

- 1 Today is the feast of St Augustine who was born in 354 AD in the time of the Roman Empire, in what is now the north African country of Algeria.
- 2 In his lengthy book called "*Confessions*", Augustine tells us that he was influenced to become a Christian when, somehow, he heard God telling him to "*take up and read*". Augustine started to read the Bible and discovered God. The example and prayers of his mother Monica (whose feastday it was yesterday) contributed to his becoming a Christian at the age of 33.
- 3 Augustine wrote these words:
*"Leave the past to God's mercy,
 the present to his love,
 and the future to his providence."*
- 4 *Let us pray:*

**Lord, we give you thanks
 for the assurance
 that the past
 can be left to your mercy,
 the present to your love,
 and the future to your providence.**

**Help us to grow more aware
 of your loving presence,
 that we may live more authentically
 and proclaim
 by our words and actions
 the good news
 of the fullness of your love.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.**

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