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Thursday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Listen to this beautiful prayer of Tobiah and Sarah, which teaches us about the true meaning of marriage: “Blessed are you, O God of our fathers, praised be your name forever and ever. Let the heavens and all creation praise you forever. You made Adam and you gave him his wife Eve to be his help and support; and from these two the human race descended. You said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone; let us make him a partner like himself.’ Now, Lord, you know that I take this wife of mine not because of lust, but for a noble purpose. Call down your mercy on me and on her, and allow us to live together to a happy old age.” “Amen. Amen.”

The two great commandments featured in today’s Gospel are revealed in this prayer.

Today’s saints refused the perverted request of the Ugandan tribal lord Mwanga. Their witness brought thousands to Christianity in a few short years. “Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God” (Matthew 5:8). “How good God is to the upright, the Lord, to those who are clean of heart!” (Psalm 73:1). Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, pray for us!

God Love You!

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