Perpetua and Felicitas  
7 March  
d. 203  
Catechumens and Martyrs

- Arrested as catecumens
- Persecution under Severus designed to stop the growth of Christianity and Judaism
- Given many chances to recant their faith
- Wounded by beasts (a mad cow, in deference to their gender), executed by the sword
- Perpetua’s husband curiously absent from story

“‘Father,’ said I, ‘do you see, let us say, this vessel lying here to be a little pitcher, or something else?’ And he said, ‘I see it to be so.’ And I replied to him, ‘Can it be called by any other name than what it is?’ And he said, ‘No.’ ‘Neither can I call myself anything else than what I am, a Christian.’”

“Stand fast in the faith, and love one another, all of you, and be not offended at my sufferings.”