

AMAZING GRACE – CANADA
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June 7 Addiction

Venerable Matt Talbot

1856-1925

Venerable Matt Talbot was an alcoholic. He came home drunk from his first job at a wine-bottling store at age twelve and spent very little time sober after that. One day, when he was twenty-eight, he found a priest and pledged not to drink for three months. Although he wasn't sure he could hold out, he did, extending his pledge for longer periods until finally he took it for life.

Matt Talbot took care that he was not unduly tempted to break his resolve. To that end, he never carried any money. Matt developed the practice shortly after his conversion, when he had been nearly overcome with desire for a drink. Going to the pub, he tried to buy a drink, but no one would serve him. Finally he left and stayed in a nearby church until it closed.

For the rest of his life, Matt Talbot worked hard, gave most of his money to charity, and spent long hours in prayer and penance. On his way to Mass, he collapsed and died of heart failure. He was sixty-nine. He had kept his pledge for forty-one years.

Breaking free of an addiction is hard work. It requires determination, dedication, and not a small amount of faith.

If you are suffering from an addiction of any kind – whether it's smoking, alcohol, overeating, drugs – the saints are there to help. When temptations grow stronger, ask them, especially Venerable Matt Talbot, to pray that you receive the fortitude you need. It's one request the saints can never refuse.

Is there something in my life that is holding me hostage?

MY LIFE IS FREE OF SELF-DESTRUCTIVE TENDENCIES.

Koenig-Bricker, W. (1995). 365 Saints: Your Daily Guide to the Wisdom and Wonder of Their lives.

We have had great success in this new charity

- Trip to El Salvador in July
- Trip to Mexico in July
- Shipment to Northern Saskatchewan – End of August
- Planned trip to El Salvador in October
- Planned trip to Liberia, Africa in November

All the recipients we are helping will be kept anonymous.

Thank you for helping this Charity,

Andrew Simone MD.