

23 November

Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr

Miguel Agustín Pro (1891-1927) was born in Guadalupe de Zacatecas, Mexico. In 1911, he joined the Society of Jesus, at a time of political and religious persecution in Mexico. In 1914 the young Jesuits sought refuge in California. Later, Pro continued his priestly training in Spain, Nicaragua, and Belgium. He was ordained a priest in 1925. In June 1926, when he returned to Mexico, the government had suppressed all public worship. Pro worked clandestinely. He was arrested in 1927 on false charges, was condemned, and was publicly executed by a firing squad.

From the Common of Martyrs or from the Common of Pastors.

Collect

**God, Our Father,
who conferred upon your servant Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro
the grace of ardently seeking your greater glory
and the salvation of others,
grant through his intercession and example,
that by faithfully and joyfully performing our daily duties
and effectively assisting those around us,
we may serve you with zeal and ever seek your glory.
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.**

COMMON OF PASTORS

Entrance Antiphon

Phil 2: 5, 8

Have among yourselves the same attitude
that is also yours in Christ Jesus.
He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross.

Prayer over the Offerings

**As we bring this oblation to your altar, O Lord,
and following the example of blessed N. (and N.) your Priest(s),
we offer your divine majesty with deep affection
all we possess and ourselves with it,
for your greater service
and for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Communion Antiphon (RM)

Jn 12: 26

Whoever serves me must follow me
and where I am there also will my servant be, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

**Through the power of the sacrament we have received, Lord Jesus,
lavish upon us the spirit of kindness
with which you filled blessed N. (and N.) your Priest(s),
that people may sense that,
to the least of your brothers and sisters,
you are also near.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.**

COMMON OF MARTYRS

Entrance Antiphon

Sp. Ex. [95]

Whoever wishes to come with me
must labour with me, says the Lord,
that following me in suffering
he may also follow me in glory.

Prayer over the Offerings

**Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, as we call to mind the sacrifice of the cross,
we too may take up our cross
and so be more fully united with Christ
to whom your glorious Martyrs gave witness by their death.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

Jn 15: 20

No slave is greater than his master.
If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

**May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord,
in commemoration of blessed N. (and N.)
so expand our minds and hearts
that we may set aside our own interests
and seek only those of Jesus Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

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 . . .

PREFACE I OF HOLY PASTORS (JESUIT PROPER)

The example of the Saints,
that we may more eagerly be spent because of the Gospel

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 in the least Society of your Son, Jesus,
you have raised up many holy and blessed companions
that your glory might shine more brightly
and that we, too,
encouraged by their prayers and example,
may take up our cross
and may more eagerly spend ourselves and be spent
for the salvation of the human race
in union with Christ our Lord.**

**Through him the Angels praise your majesty,
Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you.
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim
worship together with exultation.
May our voices, we pray, join with theirs
in humble praise, as we acclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ...**

PREFACE II OF HOLY PASTORS (RM)

The presence of holy Pastors in the Church

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,
through Christ our Lord.**

For, as on the festival of Saint **N. you bid your Church rejoice,
so, too, you strengthen her by the example of his holy life,
teach her by his words of preaching,
and keep her safe in answer to his prayers.**

**And so, with the company of Angels and Saints,
we sing the hymn of your praise,
as without end we acclaim:**

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