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Life story of *St. Monica*



"Nothing
is far from
God."



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A Walk With The Saints

Her prayers changed a life...
Her faith changed the world.





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BORN TO FAITHFUL PARENTS

Monica was born in 331 A.D in Thagaste (North Africa) to Christian Parents.



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Monica always love and serve God.



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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

She married a pagan man named Patricius.



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A DEVOTED WIFE AND MOTHER

My children!! Pray and trust in God always.

She had 3 children: Augustine, Navigius and Perpetua



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PATIENCE IN TRIALS

God give me the strength to love and be patient.

Her husband had a bad temper but she endured and prayed.



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PRAYER CHANGES A HEART

Through her prayers her husband came to Christian faith before his death.

7 AUGUSTINE'S RESTLESS YOUTH



My son!! Give your heart to God.

No mother

Augustine loved the world more than God.

8 A MOTHER'S CONTINUOUS PRAYERS



Lord!! Change my son.

Monica never stopped praying for Augustine – day and night.

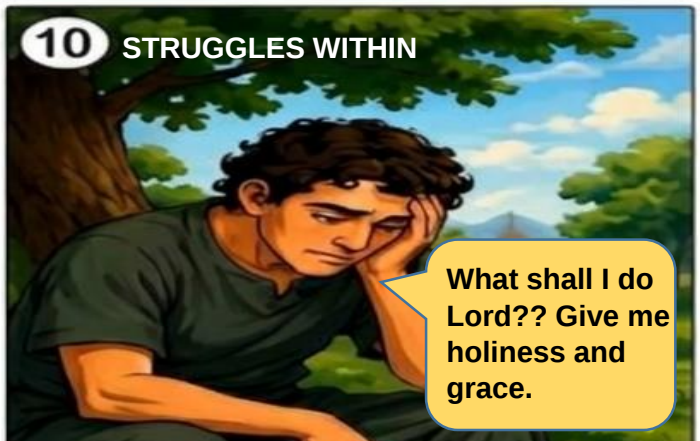
9 MONICA FOLLOWS HER SON



I will come with you, son.

When Augustine went to Milan for studies, she followed him.

10 STRUGGLES WITHIN



What shall I do Lord?? Give me holiness and grace.

But Augustine struggled with his sinful life.

11 MOTHER'S PRAYERS HEARD



My son read the Bible. God will talk to you.

He was changed by a verse from the Bible. "Let us conduct ourselves....no orgies or drunkenness, no immorality...Put on Jesus Christ" - Rom 13:13-14.

12 A MEETING THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING



Do not love the world and what is in the world.!!

In Milan St. Augustine heard St. Ambrose and was greatly touched.



13 AUGUSTINE'S CONVERSION

Thank you Jesus for converting me.

In 387 AD Augustine was baptized by St. Ambrose.



14 A MOTHER'S JOY

All my tears are turned into joy.

Augustine gave his heart completely to God.



15 RETURN TO AFRICA

Let us go home and serve the Lord.

They returned to Africa leading a simple and prayerful life.



16 MONICA'S FINAL DAYS

My son I have nothing more to wish in this world!!



17 CALLED TO ETERNAL REST

Into your hands, Oh Lord, I commend my spirit.

Monica died in 387 AD at the age of 56.



18 A SAINT AND INSPIRATION

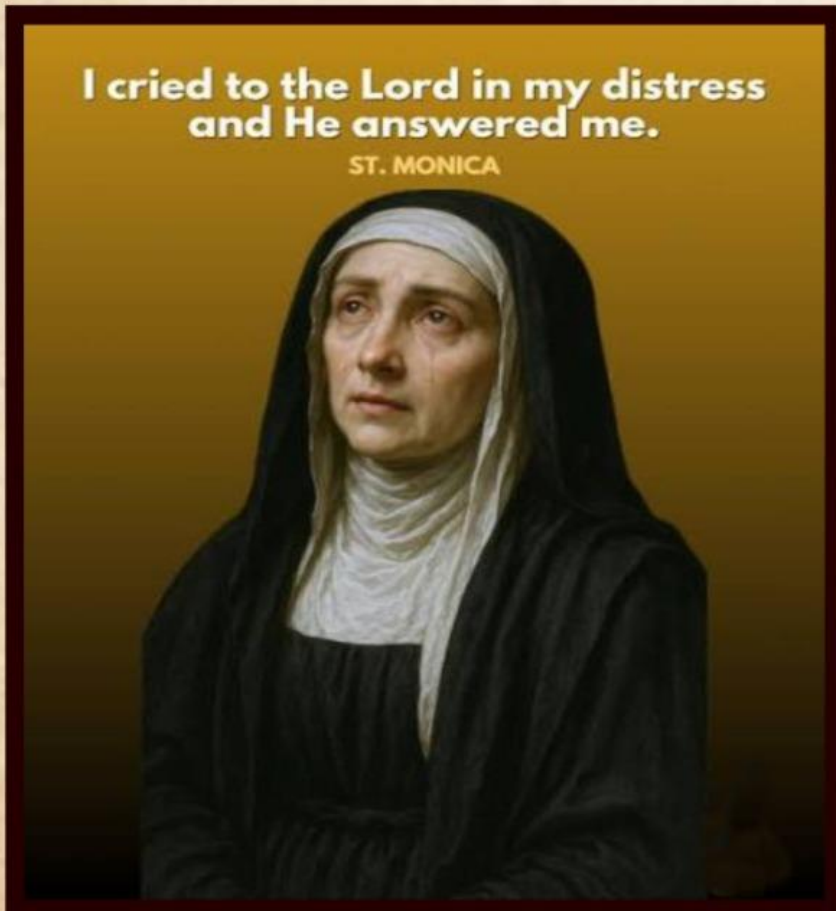
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Monica is the patron saint of mothers. Through Monica's lifelong patience and prayers her son also became a saint. Pope Gregory VII canonized her in 1234.

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