

BIOGRAPHY

Cornelius, a Roman, was Pope under the Emperors Gallus and Volusianus. He strongly resisted the heresy of Novatian, wrote many things with great charity concerning those who had fallen away ; and we possess eight letters addressed to him by St. Cyprian. In exile at Civitavecchia, worn out with hardships, he died a martyr. Cyprian, an African, was first a famous teacher of Rhetorick ; then, at the persuasion of the priest Cecilius, from whom he took his surname, he became a Christian and gave all his substance away to the poor. After a short time he was made priest and then appointed Bishop of Carthage. He also wrote much against the schism of Novatian and tried in every way to repair the injuries suffered by the Church. It would be needless to give an account of his wisdom, for his works outshine the sun. He suffered in the eighth persecution under the Emperors Valerian and Gallienus.

SS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN

FEAST DAY:
16 SEPTEMBER

COLLECT

Lord, we beseech Thee that the precious testifying of Thy blessed Martyrs and Bishops Cornelius and Cyprian may profit us, and their godly prayers protect us.

Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord, Who Liveth and Reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen

PRAYER TO ST. CYPRIAN

O holy Bishop, St. Cyprian, hear the prayers of thy brethren in the Militant Church, and grant their petitions. Pray for the Holy Father, that he may be guided into all truth, and pray also for the Princes of the Church, that they, being obedient to the Vicar of Christ, may give glory to God, the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

PRAYER TO ST. CORNELIUS

O most holy Cornelius, most renowned Pontiff, who did fight against the heresy of Novatian, look paternally upon thy children still struggling against the Evil One, and pray for them that the Lord may grant them strength to do what is right and just in His Sight.

Pray also, we pray thee, holy Pontiff, that the Holy Father may be guided into all truth by the Holy Ghost, that he may be guided into the true Catholic Faith and remain therein, unto the salvation of his soul. Amen