

**25 September**

**Lancelot Andrewes  
Bishop of Winchester and  
Spiritual Writer 1626**

Lord God, who gave Lancelot Andrewes many gifts of your Holy Spirit, making him a man of prayer and a pastor of your people: perfect in us that which is lacking in your gifts:

of faith, to increase it,  
of hope, to establish it,  
of love, to kindle it,

That we may live in the light of your grace and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Born in 1555 in Barking, Lancelot Andrewes studied at Merchant Taylors' School and Pembroke Hall (now Pembroke College), Cambridge. After ordination, he held several posts before accepting appointment as Bishop, first of Chichester, then of Ely and finally of Winchester in 1619. Andrewes was present at the Hampton Court Conference in 1604 which furthered the reform of the Church of England, and he was also a translator of much of the Old Testament of what is known as the 'Authorised Version' of the Bible. His preaching and his writings proved highly influential and his holiness of life and gentle nature endeared him to all who met him. He died on this day in the year 1626 and his remains lie in a church which was then in his diocese of Winchester but is now the cathedral for the diocese of Southwark.

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**Vincent de Paul  
Founder of the Congregation of the  
Mission (Lazarists) 1660**

Merciful God, whose servant Vincent de Paul,  
by his ministry of preaching and pastoral care,  
brought your love to the sick and the poor:  
give to all your people a heart of compassion  
that by word and action they may serve you in  
serving others in their need; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

Amen.

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**Founder of the Congregation of the  
Mission (Lazarists)**

Born in 1581 at Ranquine in Gascony, Vincent was  
educated by the Franciscans and was ordained at the age  
of nineteen. He was something of a token priest until his  
conversion in 1609, when he resolved to devote himself  
and all he owned to works of charity. He founded  
communities for men and with Louise de Marillac, helped  
to begin the Sisters of Charity, the first community of  
women not to be enclosed and which was devoted to  
caring for the poor and sick. Vincent worked for the relief  
of galley slaves, victims of war, convicts and many other  
groups of needy people. He became a legend in his own  
lifetime and died on this day in the year 1660.

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