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THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE FOR SAN LORENZO RUIZ CELEBRATION AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

OPENING HYMN: MAGPASALAMAT KAYO SA PANGINOON

Magpasalamat kayo sa Panginoon na Siyang lumikha ng lahat ng bagay dito sa mundo
Siya'y gumawa ng buwan at mga bituin upang magbigay ng liwanag sa pagsapit ng dilim
O magpasalamat sa Kanyang mga biyaya at awa.

Magpasalamat kayo sa Panginoon dahil sa kagandahang loob Niya'y magpakailanman
At pagpalain and Diyos habangbuhay na Siyang nagligtas sa Kanyang hinirang bayang Israel
O ating purihin ang Poon na mahabagin sa atin

OPENING PRAYER:

In Your holy presence, God, as we honor San Lorenzo Ruiz and his companions, we gather to give you praise and thanks. Scriptures tell us: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." And so we rejoice in your faithfulness and unending love for us. To praise you is the only fitting response. May we never forget that we live and move and have our being because of your creative, loving grace. May we praise and thank You by our overflowing love for one another and by our good life. We ask this in Jesus' name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

READING: From the Gospel of St. Luke

Jesus said: "In those days, you will be hated and persecuted for my sake; and you will suffer and even die. Many will renounce their faith and there will be mutual hatred. They will also betray one another. False prophets will arise and they will be able to mislead many. Evil will spread, while the love of many will be tepid. But he who perseveres shall be saved. The Good News will be preached throughout the world and there will be talks about the Kingdom of God so that He may be known to all. Then the end will come." The Gospel of the Lord.

SHORT REFLECTION:

If we look closely into the life of San Lorenzo Ruiz, we will realize that he was not one of those who harbored hatred against others – even though he was unjustly accused of a crime he did not commit. He persevered in the acknowledgement of his faith – and gave up the chance to be able to go back to his family and homeland. His death is a proclamation of the Good News of salvation – he received everything promised by the Lord, and more. He received eternal life and also the honor and glory of being included in the list of the canonized saints of the church. The ordinary layman, head of a family from Binondo is now known the world over, acclaimed as a hero by the universal Church, and venerated on the altar by millions of Christians from all continents and countries.



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PSALM OF PRAISE FOR THE GIFT OF A SAINT AND MARTYR:

We celebrate you and thank you, Lorenzo Ruiz
Brother of our race when you spelled out the two sided coin of our being . . .
Filipino and Christian!

We celebrate you and honor you, Lorenzo Ruiz
As we look at each other in this celebration of life
To see how we affirm and strengthen the giftedness of the Filipino Christian.

We celebrate and honor you, Lorenzo Ruiz
A quiet recorder-transcriber-servant of the church
And see the many lay staff enriching our church life, in many ways, in many forms.

We celebrate and honor you, Lorenzo Ruiz,
A Filipino of mixed blood, a husband and a father
And discover from the varied Asians, the peculiar accent in face, speech but most of all
The human traits of hospitality that is the Filipino soul throbbing in each one of us.

We celebrate and honor you, Lorenzo Ruiz,
A fugitive, a wronged man, a refugee, an expedite missionary
And unite with you the many migrant workers in search of an abundance of life for loved ones

We celebrate you and honor you, Lorenzo Ruiz
A prisoner, a human rights victim, with death penalty embraced as martyrdom
And look back to our beloved Philippines, even around us, the many poor
Still crucified in poverty.

We praise You, O God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, for the incarnation and crucifixion of your Son is still so much part of our world. That we can live in faith and with much hope can only be because of the gift of the Holy Spirit. May the power of the resurrection touch us as a people, in this our adopted land and in our country of origin to be more united in discipleship and service for more life and love. Amen.

HYMN: SAN LORENZO RUIZ

THANKSGIVING PRAYER FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ADHOC COMMITTEE FOR THE FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ (paraphrase of St. Paul's letter to the Colossians)

“Each time I pray for you, I thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have heard of your faith in Christ and of your love for all of God's people because what you hope for is kept safe for you in heaven. You first heard about this hope when you believed the true message, which is the good news.

I have not stopped praying for you since the first day I heard about you. In fact, I always pray that God will show you everything he wants you to do and that you may have all the wisdom and understanding that his Spirit gives. Then you will live a life that honors the Lord and you will always please him by doing good deeds. You will come to know God even better. His glorious power will make you patient and strong enough to endure anything and you will be truly happy. I pray that you will be grateful to God for letting you have part in what he has promised his people in the kingdom of light.

FINAL BLESSING:

Under the Auspices of the
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