



ST. EDWARD KING & CONFESSOR

FEAST DAY:
13 OCTOBER

BIOGRAPHY

Edward, called the Confessor, nephew of St. Edward the King and Martyr, was the last of the Saxon Kings. When he was ten years old the Danes who were devastating England sought to kill him. He was forced to go into exile at the court of his uncle, the duke of Normandy. There the innocence of Edward's life was the admiration of all. With the destruction of the tyrants, who had killed his brothers and usurped their kingdom, he was called back to his own country, where he devoted himself to wiping out all traces of the enemy's occupation. He began with the restoration of the churches. Famous for the gift of prophecy, he foresaw in a heavenly way a great deal about the future state of England. He was wonderfully devoted to John the Evangelist, and on the day which the Evangelist predicted to him, January 5, 1066, he died a most holy death. Alexander III enrolled him among the Saints.

COLLECT

○ God, Who hast set upon the head of Thy blessed Confessor King Edward a crown of everlasting glory, grant unto us, we beseech Thee, so to use our reverence for him here upon earth, as to make the same a means whereby to come to reign with him hereafter in Heaven. Through the Same Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Who Liveth and Reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen

PRAYER TO ST. EDWARD (FOR ENGLAND)

O most majestic, most august and most mighty Edward, Sainly King of England and Sovereign Lord of the English, behold the prayers of thy servants who approach most humbly the heavenly throne of thy saintly glory to ask of thy intercession for this thy Realm of England. This Realm which thou dost so love hast been torn far from the Seamless Cloak of the Lord: restore, we beseech thy Majesty, the Church to this Land as once She was the joyful Crown of the English People. Grant also liberty to thy People, that Mother England may be free to joyfully praise the Lord. Restore the Christian Faith to this Isle; adorn her with the majesty she was once accustomed, and let her be ruled by a just, merciful and most Christian Monarch, who shall profess the Faith of Emperors and Kings, that is, the Holy Catholic Faith. O St. Edward, our Confessor-King, look upon thy English children with all serenity, and grant them the happiness that is theirs. Amen