

Lectio for Mass
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Ignatius serves as bishop of Antioch in Syria for 40 years. He was arrested by the Romans and transported to the imperial capital, where he was slain by wild beasts in the amphitheater around A.D. 107.

Let me be food for the wild beasts, for they are my way to God. I am God's wheat and shall be ground by their teeth so that I may become Christ's pure bread.

I am no longer willing to live a merely human life...

For sure to make this option in one's life we need to have some convictions. One of them, the deepest one, is to be convinced that Jesus is everything for me. He is enough and "no earthly pleasures, no kingdoms of this world can benefit me in anyway."

In order to have these convictions today's gospel reminds us that we have to dedicate time to our own growth, to nourish our interior life, to see what God is doing in our lives. We have to pay attention to judgment and love for God, avoiding overlooking the others, avoiding imposing burdens to others without committing ourselves with our own spiritual progress.

Interior life – Vida interior – formation for our hearts. Responsible self-formation before Jesus the only Master, is the way to live Christian life with the same convictions of the martyrs.