The Superhuman Courage of the Early Christians

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The superhuman courage and readiness of our Christian forebearers to endure all sufferings and voluntary death for Christ, evoked fear on their tormentors.

Emperor Maximian, a fierce and merciless persecutor of Christians, ordered his proconsul in Antioch to release St. Andrew Stratelates from prison to freedom out of fear that the people, who respected Andrew more than they did the emperor, would rebel. $(\pi\epsilon\rho\iota\sigma\sigma\delta\tau\epsilon\rho\alpha...)$