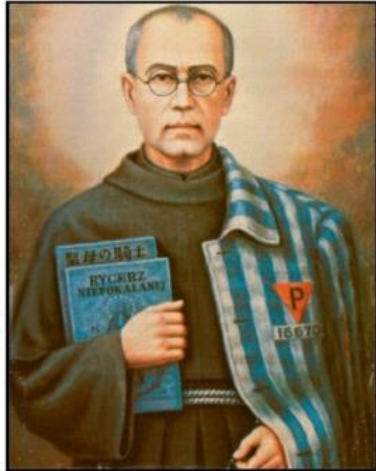


Chaplet of St. Maximilian Kolbe

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Canonized: October 10, 1981 by Pope John Paul II;
Declared a martyr of charity

Feast Day: August 14

Patronages: Against Drug Addictions, Drug Addicts, Families,
Imprisoned People, Journalists, Political Prisoners, Prisoners,
Pro-Life Movement

Maximilian was born in 1894 in Poland and became a Franciscan.

He contracted tuberculosis and, though he recovered, he remained frail all his life. Before his ordination as a priest, Maximilian founded the Immaculata Movement devoted to Our Lady. After receiving a doctorate in theology, he spread the Movement through a magazine entitled "The Knight of the Immaculata" and helped form a community of 800 men, the largest in the world.

Maximilian went to Japan where he built a comparable monastery and then on to India where he furthered the Movement. In 1936 he returned home because of ill health. After the Nazi invasion in 1939, he was imprisoned and released for a time. But in 1941 he was arrested again and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz.

On July 31, 1941, in reprisal for one prisoner's escape, ten men were chosen to die. Father Kolbe offered himself in place of a young husband and father. He was the last to die, enduring two weeks of starvation, thirst, and neglect, and was finally killed by an injection of carbolic acid. He was canonized in 1981 by Pope John Paul II.

The recitation of this chaplet is intended to seek the powerful intercession of this Martyr of Charity who Pope John Paul II has referred to as the "Patron of our Difficult Century" and the "Prophet of the Civilization of Love." St. Maximilian himself had noted that those in heaven, unrestricted by earthly cares or concerns, can indeed work "with both hands" for the special needs of those who call upon them for help.

By Maximilian Kolbe: "I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both."

Instructions for Praying the Chaplet can be found on the reverse

Chaplet consists of a medal of St. Maximilian Kolbe and a total of 15 beads. (14 red beads and 1 white)

How to pray:

On the **white bead** pray the Memorare.

This prayer is a reminder of the filial love and unwavering trust St. Maximilian had for Our Lady.

On **the fourteen red beads**, representing Kolbe's death on August 14, the Miraculous Medal Prayer adapted by St. Maximilian is recited. Kolbe always encouraged this prayer for the conversion and sanctification of others, beginning with oneself. After each prayer, directly invoke St. Maximilian's intercession keeping in mind the particular intention or person you wish to remember.

Memorare

Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to Thy protection, implored Thy help, or sought Thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to Thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother, before Thee I come, before Thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in Thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Miraculous Medal Prayer (adapted)

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee, and for all those who do not have recourse to Thee, especially for the enemies of Holy Mother Church, and all those in most need of Thy mercy.

Invocation:

St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

End on the Medal:

Prayer: Lord, You inflamed Saint Maximilian with love for the Immaculate Virgin and filled him with zeal for souls and love for neighbor. Through his prayers, grant that we may work strenuously for Your glory in the service of others and so be made conformable to Your Son until death. Amen.

