

9 July

**Saints Leo Ignatius Mangin, Priest, Mary Zhu Wu
and Companions, Martyrs**

Memorial

The four French Jesuit priests commemorated today, **Leo Ignatius Mangin, Paul Denn, Rémy Isoré, and Modeste Andlauer**, were martyred in China during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900, together with a large number of Christian lay men and women. When the Boxers, a militant organization, attacked the mission at Wuyi, **Mary Zhu-Wu**, a faithful, stood in front of Fr Mangin with arms extended, to protect him, and she was shot dead.

Entrance Antiphon

Heb 12: 1-2a

Therefore, since we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us
and persevere in running the race that lies before us
while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus,
the leader and perfecter of faith.

Collect (RM)

**O God, who in your wonderful providence
have strengthened your Church,
through the confession of the Martyrs
Saint Leo Ignatius, Saint Mary, and companions,
grant that your people,
faithful to the mission entrusted to it,
may enjoy ever greater freedom
and witness to the truth before the world.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Prayer over the Offerings (RM)

**Receive, we pray, O Lord, the offerings of your people
in honour of the passion of your holy Martyrs,
and may the gifts that gave
Saints Leo Ignatius, Mary and companions
courage under persecution
make us, too, steadfast in all trials.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Wis 3: 5b-6

God tried the just and found them worthy of himself.
As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

Prayer after Communion (RM)

**O God, who in your holy Martyrs
have wonderfully made known the mystery of the Cross,
graciously grant
that, drawing strength from this sacrifice,
we may cling faithfully to Christ
and labour in the Church for the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.**

PREFACE I OF HOLY MARTYRS (JESUIT PROPER)

The fruitfulness of the blood of Martyrs

V/. The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.

V/. Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R/. It is right and just.

**It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.**

**For you have called many sons of Ignatius
to the supreme witness of love
so that, by the shedding of blood,
they may enrich with new fruitfulness
the saving work of the Church
and encourage us, by their example,
to follow the way of Christ our Lord.**

**Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty
and rejoices in your presence for ever.**

**May our voices, we pray, join with theirs
in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ...

PREFACE II OF HOLY MARTYRS (RM)

The wonders of God in the victory of the Martyrs

V/. The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.

V/. Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R/. It is right and just.

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.**

**For you are glorified when your Saints are praised;
their very sufferings are but wonders of your might:
in your mercy you give ardour to their faith,
to their endurance you grant firm resolve,
and in their struggle the victory is yours,
through Christ our Lord.**

**Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth
sing a new song in adoration,
and we, with all the host of Angels,
cry out, and without end we acclaim:**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .