

Lull never had this exhilaration of apparent success but in God's sight he is one of the heroes of the cross, one of those whom God used greatly. We do not know whether our lives are going forward and accomplishing much for the Lord, or holding the line and seeming to be pushed back. We don't know which will bring the greatest credit from the Lord. It depends on the situation and how faithful we are to Him. But we know if we keep our eyes on the Lord if we say with Paul and with Lull, Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel, if we plant if we have opportunities to plant, if we water if that is the place where the Lord needs us, then the Lord will certainly say as He certainly said to R. Lull, Well done thou good and faithful servant enter into the joy of thy Lord.

Let us pray: Father we thank you for Raimond Lull this great missionary of the cross. We thank you for this man who had his eye on the central things and stood for these things in days where they were so largely disregarded. This man who was so full == filled with the Love of Christ ~~an~~ that he gave pain and his life, the life of hard work, and a life finally of obtaining a martyrdom for the Saviour who died for him. O our God nothing could have looked more improbable than that this young rake in his early life would become a great worker for Him. But O our God when we look at our hearts, when we see the failures in each of us, when you see the way we fall, not perhaps into the sensuous sins, but into the sins of pride, into sins of envy, into sins of doing that which is contrary to your will, it is as unlikely that you would use us as that you would use Raimond Lull. Our Father we thank you for the way you used him, and pray that each one here may follow where the Saviour leads, and if it is your purpose to see great ingathering we praise you for that, but if it is necessary for us to plant with seemingly no one to reap help us to do it faithfully. We ask it in Jesus' Name, Amen.