

# Liturgy Alive of Saint AUGUSTINE, Bishop, Doctor, Memorial

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## Introduction

Some need half of a lifetime to discover that they were wrong – or perhaps to have the courage to be honest enough with themselves and to face God and themselves. Like Augustine. His was a restless heart, he was a seeker. Once he had found this courage and his rest in God, he reflected deeply on his faith. He became a brilliant theologian, yet a simple man accessible to the simple people and a model of love to those around him.

## Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
St. Augustine experienced  
that he was not only trying to find you  
but that you were looking for him.  
Lord, make us see how much you love us  
and how you want us to find happiness.  
May the prayers of this great saint help us  
to be clear-eyed to your love and care  
and to respond to your search for us  
with an unconditional answer of deep love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
you come to satisfy our hunger  
for your Son Jesus Christ and his good news  
at the table of the eucharist.  
Let Jesus quench our hunger and thirst  
for all that is good and true and beautiful  
with the gift of himself and his Spirit.  
Let us become new in him  
and love him deeply  
as our Lord and Savior for ever.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,  
we ask you on this feast of St. Augustine  
that you may become to us as to him  
our light deeper and brighter  
than any other light,  
our truth that gives us some of your vision,  
our strength that sustains us.  
Make us capable of loving you  
with all that is in us.

We ask you this through Christ our Lord.