



Song : Women of the Gospel by Anns James, cms

Remembering the Women Who Dedicated Their Lives to Service

Eulalia Pesavento, Amalia Andreis, Concetta Corsi, Maria Caprini, Fortunata Quascè, Caterina Chincarini, Elisabetta Venturini, and Teresa Gregolini were all women who dedicated their lives to missionary work. They faced unimaginable suffering and trauma, including imprisonment and torture by the Mahdi, but their unwavering faith and dedication to their mission inspired others. Amalia Andreis, died after months of imprisonment, starvation, and illness. Despite the hardships they faced, these women remained committed to their calling and found liberation in their faith. Their stories of these remarkable women testify the strength and resilience of women in the face of adversity. It is a reminder of the sacrifices made by those who came before us.

The lives of Eulalia, Amalia, Concetta, Maria, Fortunata, Caterina, Elisabetta, and Teresa speak to us about our vulnerability and our ingenious quality of motherhood. That allows us to embrace life even in the face of death. Their story continues to inspire generations of women to this day.



“And what would our end have been? The hope that they would let us leave was far away, and the kind of life we were going through was miserable. We prayed, and we always prayed, but heaven seemed to be made of bronze.”

Teresa Grigolini

From the Bible

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.

Women received back their dead through resurrection. Some were tortured and would not accept deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword's point; they went about in skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, in caves and in crevices in the earth.

Moment of Reflection

(Hebrews 11: 1. 35-38)

- What were the challenges faced by these women?
- How did their faith help them overcome these challenges?
- What can we learn from the stories of these women?