

Saint Agatha

Directions: Read the biography and answer the questions.

Saint Agatha is one of the most venerated Christian martyrs in the Church's history. Like Saint Agnes of Rome, Saint Agatha lived in Sicily during a time in which Christians were persecuted. Agatha dedicated her life solely to God and vowed not to take a husband in marriage even though many men wished to marry her. She angered a prominent Roman prefect named Quintianus when she refused his proposal of marriage. She sought God's protection in prayer saying, "Jesus Christ, Lord of all, you see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am. I am your sheep: make me worthy to overcome the devil." Quintianus had her imprisoned and tortured with such cruelty that she had to rely on God's love to get through it. All that time she remained faithful never turning away from her devotion to Jesus Christ. After many failed attempts of execution, Saint Agatha died in prison around the year 251 during the persecutions of the Roman Emperor Decius.



1. Why was Saint Agatha tortured, imprisoned, and killed?

2. When times are difficult, what can you do to turn to God for help?

3. Quintianus was a bully. How can you protect people your age from bullies who seek to hurt them physically or emotionally?
