

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – August 2001

**Friday August 3, 2001**



### **Afghanistan: Kabul**

#### **The Taliban arrested two aid workers for spreading Christianity**

Dayna Curry (aged 29, U.S. citizen)

Heather Mercer (aged 24, U.S. citizen)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dayna\\_Curry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dayna_Curry)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heather\\_Mercer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heather_Mercer)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL24217356M/Prisoners\\_of\\_Hope](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL24217356M/Prisoners_of_Hope)

**Sunday August 5, 2001**



### **Afghanistan: Kabul**

#### **The Taliban arrested six aid workers for spreading Christianity**

Diana Thomas (aged 50, Australian citizen)

Georg Taubmann (German citizen, husband)

Katrin "Kati" Jelinek (German citizen)

Peter Bunch (aged about 50, Australian citizen)

Silke Duerrkopf (aged 30-plus, German citizen)

Ursula Fischer (aged 40-plus, German citizen)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL24217356M/Prisoners\\_of\\_Hope](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL24217356M/Prisoners_of_Hope)

**Thursday August 16, 2001**



**Papua New Guinea: Port Moresby**

Br Fabian Thom OFM (aged 64, **shot dead** by burglars while sleeping in his residence)

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/news/martyrs2.htm>

<http://www.ofm.org/01frat/pdf2001/1201eng.pdf>

**Tuesday August 28, 2001**



**Philippines: Malabang, Lanao del Sur province, Mindanao**

Fr Rufus Halley SSC (aged 57, Irish national, **shot dead**)

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/211590167/michael-anthony-halley>

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Philippines2.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Philippines2.htm)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rufus\\_Halley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rufus_Halley)



**Congo, Democratic Republic: Kikwit**

Fr Emil Jouret SJ (aged 82, **stabbed to death** in his residence)

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/news/martyrs2.htm>



**Colombia: Medellin**

Fr Galeano Buitrago (**killed** by robbers)

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