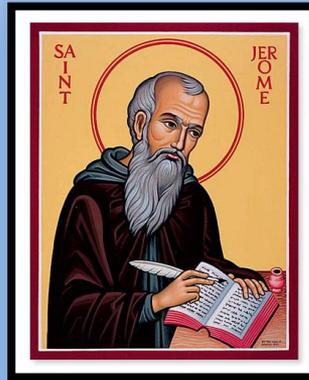


## BIOGRAPHY

Jerome, born at Stridon in Dalmatia, was baptized at Rome as a young man and studied the liberal arts with Donatus and other very learned men. In the service of religion, he travelled all over Palestine. Then he retired to the vast Syrian desert, where he spent four years in reading sacred Scripture and in the contemplation of the blessedness of heaven.

Ordained priest by Paulinus, Bishop of Antioch, he went back to Palestine. There, near the crib of the Lord Christ in Bethlehem, he led a life patterned after that of heaven itself. He conquered the wiles of the devil with works of devotion and continual reading and writing. Questions on Holy Scripture were referred for explanation to him as to an oracle, being sent to him from all over the world. Pope Damasus and St. Augustine often consulted him on difficult passages in Scripture because of his singular learning and his knowledge not only of Latin and Greek but also of Hebrew and Chaldaic. He translated the Old Testament from the Hebrew; and by command of Pope Damasus, he revised the translation of the New Testament to make it faithful to the Greek text and explained a great part of it. In extreme old age, he made the journey to heaven. His body was buried at Bethlehem and later taken to Rome and buried in the Basilica of St. Mary Major.



**ST JEROME**  
**PRIEST, CONFESSOR & DOCTOR**  
**OF THE CHURCH**

**FEAST DAY:**  
**30 SEPTEMBER**

## COLLECT

○ God, Who wast pleased to give unto Thy Church Thy blessed Confessor Jerome to be unto Her a great teacher in the way of expounding Thine Holy Scriptures, be entreated, we beseech Thee, for that Thy servant's sake, and grant unto us the strength to put in practice what he taught both by his doctrine and by his life. 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. JEROME

O holy Jerome, who wast appointed to be the secretary to Pope St. Damasus I and friend of St. Augustine, and who wast guided by the Holy Ghost in thy translation and exposition of Divine Scripture, hear the prayer of thy brethren, and grant unto us the same gift of faithfully reading Holy Writ with the selfsame devotion and to nourish our souls every day by Its sacred Words. We praise Him Who wast thy inspiration for granting to His Church a true translation of the Holy Volume into the Church's tongue, and we ask that those who are united to the See of Peter may be guided by the Almighty to understand those Words, which are unspeakably spoken by the Breath of the Holy Ghost. Amen