SAINTS MARCELLINUS AND PETER

(Martyrs) 2 June



About Saints Marcellinus and Peter

These two saints were martyrs who died in 304AD when the Church was persecuted by the Emperor Diocletian. Marcellinus was a priest and Peter was an exorcist. Before they were martyred they were imprisoned and they converted their gaoler and his family. They are mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I.

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What can we learn from Saints Marcellinus and Peter?

Even while in goal Peter and Marcellinus continued to preach the Gospel and converted their gaoler and his family. We too must be prepared to witness to Christ even in the most difficult of circumstances.

Prayer Resources

COLLECT

O God, who surround us with protection through the glorious confession of the Martyrs Saints Marcellinus and Peter, grant that we may profit by imitating them and be upheld by their prayer.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

GOSPEL John 17:11-19

The world hates them.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them. I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself

so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

Communion Antiphon

Lk 22:28-30

It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.

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A Hymn for the Memorial of Saints Marcellinus and Peter

- 1. Saints Peter and Marcellinus, to the Lord we give thanks for you: for your profession of the faith and living lives of great virtue.
- 2. You became martyrs for the Lord when Diocletian did oppress: to the Lord you always held firm and the true faith you did profess.
- 3. In the true God may we believe to his commands hold ever strong; by prophets false not be deceived and not be led into paths wrong.

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