

# Liturgy Alive of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

ST. LUCY, Virgin and Martyr

Memorial

December 13

## Introduction

Saint Lucy (+304), the virgin and martyr from Syracuse in Sicily, is greatly honored in the Roman Church because of her faith and great courage. As the young man who proposed marriage to her was not a Christian, she rejected his marriage proposal. He denounced her to the authorities as a Christian and she was cruelly tortured. Her

name means "light." Scandinavian countries celebrate her memory with a feast of light.

## Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
you let the light of faith shine  
in your young and courageous martyr, St. Lucy.  
On her feast day, we ask you:  
May our faith remain young and fresh,  
strong in the face of contradiction and indifference  
as a treasure never to be abandoned.  
May our faith be like a light  
brightening not only our lives  
but also shining on people around us.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

## General Intercessions

- For the Church, that it may recognize more that it is in constant need of reform so that its members can become more like Jesus, we pray: Lord, come and save us.
- For the poor among us, that we may share more with them what we have and treat them better as human persons, we pray: Lord, come and save us.
- That, aware of the poverty of our hearts, we may become less pretentious and more open to Christ, we pray: Lord, come and save us.

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
in these signs of bread and wine,  
we celebrate the death of your Son  
but also his resurrection in glory.  
May the Eucharist give us the strength  
to profess our faith  
not only when it is tested in trials  
but also in the life of every day,  
that we may live fully as we believe.

We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,

let the Word of Jesus be to us a light  
that shows us the way to you and to one another.  
May the body and blood of your Son  
give us the courage to bear witness,  
that we want to live in this light  
every day you give us.

Grant us this through Christ, our Lord.