

St. Giles

St. Giles was born in Athens, Greece, in the 600s. He used his wealth to help the poor, and was he was a miracle worker. He didn't want followers, so he went to France circa 683 to live as a hermit in a cave. Legend says that he lived such an impoverished lifestyle that God sent him an animal to give him milk. One day the king's hunting party chased the animal into the cave and shot an arrow, which then badly hurt the leg of St. Giles. The king visited St. Giles and eventually built a monastery, of which St. Giles became the first abbot. He died between 710 and 724 in France. St. Giles is patron saint of people with disabilities. He is one of the 14 holy helpers.