

# Feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary

To celebrate her feast day we remember St. Elizabeth's history:

St. Elizabeth was concerned for the relief of the poor and the sick, and with her husband's consent she used her dowry money for their relief. During a famine and epidemic in 1226, while her husband was away in Italy, she sold her jewels and established a hospital where she nursed the sick, and opened the royal granaries to feed the hungry. After her husband's death in 1227, her in-laws, who opposed her "extravagances," expelled her from Wartburg. Finally, a stipend was negotiated. She became a Franciscan tertiary and devoted the remainder of her life to nursing and charity. She sewed garments to clothe the poor, and went fishing to feed them.

**Let us pray:**

**Almighty God, who by your grace your servant St. Elizabeth of Hungary recognized and honored Jesus in the poor of this world: Grant that we, following her example, may with love and gladness serve those in any need or trouble, in the name and for the sake of through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

May you have a blessed feast and let us rededicate ourselves to serve in the footsteps of Jesus and Francis.

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