

Prayer to St. Stephen



St. Stephen, Carlo Crivelli, 1476

Collect of St. Stephen

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, so to imitate what we revere, that we may learn to love even our enemies: for we celebrate the heavenly birthday of him who knew how to pray for his very persecutors to our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son: who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

The Prayers of St. Stephen (Acts 7:58-59)

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.

St. Stephen, first martyr, pray for us. Feast: December 26.