

# SAN LORENZO RUIZ CHAPEL



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## **PRAYER TO SAN LORENZO RUIZ**

Beloved Lorenzo Ruiz, confronted with death, you proclaimed your readiness to die a thousand times for your Christian faith. Today the whole world admires your courage. We feel particularly proud of you as our brother. And we pray: You, a family man, protect our families. Keep them united in love. You, who bore your sufferings with patience and resignation, intercede for the sick of mind and body; help them to receive the grace of God's miraculous healing. You, who died in a foreign country, take care of Filipinos living and working in this country and in other parts of the world. You, an example of Christian fortitude, sustain our faith and make it spread and grow strong all around us. You, the Philippines' first saint, be the country's special protector. Unite us as one people; help us to work in harmony for development and progress; and give us peace. Amen.

**San Lorenzo Ruiz, pray for us.**

### **Directions to the Chapel**

#### **By Train:**

Take #6 train to Spring St., walk towards Lafayette, then Mulberry to Broome St.

Take N/R trains to Prince St., walk to Lafayette, Mulberry to Broome.

Take B/D trains to Grand St., walk towards Elizabeth, then Broome.

#### **By Bus:**

M103 to Bowery & Kenmare, then walk to Broome St.

#### **By Car:**

From Queens: Take I-278 to Williamsburg Bridge to Delancey St. then turn to Christie St. and take the first right onto Broome St.

From New Jersey: Take Holland Tunnel, then merge onto I-78 E, continue to Lincoln Highway; keep left at the fork to continue towards Laight St.; slight left onto Laight St., turn slightly right and becomes Canal St.; turn left onto Elizabeth; turn left at the cross street towards Broome St.

## **SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA**

Lorenzo Ruiz is the first Filipino saint. He is also the first Filipino martyred for the Christian Faith.

Lorenzo Ruiz was a layman, married and had two sons and a daughter. Born in Binondo, Manila, about 1600, he was educated in the school of the Dominicans there. He served as altar boy and later as a helper and clerk sacristan in the church of Binondo and known also to have done calligraphy. He was a member of the Confraternity of the Rosary.

An adverse event made him leave the Philippines in 1636. Upon landing in Japan where Christians were being persecuted, he was arrested and imprisoned together with his companions. He underwent inhuman tortures and valiantly confessed his Christian faith. Refusing to renounce his faith, he told his executioners that he was ready to die for God and for Him, he will give many thousands of lives if he had them. On September 27, 1637, he was hung from the gallows by his feet, his body falling into a pit. After two days of agony, he die of bleeding and suffocation. His body was cremated and the ashes thrown into the sea.

He and fifteen companions martyred in the same persecution were beatified by Pope John Paul II in Manila on February 18, 1981 and elevated to full honor of the altar by canonization on October 18, 1987 in Rome. His feast day is September 28.