



Prayers for the Week

WEEK BEGINNING 2ND JUNE

Monday 2nd June



Ss. Marcellinus and Peter

Though we know very little about the circumstances of their martyrdom, there is no question that the early persecutions in which they were held are a testament to the presence of their faith. St. Damasus says that he heard of the executioner who became a Christian and St. Peter, an exorcist, died for his faith. The account of their martyrdom is a powerful one more opportunity to evangelize and his family. The legend of their martyrdom is so that other Christians would be inspired by their bodies. Two women found their bodies buried.

Today, let us pray for those who were killed twenty-nine Coptic Christians in the same point and so were killed last year. These courageous witnesses, these witnesses, these the violent ones.

Tuesday 3rd June



St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Lwanga and his companions were young people who belonged to King Mwanga's royal court because they rejected the impure desires of the White Fathers. The witness of his life and moral authority over the pages, some came for baptism, like Kizito, who was only four years old.

The King of Uganda, Mwanga II, was opposed to Christianity and so he began a persecution of Christians. He convoked a council and ordered them to deny the faith so that they could remain in the kingdom. Charles was the first to step forward, then the others.

Charles Lwanga and his companions were martyred on June 3, 1885. Lwanga was declared patron of Catholic Africa. Pope John Paul VI canonized Charles Lwanga and his companions on October 1, 1989.

St Charles, pray for us.

Wednesday 4th June



Francis (Francesco) Caracciolo was born in the Kingdom of Naples. He belonged to a family of nobility and received in baptism the name of Ascanio. He was known for his piety and uprightness. When he was 22, he was collectively described as "leprosy" in the streets and considered hopeless. With death so near, he vowed that he would spend the rest of his life in the service of God. Quickly after this vow, that his cure was granted by God, he went to Naples to study for the priesthood in the confessional. Here he was enriched with knowledge and begged in the streets for the poor and the sick. It was his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament that was remembered. Such was his love for the Eucharist that he spent the night in adoration. The little sleep he allowed himself. In 1608, Caracciolo moved to Agnone in the diocese of *Annunziata*, but he died before the completion of his journey, where he moved to the signs of embalmment.

St Francis Caracciolo

St Francis, pray for us.

Thursday 5th June



St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr S
missionary to Germany, died on t
death, here's a prayer commonly

Eternal God, the refuge and help
have given us, for all you have do
weakness, you are strength, in ou
comfort and peace. We cannot n
love: For all your blessings we bl
love the things that you love, and
our Lord. Amen.

Friday 6th June



St Norbert

St Norbert was born about 1080. He lived a life of penance. He was a priest and went to France, where he established the Premonstratensian Order. He followed the rule of St. Augustine. He preached the Divine Office and preaching the Gospel. He died in 1134.

PRAYER:

Father, you made the bishop of the Church, renowned for his preaching, your Church faithful shepherd. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

Friday 7th June



The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

The heart has always been seen as the "center" of the person ("you are my heart," "take it to heart,") and the source of life ("break my heart," "my heart sings,") Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Christ Himself, but in the particular ways of His love -- His divine love, His burning love that feeds the interior life.

From the earliest days of the Church, "Christ's love" was meditated upon, and the Church was born forth from the side of Adam. It is in the earliest and unmistakable indications of devotion to the Sacred Heart that the wound in the Heart was gradually reached and healed by love."

This general devotion arose first in Benedictine monasteries, especially in response to the devotion of the Sacred Heart, popularized when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received a revelation involving a series of visions of Christ's Sacred Heart. She wrote, "He disclosed to me the marvels of His Sacred Heart." Christ emphasized to her His love and His desire for this love.