

# **Saint Martin de Porres Memorial: November 3**

## **Birthday: December 9, 1579**



He was the son of a Spanish nobleman & a black mother from Peru. His Mother taught him kindness & gentleness & he learned to be sensitive to the suffering of others & generous with the few possessions he had. He apprenticed with a surgeon & did medical work of mercy among the poor. He joined the Dominicans. The closer a person gets to God, the more love he seems to have for others. St. Martin had a thirst for God that drove him to spend his nights in prayer ; and that love overflowed into amazing activities for the good of others. We need never fear that prayer will limit our power to do good; it only intensifies everything we do. Also known as Martin of Charity; the Saint of the Broom (for his devotion to his work, no matter how menial).