

Chaplet of St. Margaret of Scotland Patron of: Scotland



Who is St. Margaret of Scotland?

Margaret of Scotland was a truly liberated woman in the sense that she was free to be herself. For her, that meant freedom to love God and serve others.

Not Scottish by birth, Margaret was the daughter of Princess Agatha of Hungary and the Anglo-Saxon Prince Edward Atheling. She spent much of her youth in the court of her great-uncle, the English king, Edward the Confessor. Her family fled from William the Conqueror and was shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland. King Malcolm befriended them and was captivated by the beautiful, gracious Margaret. They were married at the castle of Dunfermline in 1070.

Malcolm was good-hearted, but rough and uncultured, as was his country. Because of Malcolm's love for Margaret, she was able to soften his temper, polish his manners, and help him become a virtuous king. He left all domestic affairs to her, and often consulted her in state matters. Margaret tried to improve her adopted country by promoting the arts and education. For religious reform she encouraged synods and was present for the discussions which tried to correct religious abuses common among priests and laypeople, such as simony, usury, and incestuous marriages. With her husband, she founded several churches.

Margaret was not only a queen, but a mother. She and Malcolm had 8 children - six sons and two daughters. Margaret personally supervised their religious instruction and other studies.

Although she was very much caught up in the affairs of the household and country, she remained detached from the world. Her private life was austere. She had certain times for prayer and reading Scripture. She ate sparingly and slept little in order to have time for devotions. She and Malcolm kept two Lents, one before Easter and one before Christmas. During these times she always rose at midnight for Mass. On the way home she would wash the feet of six poor persons and give them alms. She was always surrounded by beggars in public and never refused them. It is recorded that she never sat down to eat without first feeding nine orphans and 24 adults.

In 1093, King William Rufus made a surprise attack on Alnwick castle. King Malcolm and his oldest son, Edward, were killed. Margaret, already on her deathbed, died four days after her husband.

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"When [Margaret] spoke, her conversation was with the **salt of wisdom**. When she was silent, her silence was **filled with good thoughts**. So thoroughly did her outward bearing correspond with the staidness of her character that it seemed as if she has been born the pattern of a virtuous life" (Turgot, St. Margaret's confessor).

How to Pray her Chaplet:



Medals/Beads:

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On the Cross:

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her

tongue. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: -- Proverbs 31:10-11,20,26,28

Pendant Bead:

O God, who called your servant Margaret to an earthly throne that she might advance your heavenly kingdom, and gave her zeal for your church and love for your people: Mercifully grant that we who commemorate her this day may be fruitful in good works, and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; though Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments. -
- Psalm 112:1

Week Beads:

Psalm 112:2,4-9

1st: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. *Hail Mary...*

2nd: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. *Hail Mary...*

3rd: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. *Hail Mary...*

4th: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. *Hail Mary...*

5th: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD. *Hail Mary...*

6th: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. *Hail Mary...*

7th: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor. *Hail Mary...*

Closing Prayer, on Medal:

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' -- Matthew 13:44-52

<http://chapletsrosariesandlitanies.blogspot.com/2011/03/chaplet-of-st-margaret-of-scotland.html>

Optional Closing Prayer:

Dear Saint Margaret of Scotland pray for us
to be generous to the needy,
to be zealous reformers and teachers of the Roman
Catholic faith,
to speak with the "*salt of wisdom*,"
to be "*filled with good thoughts*,"
so that we can become "*a pattern of a virtuous life*"
to those around us.
AMEN.

<http://totustuusfamily.blogspot.com/2013/11/a-prayer-to-st-margaret-of-scotland.html>