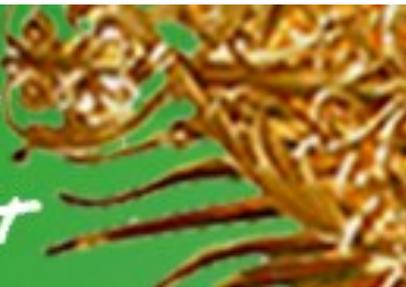




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## September 20: Friday Fast (St. Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions)

### Intention:

For Christians and other minorities in Syria, Egypt, and throughout the world--that they would be protected from violence and persecution.

### Did you know?

Today is the feast of Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, who were martyred in Korea in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon was sentenced to death after attempting to bring French missionaries from China into Korea, and he was beheaded on September 16, 1846. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II during the Holy Father's visit to Korea in 1984.

### Video

Your prayers matter. Your sacrifices make a difference. Watch a 90-second video about the Bishops' Call to Prayer – and share it with a friend! [www.usccb.org/pray](http://www.usccb.org/pray)

### Quick Links

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### Reflection:

In [Lumen Gentium](#), the Second Vatican Council dogmatic constitution on the Church, the Council Fathers wrote that “[a]ll the members [of the Church] ought to be molded in the likeness of Him, until Christ be formed in them. For this reason we, who have been made to conform with Him, who have died with Him and risen with Him, are taken up into the mysteries of His life, until we will reign together with Him. On earth, still as pilgrims in a strange land, tracing in trial and in oppression the paths He trod, we are made one with His sufferings like the body is one with the Head, suffering with Him, that with Him we may be glorified” (no. 7).

Let us remember that we are pilgrims on a journey to reach our ultimate fulfillment in Christ. As Christians, we are called to bear the cross of Christ, and in suffering with Him, we will gain eternal life.

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

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