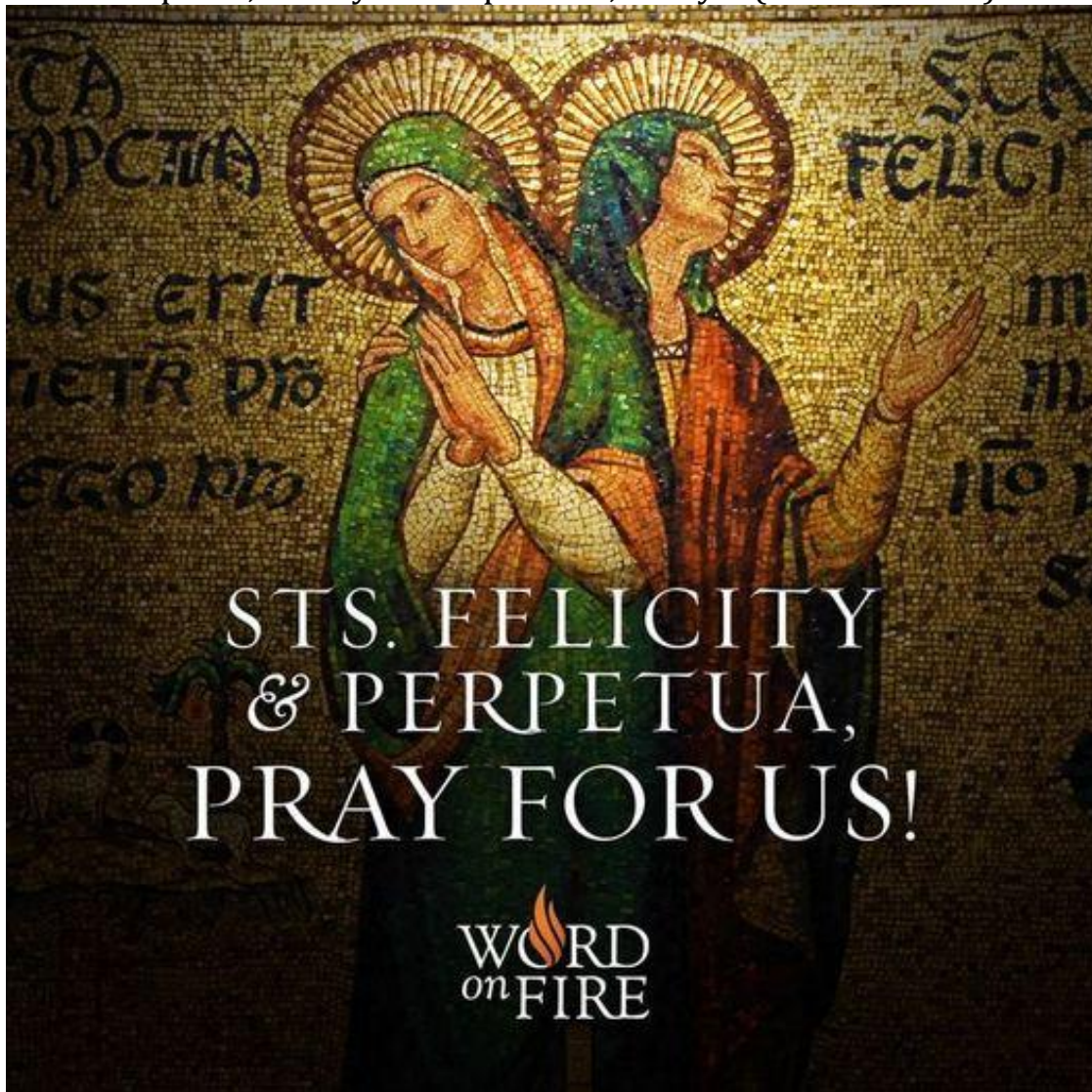


Saints Perpetua, Felicity & Companions, Martyrs (died c 203 AD)



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"An authentic account of the Martyrdom of Perpetua and Felicity comes down to us, much of it written by Perpetua herself. A twenty-two-year-old married noblewoman, she was arrested with the slave Felicity and three Christian men" for the crime against the state of refusing to worship the Roman Emperor.

"After relinquishing her infant son, she professed her Faith before the proconsul and her own pagan father. When asked, "Are you a Christian?" she replied simply: "Yes, I am." All five were sentenced to mauling and execution in the amphitheater.

Felicity, a slave woman, was with child when the sentence was announced. She confessed to her companions her fear that she would be separated from them, for it was against the law for a pregnant woman to undergo such punishment.

The Christians then prayed together and immediately labor pains came upon Felicity. She bore a little daughter who was carried from the prison to her sister. Thus, Felicity and Perpetua went together to face the bloodthirsty crowd.

An anonymous eyewitness takes up the account and tells how the women bravely bore the attacks of a mad heifer. After the beast had sported with them, the women and their companions were put to death by the sword.

Perpetua was able to communicate a final message to her brother: "Stand fast in The Faith, love one another, and don't let our suffering upset you." Merciful Father, through the intercession of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, grant me companions in my moments of trial" \*

In whatever our daily Crosses, as we follow You, Lord JESUS CHRIST - to white Martyrdom, Red Martyrdom, or both - give us The Graces needed for the battles of this life, that we may be with You forever together in The Next. AMEN.

PSALM 90:1-17

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQSLwJtkUd0>

JESUS CHRIST our Dwelling Place, deliver Thy servants!

1 LORD, Thou hast been our Dwelling Place in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art GOD.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in Thy Sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

JESUS CHRIST our Dwelling Place, deliver Thy servants!

5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7 For we are consumed by Thine anger, and by Thy wrath are we troubled.

8 Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in The Light of Thy Countenance.

JESUS CHRIST our Dwelling Place, deliver Thy servants!

9 For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11 Who knoweth The Power of thine anger? even according to Thy fear, so is Thy wrath.

12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto Wisdom.

JESUS CHRIST our Dwelling Place, deliver Thy servants!

13 Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.

14 O satisfy us early with Thy Mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

16 Let Thy Work appear unto thy servants, and Thy Glory unto their children.

17 And let The Beauty of The LORD our GOD be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

\*["Saints Perpetua and Felicity." The Magnificat, 11/14/2021. Saints Who Worked Together, p 164.]