

List of Christian martyrs

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Since its earliest days, hundreds of thousands of Christians have been killed for their faith. As such, this list can never be fully complete, and includes only the most notable martyrs.

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Apostolic Age—1st century

- Saint Stephen, Protomartyr, was stoned c. 34 AD.
- James the Great (Son of Zebedee) was beheaded in 44 AD.
- Philip the Apostle was crucified in 54 AD.
- Matthew the Evangelist killed with a [[halberd](a combination of battle axe and spear)] in 60 AD.
- James the Just, beaten to death with a club after being crucified and stoned.
- Matthias was stoned and beheaded.
- Saint Andrew, St. Peter's brother, was crucified.
- Saint Mark the Evangelist, was dragged in the streets of Alexandria then beheaded
- Saint Peter, crucified upside-down.
- Apostle Paul, beheaded in Rome.
- Saint Jude
- Saint Bartholomew flayed alive and crucified.
- Thomas the Apostle was killed by a spear in Mylapore, Madras, India in AD 72.
- Luke the Evangelist was hanged.
- Simon the Zealot was crucified in 74 AD.
- Antipas of Pergamum, according to tradition, roasted to death in a brazen bull during the persecutions of Emperor Domitian, c. 92 A. D.



"Martyrdom of St. Paul", from an 1887 edition of *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*

(Note: John the Evangelist according to legend was cooked in boiling hot oil but survived. He was the only one of the original twelve Apostles who was not martyred).

Age of Martyrdom—2nd to 4th centuries

- Saint Afra c.304 at Augsburg, Bavaria, Germany.
- Ignatius of Antioch in 107 AD.
- Saint Januarius of Naples, Italy in 305 AD.
- Justin Martyr of Palestine in 165 AD.
- Origen of Alexandria, about 250 AD.
- Perpetua and Felicity of Carthage in 202 AD.
- Saint Philomena of Corfu, Greece (died in Rome) about 305 AD.
- Polycarp of Smyrna, probably around 160 AD.
- The Martyrs of Scili (in North Africa, about 180 AD)
The *Passio Sanctorum Scilitanorum* (<http://members.aol.com/txt34567/passio.htm>) is regarded as the oldest Christian text in the Latin language.
- Saint Alban, Britain in c.283 AD.
- Forty Martyrs of Sebaste, died in what is now Armenia under the Roman Imperial persecutions of 320 AD.
- Saint George, died in the Diocletianic Persecution in 303.
- Saint Agnes, died in the Diocletianic Persecution in 304.
- Saint Vincent of Saragossa, died in the Diocletianic Persecution in 304.
- Saint Behnam of Assyria, Iraq
- Saint Lucy/Lucia, martyred in Syracuse for refusing to marry a pagan suitor. Became the patron saint of the blind



The martyrdom of St. Alban, from a 13th century manuscript, now in the Trinity College Library, Dublin. Note the executioner's eyes falling out of his head.

Middle Ages—5th to 15th centuries

- Valentine and Engratia, ca. 715, Hermit martyrs of Segovia
- Ludmila of Bohemia, 921
- King Edward the Martyr, 979
- Jovan Vladimir, 1014
- Stanislaus of Szczepanów, 1079
- Thomas Becket, 1170
- Tsar Lazar, 1389
- John Huss (Jan Huss), 1415
- Jerome of Prague, 1416
- Joan of Arc (Jeanne d'Arc), 1431, burned at the stake.

Reformation Era—16th century

- Diego Botello, Spanish missionary in the Caribbean, 1516
- Fernando Salzedo, Spanish missionary in the Caribbean, 1516
- Jan de Bakker, 1525, burned at the stake.



- Felix Manz, 1527
- Patrick Hamilton, 1528
- George Blaurock, 1529
- St Thomas More, 1535, executed in Tower of London
- St John Fisher, 1535
- William Tyndale, 1535
- Carthusian Martyrs, 1535–1537
- St. Arthur of Glastonbury, 1539
- Margaret Pole, 1541
- Juan de la Cruz, Spanish missionary to New Mexico, 1542
- Luis de Escalona, Spanish missionary to New Mexico, 1542
- Juan de Padilla, Spanish missionary to New Mexico, 1542
- Anne Askew, 1546
- George Wishart, 1546
- Matthew Hammond, 1549
- Hugh Latimer, 1555
- Nicholas Ridley , 1555
- Rowland Taylor, 1555
- John Hooper, 1555
- John Rogers, 1555
- William Hunter, 1555
- Lawrence Saunders, 1555
- Thomas Cranmer, 1556
- Dirk Willems, 1569
- St Edmund Campion, 1581
- Margaret Ball, 1584
- The Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, various dates



Dirk Willems etching from *Martyrs Mirror*.



"Death of Cranmer", from the 1887 *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*

Modern Era—17th to 21st centuries

- Martyrs of Japan
- Kakure Kirishitan
- Francis Taylor, 1621
- Vietnamese Martyrs 1625 - 1886
- Magdalene of Nagasaki 1634
- Lorenzo Ruiz, 1637
- Canadian Martyrs, North American Martyrs, 1642–1649
- Arthur Bell, 1643
- Isaac Jogues, 1646 (French Jesuit in New York killed by Indians)
- John de Britto, 1647-1693, born in Portugal and beheaded in India
- Francis Ferdinand de Capillas (Dominican missionary to China), 1648
- King Charles I, beheaded after the Second Civil War - 1649
- Diego Luis de San Vitores and Pedro Calungsod, 1672



Feodosia Morozova, an Old Believer being arrested by Czarist authorities.

- Feodosia Morozova (Old Believer), 1675
- Oliver Plunkett, 1681
- Felipe Songsong, 1685
- Devasahayam Pillai, 1712-1752, Indian martyr.
- Constantin Brâncoveanu, 1714
- Lorenzo Carranco, Spanish missionary to Baja California, 1734
- Nicolás Tamarál, Spanish missionary to Baja California, 1734
- Vicente Liem de la Paz (Tonkinese Dominican), 1773
- Luís Jayme, Spanish missionary to Alta California, 1775
- Cosmas of Aetolia, 1779
- Francisco Garcés, Spanish missionary to Alta California, 1781
- Martyrs of Compiègne, 1794
- Andrés Quintana, Spanish missionary to Alta California, 1812
- Chinese Martyrs (various Christian denominations), 19th and 20th centuries
- Andrew Dung-Lac (Vietnamese Catholic), 1839
- Korean Martyrs 1839, 1846, 1866
- Peter Chanel (Catholic priest), 1841
- Hyrum Smith, 1844
- Joseph Smith, Jr., 1844
- Andrew Kim Taegon, 1846
- Marcus Whitman, 1847
- Narcissa Whitman, 1847
- Martyrs of India (<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=moa;idno=AGA4292>) 1857
- Lucy Yi Zhenmei, one of the 19th century Chinese Catholic Martyrs, 1862
- Thomas Baker, 1867, English missionary killed and eaten, Fiji
- Martyrs of Uganda, 1885–1887
- Esther John 1929-1960, Found Killed in Chichawatni commemorated at Westminster Abbey.
- Maria Goretti (virgin martyr), 1902
- Grand Duchess Elizabeth Fyodorovna, 1918
- Nun Barbara (Yakovleva), 1918
- Saints of the Cristero War 1926-1927
- Miguel Pro, 1927
- Toribio Romo González, 1928
- Manche Masemola, (1913–1928)
- José Sánchez del Río 1928
- Innocencio of Mary Immaculate 1934
- Bartolome Blanco Marquez, 1936
- Martyrs of the Spanish Civil War 1934, 1936–1939
- Paul Schneider (pastor) 1939
- Maximilian Kolbe (Polish Franciscan, died at Auschwitz), 1941
- Edith Stein (Carmelite nun, died at Auschwitz), 1942



An illustration depicts the brutal death of Father Luís Jayme by the hands of angry natives at Mission San Diego de Alcalá in Alta California, November 4, 1775.

- Lucian Tapiedi (1942)
- Franz Jägerstätter, 1943
- Dusty Miller (Martyr), 1945, a Methodist layman killed as a P.O.W. of the Japanese in Thailand during WWII.
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, (April 9, 1945) Lutheran Pastor and member of the German Resistance
- Theodore Romzha, 1947
- Beda Chang, 1951
- Zdenka Cecilia Schelingová, 1955
- Jim Elliot, 1956
- Nate Saint, 1956, killed while attempting to evangelize the Waodani people
- Ed McCully 1956
- Pete Fleming 1956
- Roger Youderian 1956
- Alan Castillo, March 34, 1956
- Wang Zhiming (1907 - December 29, 1973) Chinese pastor, publicly executed
- Janani Jakaliya Luwum (1922 – 17 February 1977), Archbishop of Uganda.
- Óscar Romero (August 15, 1917 – March 24, 1980), Archbishop of San Salvador
- Martyrs of Atlas, 1996
- Kosheh Martyrs, Egypt 1998–2000
- Ri Hyon Ok, Executed in June 2009 in North Korea for distributing bibles.^[1]
- Nag Hammadi martyrs, Egypt 2010
- Alufunzi Ziwa (http://www.openheaven.com/forums/forum_posts.asp?TID=37890&PN=1&TPN=1) , 2011

See also

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