



The history of salvation and today their memory continues to guide the faithful wherever the Christian mission is challenged by hardships, injustices, and suffering. In this regard, the case of Asia is paradigmatic, and the accounts of the life and death of hundreds of Martyrs over the centuries and in recent times are the bedrock of the missionary baptismal identity of millions of Christians, who are called to bear witness to the Word of Jesus amid extremely adverse circumstances.

The book describes the path to martyrdom of Christians, both missionary religious and lay, in selected Asian countries (Vietnam, Laos, and Myanmar), and provides theological and pastoral reflections with the aim to inspire the work of evangelization of the local Churches and their faithful. “Martyrs in Asia” is part of the Pontifical Missionary Union (PMU) contribution to the Pontifical Mission Societies’ engagement in the framework of the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019, designated by Pope Francis in conjunction with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV’s Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, addressing the faith and missionary activities of Catholics in all continents ([www.october2019.va](http://www.october2019.va)).

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