



CAN I HAVE A FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD?



#3: Why do we seek God?

God has placed in our hearts a longing to seek and find him. It is natural for man to seek God. All of our striving for truth and happiness is ultimately a search for the one who supports us absolutely.

SAINTS & INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Aloysius was born in 1568 in Italy to a wealthy noble family. He was expected to be a soldier yet while receiving his education away from him, he became ill and began praying and reading about the saints. At age 9, he took a private vow of chastity. As he continued his studies he decided to be a missionary which his mother supported, even though his father and other family members were upset about this. When Aloysius was 17 years old he gave up all rights of inheritance and joined the Jesuits in Rome. He died at age 23 while caring for the ill during the 1591 plague in Rome. He is the patron saint of youth people and students.



St. Faustino Perez

Faustino was born in Spain on August 4, 1946. He led the very simple life. He had a deep prayer life and relationship with God and prayed the rosary every day on the way to school. At 14 he felt called to the priesthood yet contracted cancer. He had an iron will, never complaining in his sickness and suffering. He died on March 3, 1963 when he was only 16 years old. On January 14th, 2011, Pope Benedict XVI declared Faustino Venerable because of his heroic virtue. Faustino once said: "I feel something within me.... Such an enormous love for Him who has never let me fall, not even once, into mortal sin. Thank you, Christ, for giving me such a marvelous feeling and life."



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He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." – Matthew 5: 1-12

ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS: