

The prince Wenceslav

We celebrate in the Czech Republic the holiday of Saint Wenceslav. It is on 28. September. It is our public holiday. Saint Wenceslav is called a patron of Czech lands.

The prince Wenceslav was Vratislav's I. and Drahomira's son. He was grown up by his grandmother Ludmila. She taught him christianity, which was very important for his future life.

Wenceslav's childhood was remarked by the argument between his mother Drahomira and his grandmother Ludmila. Ludmila was killed. Three years after the murder of his grandmother, young Wenceslav's took a power. He mainly wanted peace and he supported christianity and the church.

September, Saint Wenceslav



In the end of September 929 (935?) his brother Boleslav invited him to come to his residence in Stará Boleslav. There, next to the church's door was the prince Wenceslav killed.

From the 10th century is the prince Wenceslav honoured as a saint he is said in many legends as a person who makes miracles.

That's why he became a patron of Czech lands. First of all in bad times for our nation people begged Wenceslav to be protected. It is known a very famous song: „Saint Wenceslav, a duke of Czech lands, beg God for us.“