



Proclaimed "Blessed" October 10, 1993
They are celebrated on November 16th.

The Martyrs of Almeria

Martyred in 1936 (Spanish Civil War)

Jose Cecilio Rodriguez Gonzalez
Amalio Zariguiegui Mendoza
Valerio Bernardo Herrero Martinez
Edmigio Primo Rodriguez
Evencio Ricardo Alonso Uyarra
Aurelio Maria Villalón Acebrón
Teodomiro Joaquin Sáiz Sáiz

(A prayer for a faculty meeting in November)

Those who lose their life because they proclaim, in word and deed, the Christian faith are held up as examples and models for our own life. Their lives are witness to God's enduring love and they challenge us to consider our own commitments and motivations in life. In the 1930's many were executed in Spain because they were religious leaders. These 7 Brothers were arrested and condemned for being religious educators who were teaching the faith. (History of Lasallian Saints, St. Mary's Press)

We are called by the source of life to be reconcilers, to be the face of God's love in our relationships, to nurture life, and to make what is broken whole.

Let Us Remember... ALL: **that we are in the holy presence of God.**

Let Us Pray: In Alternating Voices (two sides of the room) A and B *(A prayer from Catholic Relief Services)*

- A: In our lifetimes alone, we have seen miracles of reconciliation -
Nations built by neighbors who were enemies for generations
Living side by side as neighbors were meant to live.
- B: In our lifetimes alone, we have seen imperial forces recede
Not in the face of superior firepower but in the face of human dignity
Standing and showing itself in all its glory.
- A: In our lifetimes alone, we have seen walls tumble
Walls meant to separate the deadliest of foes
Greeted by the mutual embrace of a humanity that would not be separated.
- B: In our lifetimes alone, we have seen Muslim and Christian
Stand watch over one another in deadly times
So one may bow and pray to you while the other watched and protected.
- A: In our lifetimes alone,
We have seen shoots of renewal spring up from the blood of martyrs
Rather than the choking vines and thorns of revenge.

B: In our lifetimes lone
We have seen plagues beaten back and fruits bloom in the desert
We have seen strangers reach toward each other across every divide
We have seen your children sacrifice themselves over and over for one another
We have seen rattling sabers drawn and then blessedly resheathed
In the face of prayer and wisdom.

Pause to reflect: How am I a reconciler and one who nurtures wholeness in my ministry?

ALL: God of peace
You sing to us of a time when the wolf shall dwell with the lamb
In our lifetimes alone
We have seen it
How can we doubt that you reign?

Amen

St. John Baptist de La Salle... ALL: Pray for us.

Live Jesus in our hearts... All: Forever