

**27 DECEMBRIE**  
**NATALIA GARLAND**  
**RUGĂCIUNEA**  
**SF.APOSTOL ȘTEFAN**  
**A Prayer**

Saint Stephen, we thank you for your loyalty to the Church, for we have inherited the fruits of your labor and the benefits of your sacrifice. We ask you to watch over our words and deeds, our comings and goings, our lessons and tasks, and all our responsibilities so that we might be found pleasing to God and ready at the Last Judgment.

Save us, Saint Stephen, from the evils around us as well as from our own evil thoughts and inclinations. Raise us up who are mired in corruption, steady us who are tottering between dysfunction and righteousness, and bless us who have followed Christ since childhood. Prepare us who are on our deathbed, that we might meet Christ in all His glory.

Help us, in the Name of Christ, to forgive our persecutors and to realize there might be a prospective saint among them. Pray for us, that we might contribute to the upbuilding of the Kingdom according to the gifts and talents which God has bestowed on us. Saint Stephen, heal us who are wounded and fatigued, that we might see all events in the light of Christ and partake in the vitality of the saints.

Forgive us, Saint Stephen, and lead us to victory. Amen.