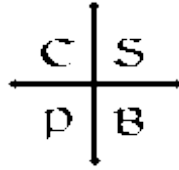


The Order of Saint Benedict



Lectio Divina

Christian Authors: First to Third Centuries

- *The Didache* (First Century)
 - [Didache, English translation.](#)
 - [Doctrine du Seigneur transmise aux nations par les douze Ap?res : La Didach?/a>.](#)
- [Ignatius of Antioch](#)
 - [Epistle to the Smyrnaeans \(c. 105-116\)](#)
 - [Epistle to the Smyrnaeans.](#)
 - [Lettre aux Smyrniotes.](#)
- Tertullian (c. 150-220)
 - [On Prayer](#) (60 K text, 1K graphics).
 - [Patience.](#)
- Cyprian (c. 200-258)
 - [On the Advantage of Patience.](#)
 - [On the Lord's Prayer](#) (57K text, 1K graphics).
- Methodius of Olympus (d. 311)
 - [Oration on Simeon and Anna](#) (52K).

Christian Authors: Fourth Century

- Athanasius (295-373)
 - [On the Incarnation.](#)
 - [Vita S. Antonii](#) (c. 357)
 - [Life of St. Antony](#) of the Desert.
 - [Vida de San Antonio Abad.](#) Spanish.
- Ephraim of Syria (c. 306-373)
 - [The Pearl.](#)
- Cyril of Jerusalem (c. 315-386)
 - [Second Catechetical Lecture.](#) "On Repentance and Remission of Sins, and Concerning the Adversary."
- Gregory of Nazianzus (329-389)
 - [Second Paschal Oration.](#) (58K text)

- Gregory of Nyssa (c. 335-395)
 - [Gregory of Nyssa Homepage](#) (Br. Casimir McCambly, OCSO, Spencer)
- John Chrysostom (347-407)
 - [The Easter Sermon of John Chrysostom](#). Edited by Andr?Lavergne.
 - [Prayer of St. John Chrysostom](#).
- [Desert Fathers and Mothers](#) (fl. Fourth Century)
 - [120 Wise Sayings of the Fathers](#)
 - [Early Egyptian Desert Fathers](#)
 - Excerpts from [The Paradise of the Desert Fathers](#).
 - From the [Sayings of the Desert Fathers](#).
 - *The Life of St. Mary of Egypt*
 - [The Life of Our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt](#). 44K text, 55K graphic.
 - [Vie de sainte Marie l'gyptienne](#). 55K text, 35K graphics.

Christian Authors: Fifth to Twelfth Centuries

- [Augustine](#) (354-430). James J. O'Donnell, provost at Georgetown University, offers this excellent collection of resources on Augustine. 3K text, 161K graphics.
 - [Confessions](#).
 - [Enchiridion](#).
 - [On Christian Doctrine](#)
 - [Augustine: Elements of Christianity](#) by Prof. O'Donnell (Twayne series). 62K.
 - [On the Sermon on the Mount](#).
 - [An excerpt about prayer](#) from *On the Sermon on the Mount*.
- John Cassian (c.360-c.432)
 - [Conferences](#) (complete table of contents, 67K). A much briefer table of contents can be found on the [index page of Cassian's works](#). Both are local files.
 - *De institutis coenobiorum et de octo principalium vitiorum remediis libri XII*.
 - [Institutes](#) of the Coenobia, and the Remedies for the Eight Principal Faults. English translation by Edgar C.S. Gibson. Local file.
 - [Les institutions c?obitiques](#). French translation. Each book in its own file.
- Sulpitius Severus (363-420)
 - *Vita beati Martini*
 - The [Life of St. Martin](#). Local file.
 - [Vie de saint Martin](#). [65K text, 26K graphic].
- Benedict of Nursia (480-547)
 - [Rule for Monasteries](#).
- Gregory the Great (c. 540-604)



- [Dialogues](#), Book II (Life and Miracles of St. Benedict). 97K.
 - [Moralia in Job](#), Books I-V.
- Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)
 - [On Loving God](#).

Christian Authors: Thirteenth to Sixteenth Centuries

- Jan van Ruusbroec (1293-1381)
 - [The Adornment of the Spiritual Marriage; The Sparkling Stone; The Book of Supreme Truth](#). 633K.
- Julian of Norwich (1343-1443)
 - [Revelations of Divine Love](#).
- Catherine of Siena (c. 1347-1380)
 - [The Dialogue of the Seraphic Virgin Catherine of Siena](#).
- Anonymous 14th-century English author
 - [The Cloud of Unknowing](#).
- Thomas Kempis (1379-1471)
 - [The Imitation of Christ](#).
- Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)
 - [Interior Castle](#). 73K text, 23K graphics.
 - [Life](#). Her spiritual autobiography.
 - [Santa Teresa de Jesu](#). Most of her works, in Spanish.
 - [The Way of Perfection](#).
- John of the Cross (1542-1591)
 - [Ascent of Mount Carmel](#).
 - [The Living Flame of Love](#).
 - *Noche oscura del alma*
 - [The Dark Night of the Soul](#).
 - [Die Dunkle Nacht](#). 1995 German translation of the *Dark Night*.
 - [La noche oscura](#). 116K text, 4K graphic.
 - Poems
 - [Poesías de San Juan de la Cruz](#).
 - [Poetry of St. John of the Cross](#).
 - [A Spiritual Canticle of the Soul and the Bridegroom Christ](#).



Illustration: Teresa of Avila

Christian Authors: Seventeenth to Twentieth Centuries

- John Donne (1573-1631)
 - [Preached to the Lords upon Easter-day, at the Communion](#). (March 28, 1619). *Eighty Sermons* 27.
- Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)
 - [Hymns](#).



- Brother Lawrence (1611-1691)
 - [The Practice of the Presence of God.](#)
- Jonathan Edwards (1703-1757)
 - [The Excellency of Christ.](#) 87K.
- John Wesley (1703-1791)
 - [Sermon XCII: "On Zeal."](#)
- Philaret, Metropolitan of Moscow (1782-1867)
 - [Prayer of Philaret,](#) Metropolitan of Moscow.
- Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889)
 - [Poems.](#)
- Francis Thompson (1859-1907)
 - [The Hound of Heaven.](#)
- [A Collection of Hymns,](#) for the Use of the People Called Methodists. (1876). 118K.
 - [Rejoice for a Brother Deceased](#) *In memoriam* +Jerome Theisen OSB.
- Paisios (1924-1994)
 - [Sayings of the Elder Paisios.](#)
- Jean Debruyne
 - [The Way of the Cross](#) (1982).
- Anonymous (November 1987), from *Julian Jottings*
 - [The Glory of the Boring.](#)
- Sister Cornelia, OJN, (late 20th C.)
 - [Pine Needles.](#)
 - [Whatever You Say.](#)
- Brother Gregory, OJN, (late 20th C.)
 - [Faith, Hope, and Love.](#)

Illustration: St. Seraphim of Sarov