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SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS June 3rd



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Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions



St. Charles Lwanga was born in 1860 in the Kingdom of Buganda in the southern part of modern Uganda. He served as a page and later as a major-domo in the court of King Mwangwa II. As part of the King's effort to resist foreign colonization, he had begun to insist that Christian converts abandon their new faith, and executed many Anglicans and Catholics between 1855 and 1887. Many of those that were executed were officials in his Royal Court or otherwise very close to him. Among those executed was Charles Lwanga, and the Catholic Church recognizes him as a Ugandan Catholic Catechist martyred for his faith. His feast day is June 3rd, and he is venerated on the Liturgical calendar.

PRAYER IN HONOUR OF ST CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS

Eternal Father, I wish to honour St Charles Lwanga and Companions and I give You thanks for all the graces You have bestowed on them. I ask You to please increase grace in my soul through the merits of these saints, and I commit the end of my life to them by this special prayer, so that by virtue of Your goodness and promise, St Charles Lwanga and Companions might be my advocates and provide whatever is needed at that hour.

Amen.

Prayer

O God, who have made the blood of Martyrs the seed of Christians, mercifully grant that the field which is your Church, watered by the blood shed by Saints Charles Lwanga and his companions, may be fertile and always yield you an abundant harvest. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. Martyrs of Uganda, pray for the faith where it is danger and for Christians who must suffer because of their faith. Give them the same courage, zeal, and joy you showed. And help those of us who live in places where Christianity is accepted to remain aware of the persecution in other parts of the world. Amen.



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Lets us Pray

Oh Lord Jesus Christ, you have wonderfully strengthened Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, and have given them to us as examples of faith and fortitude, chastity, charity, and fidelity. We beseech you that by their intercession, the same virtues may increase in us and that we may deserve to become propagators of the true faith. Who lives and reigns forever and ever, AMEN.



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Saint of the Day for June 3. Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions.

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NOVENA IN HONOUR OF SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND THE MARTYRS OF UGANDA



O God, by whose providence the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church: Grant that we who remember before you the blessed martyrs of Uganda, may, like them, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ, to whom they gave obedience even unto death, and by

their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end, Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

O Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer, through your passion and death, we adore and thank Thee. Holy Mary, Mother and Queen of Martyrs, Obtain for us sanctification through our sufferings. Holy Martyrs, followers of the suffering Christ, obtain for us the grace to imitate Him.

St. Joseph Balikuddembe, first Martyr of Uganda, who inspired and encouraged Nephytes, obtain for us a spirit of truth and justice.

St. Charles Lwanga, patron of the Youth and Catholic Action, obtain for us a firm and zealous faith.

St. Matthias Mulumba, ideal Chief and follower of Christ meek and humble, obtain for us a Christian gentleness.

St. Dionysius Sebuggwawo, zealous for the Christian Faith and renowned for your modesty, obtain for us the virtue of modesty.

St. Andrew Kaggwa, model Catechist and teacher, obtain for us a love of the teaching of Christ.

St. Kizito, child resplendent in purity and Christian joy, obtain for us the gift of joy in our Lord.

St. Gyaviira, shining example of how to forgive and forget injuries, obtain for us the grace to forgive those who injure us.

St. Mukasa, fervent catechumen rewarded with the Baptism of your blood, obtain for us perseverance unto the death.

St. Adolfus Ludigo, conspicuous by your following of our Lord's spirit of service to others; obtain for us a love of unselfish service.

St. Anatoli Kiriggwajjo, humble servant preferring a devout life to wordly honours; obtain for us to love piety more than earthly things.

St. Ambrosius Kibuuka, young man full of joy and love of your neighbour; obtain for us fraternal charity.

St. Achilles Kiwanuka, who for the sake of Christ detested vain superstitious practices; obtain for us holy hatred of

superstitious practices.

St. John Muzeeyi, prudent councilor, renowned for the practice of works of mercy; obtain for us a love of those works of mercy. Blessed Jildo Irwa and Blessed Daudi Okello who gave up your lives for the spread of the Catholic Faith; obtain for us the zeal of spreading the Catholic Faith.

St. Pontaianus Ngondwe, faithful soldier, longing for the martyr's crown; obtain for us the grace to be always faithful to our duty.

St. Athanasius Bazzekuketta, faithful steward of the royal treasury; obtain for us a spirit of responsibility.

St. Mbaaga, who preferred death to the persuasions of your parents; obtain for us to follow generously divine grace.

St. Gonzaga Gonza, full of sympathy for prisoners, and all who were in trouble; obtain for us the spirit of mercy.

St. Noe Mawaggali, humble worker and lover of evangelical poverty; obtain for us love of evangelical poverty.

St. Luke Baanabakintu, who ardently desired to imitate the suffering Christ by Martyrdom; obtain for us a love of our motherland.

St. Bruno Serunkuuma, soldier who gave an example of repentance and temperance; obtain for us the virtue to repentance and temperance.

St. Mugagga, young man renowned for your heroic chastity; obtain for us perseverance in chastity.

Holy Martyrs, firm in your fidelity to the true Church of Christ; help us to be always faithful to the true Church of Christ.

Let us pray

O Lord Jesus Christ, who wonderfully strengthened the Holy Martyrs of Uganda St. Charles Lwanga, Matthias Mulumba, Blessed Jildo Irwa, Blessed Daudi Okello and their Companions; and gave them to us as examples of faith and fortitude, chastity, charity, and fidelity; grant, we beseech you, that by their Intercession, the same virtues may increase in us, and that we may deserve to become propagators of the true faith. Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

St. Charles Lwanga and the Martyrs of Uganda, we come to you asking your prayers of intercession on behalf of all who suffer from the unjust exercise of authority. May you who were so cruelly persecuted for your faith in Jesus Christ intercede for all who are oppressed, that they might be comforted by the Divine Mercy and empowered by the gift and grace of fortitude. May justice be the goal of all people and may all who are called by the name Christian join together in works of redemption directed at the sins and the structures of sin that afflict our communities. Amen.



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