from bombing the area of St. Giovanni Rotunda. His miraculous actions saved the area. St. Padre Pio, pray for us.

We celebrate the Archangels, St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael on the 29th. St. Michael is known for his powerful attack on Lucifer and the fallen angels when they disobeyed God and were banished to hell. He continues to fight evil for the church and those who call upon him. St. Gabriel, is known as the angel who delivered God's messages to the prophet Daniel, Zechariah and the Virgin Mary. St. Raphael, the healing angel is known for his role in the book of Tobit, where he healed Tobit's blindness and helped Tobias find a wife. Angels are wonderful intercessors and we should seek their help each day and let's not forget our own guardian angels, assigned to us at conception and stay with us till we are called home by God. Dear Angels we love you and continue to ask for your guidance and protection.

As we jump into September let us not ever forget "Nine Eleven." Let us continue to pray for those who lost their lives and for the grieving families they left behind. May God bless us each one.

Love,  
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