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No. 1

MY NAME IS LUIS DE ALMEIDA.

IN 1561, AFTER PREACHING IN TAKUSHIMA, IKITSUKI, SHISHI, AND IIRA
VILLAGES, I BOARDED A BOAT THE VILLAGERS HAD PREPARED AND HEADED
FOR KASUGA, ANOTHER CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.

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AT KASUGA, THE LOCAL CHRISTIANS HAD MADE A GRAVEYARD ON A HILL CALLED MOUNT MARUO. A LARGE CROSS SYMBOLIZED THE STRONG FAITH OF THE VILLAGERS.

THE VILLAGERS HAD BEEN EXPECTING US AND GAVE ME A JOYOUS WELCOME.

No. 3

I AM SAKICHI, THE HEAD OF THE COMMUNITY. YOU MUST BE TIRED AFTER YOUR LONG JOURNEY.

No. 4

ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY GOT SICK AND DIED. WE NEED TO PREPARE HER FOR BURIAL. I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND.

I WANT TO HELP IN ANY WAY I CAN. PLEASE TAKE ME TO HER.

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From one of Luis de Almeida's letters

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No. 2

THERE'S NO REASON TO BE SAD. YOUR MOTHER HAS JUST EMBARKED ON A PEACEFUL JOURNEY TO PARADISE.

No. 4

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT . . .

No. 5

SHINE UPON HER.

No. 6

RECEIVE HER SOUL, O LORD. GUIDE HER TO YOUR SIDE. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

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No. 1

THANK YOU, MOTHER . . .

No. 2

FOR ALL YOU DID FOR ME. EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE NOW IN HEAVEN, I WILL ALWAYS BE YOUR SON.

No. 3

I MADE THIS ROSARY WHILE I WAS TRAVELING.

No. 4

I WANT YOU TO HAVE IT, SANNOSUKE. IT WILL KEEP YOU SAFE.

No. 5

MY NAME IS LUIS DE ALMEIDA.

KASUGA HAS BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OF BOTH LAND AND SEA. THE PEOPLE HERE ARE DEVOUT AND GOOD.

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