

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

**STS. PETER BAUTISTA, PAUL MIKI**

**AND COMPANIONS, Martyrs**

**Memorial**

*February 5*

## **Introduction**

In 1597, twenty-six Christians were nailed to crosses at Nagasaki, Japan. The best-known among them was Paul Miki, but there was also a Spanish Franciscan who had worked about ten years in the Philippines, Pedro Bautista. Their feast reminds us that the gospel is not destined merely for traditionally Christian countries. Everywhere in the world there are people who can follow Christ in a radical way, perhaps more consistently than we are willing to do. The Church is destined for all people.

## **Opening Prayer**

God, Father of all,  
we honor today missionaries and their flock  
in whom Christ lived  
and in whom he was crucified.  
Give that messengers and teachers  
of the good news of Jesus  
may be one with their people  
in life and in death  
and dedicated to one another  
and to you, our loving God,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

God, our Father,  
from the rising of the sun to its setting  
let your faithful people celebrate  
the holy sacrifice of Jesus your Son.  
Let this be a living witness  
that you are the Father of all  
and that Jesus lived and died for all  
to make us all one,

now and for ever.

## **Prayer after Communion**

God our Father,  
your Son Jesus invites all to his table,  
however different we may be  
in faces, character, personality, nationality.  
May we dream and work with Jesus  
for a new humanity everywhere  
where we learn to encounter all people  
in their multifaceted human dignity  
and in the riches of their culture.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.