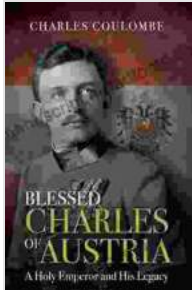


Blessed Charles of Austria: A Saint for Our Times



Blessed Charles of Austria was born in 1887 to the imperial family of Austria-Hungary. From a young age, he showed signs of a deep spirituality and a strong sense of social justice.

In 1911, Charles married Princess Zita of Bourbon-Parma. Together, they had eight children. Charles was a devoted husband and father, and he made his family his top priority.



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In 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, was assassinated. Charles became the new heir, and he was crowned emperor in 1916.

Charles inherited a crumbling empire that was on the brink of collapse. He faced enormous challenges, including the First World War, food shortages, and political unrest.

Despite the difficulties, Charles remained committed to his faith and to his people. He worked tirelessly to promote peace and reconciliation. He also introduced a number of social reforms, including universal suffrage and an eight-hour workday.

In 1918, the Austro-Hungarian Empire collapsed, and Charles was forced to abdicate. He and his family went into exile in Switzerland.

In exile, Charles continued to live a life of service. He dedicated himself to helping the poor and the sick. He also wrote several books on spirituality and social justice.

Charles died in 1922 at the age of 34. His holiness and his unwavering commitment to God and to his people have inspired countless lives.

In 2004, Charles was beatified by Pope John Paul II. He is now known as Blessed Charles of Austria, and his feast day is celebrated on October 21.

Blessed Charles of Austria is a shining example of holiness and devotion. His life and legacy are a reminder that even in the midst of the most difficult challenges, we can always find hope and strength in God.

If you are looking for a saint to inspire your life, Blessed Charles of Austria is a great choice. His message of peace, love, and justice is more relevant than ever today.

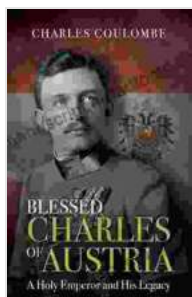
Prayer to Blessed Charles of Austria

O Blessed Charles of Austria, you who were a loving husband and father, a just and compassionate ruler, and a fearless defender of the faith, we ask for your intercession today.

Help us to imitate your virtues of faith, hope, and charity. Help us to be peacemakers in our families, communities, and the world.

We ask for your help in all our needs, spiritual and temporal. Intercede for us with God, that we may obtain the graces we need to live holy and fruitful lives.

Amen.

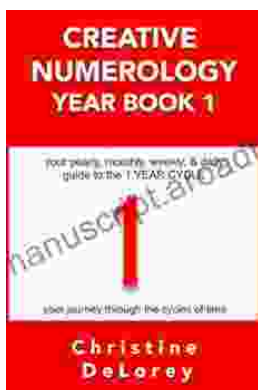


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