










# SAINTS വിശുദ്ധർ

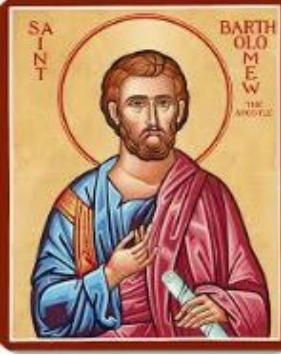


ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ മാതൃക അടുത്തുകുറിച്ച് സ്വർഗ്ഗ സമ്മാനത്തിന് അർഹരാകുന്നവരെയാണ് 'വിശുദ്ധർ' (Saints) എന്നു വിളിക്കുന്നത്. ക്രിസ്തുവിലുള്ള വിശ്വാസത്തിനും അവിടുത്തെ ആദർശങ്ങൾക്കും വേണ്ടി ജീവൻപോലും ബലി കഴിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ക്രൈസ്തവരെയാണ് സഭ രക്തസാക്ഷികളായി (Martyr) ബഹുമാനിക്കുന്നത്.

## A. SAINTS FROM INDIA

<b>1</b>	<b>St. Alphonsa</b>	<b>വി. അൽഫോൻസാ</b>
	Native Place	Kudamaloor, Kerala
	Date of Birth	1910 August 19
	Died on	1946 July 28
	Blessed	1986 February 8
	Saint	2008 October 12
	Feast day	July 28
	<p>First official Indian Saint - The first person of Indian origin canonized as a saint by the Catholic Church and the first canonized saint of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, Beatified on 8th Feb 1986 at Kottayam by Pope John Paul II and Canonised on 12th October 2008 at Vatican City by Pope Benedict XVI. (First name of St. Alphonsa - Annamkutty, Parents-Joseph and Mary Muttathupadathu, School education Arpookara, Muttuchura, Vazhappally and Changanacherry. Nun in Clares convent at Bharananganam)</p>	
	<b>2</b>	<b>St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara</b>
	Native Place	Kainakari, Allappuzha, Kerala
	Date of Birth	1805 February 10
	Died on	1871 January 3, at Koonammavu, near Kochi
	Blessed	1986 February 8
	Saint	2014 November 23
	Feast day	January 3
<p>Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara was the co-founder and first prior-general of the Congregation of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) and of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Mother of Carmel. He worked to renew the faith in the church. He was a man of prayer with a devotion to the Eucharist and the Virgin Mary. He was beatified, along with Saint Alphonsa on February 8, 1986, by Pope John Paul II . He was canonized on November 23, 2014 at Rome by Pope Francis I.</p>		
<b>3</b>	<b>St. Euphrasia Eluvathingal</b>	<b>വി. എവുപ്രാസ്യമ്മ</b>
	Native Place	Edathuruthy/Kattoor, Thrissur, Kerala
	Date of Birth	1877 October 17, at Ollur Trissur
	Died on	1952 August 29
	Blessed	2006 December 3
	Saint	2014 November 23
	Feast day	August 29
<p>Saint Euphrasia Eluvathingal or Euphrasia of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the fifth Syro-Malabar Catholic Church nun and a member of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate On December 3, 2006, who was beatified in St. Anthony's Forane Church, Ollur, Thrissur, with the declaration of the Major Archbishop, Varkey Vithayathil on behalf of the Pope Benedict XVI. She was canonized on November 23, 2014 at Rome by Pope Francis I.</p>		
<b>4</b>	<b>St. Mariam Theresa Chiramel</b>	<b>മറിയം ത്രേസ്യ</b>
	Native Place	Puthenchira, Thrissur, Kerala
	Date of Birth	1876 April 26
	Died on	1926 June 8
	Blessed	2000 April 9
	Saint	2019 October 13
	Feast day	June 8
<p>Saint Mariam Theresia was the foundress and first member of the Congregation of the Holy Family. She always worked for the poor and the sick and especially the downtrodden in society. She was declared venerable on June 28, 1999 by Pope John Paul II. She was beatified on April 9, 2000 by Pope John Paul II.</p>		

5	<b>St. Mother Teresa (St. Teresa of Calcutta)</b>		<b>മദർ തെരേസ</b>
		Native Place	Skopje, Macedonia
		Date of Birth	1910 August 26
		Died on	1997 September 5
		Blessed	2003 October 19
		Saint	2016 September 4
		Feast day	September 5
		<p>Mother Teresa (Agnes), a Roman Catholic nun of Albanian ethnicity and Indian citizenship, who founded the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India, in 1950. For over 45 years, she ministered to the poor, sick, orphaned, and dying, while guiding the Missionaries of Charity's expansion, first throughout India and then in other countries. Following her death, she was beatified on 19th October 2003 by Pope John Paul II and given the title Blessed. <b>Words of Mother Theresa of Calcutta</b> - "By Blood, I am Albanian. By citizenship, an Indian. By faith, I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I entirely to the Heart of Jesus".</p>	
6	<b>St. Devasahayam Pillai (Lazarus)</b>		<b>വി. ദേവസഹായം പിള്ള</b>
		Native Place	Nattalam, Kanyakumari District, India
		Date of Birth	1712 April 23
		Died on	1752 January 14, Aralvaimozhi, Tamil Nadu
		Blessed	2012 December 2
		Saint	2022 May 15
		Feast day	January 14
		<p>Saint Devasahayam Pillai was an 18th century convert from Hinduism to Christianity in the southern part of India. He is believed by Roman Catholics to have been martyred. In 2004, the Tamil Nadu branch of the Catholic Bishops' Council in India recommended Devasahayam Pillai for the process of beatification to the Vatican. On December 2nd, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI declared "Devasahayam Pillai" as Blessed. He was canonized as a saint of the church by Pope Francis on 15 May 2022.</p>	
7	<b>St. Thomas</b>		<b>വി. തോമസ്സ് (ദിദിമോസ്)</b>
		Native Place	Galilee, Judea, Roman Empire
		Date of Birth	1st century AD
		Died on	AD 72, Mylapore, Chennai
		Feast day	July 3
		<p>Thomas the Apostle, also known as Didymus (meaning "twin"), was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. Thomas is commonly known as "Doubting Thomas" because he initially doubted the resurrection of Jesus Christ when he was told of it (as is related in the Gospel of John); he later confessed his faith ("My lord and my God") on seeing the places where the wounds had healed on the holy body of Jesus after the Crucifixion of Jesus.</p>	
8	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>		<b>വി. ഫ്രാൻസിസ് സേവ്യർ</b>
		Native Place	Navarre, Spain
		Date of Birth	1506 April 7
		Died on	1552 December 3, China
		Blessed	1619 October 25
		Saint	1622 March 12
		Feast day	December 3
		<p>Francis Xavier was a pioneering Roman Catholic missionary born in Spain and co-founder of the Society of Jesus. He was a student of Saint Ignatius of Loyola and one of the first seven Jesuits, dedicated at Montmartre in 1534. He led an extensive mission into Asia, mainly in the Portuguese Empire of the time. He was influential in the spreading and upkeep of Catholicism most notably in India, but also ventured into Japan, Borneo, the Moluccas, and other areas which had thus far not been visited by Christian missionaries. He was Canonized in 1622 by Gregory XV. The body of the saint is still enshrined at Goa in the church. He is considered to be a patron saint of Roman Catholic missionaries in foreign lands. In 1927 he was named patron of all missions.</p>	

9	<b>St. John de Britto</b>		വി. ജോൺ ബ്രിട്ടോ	
		Native Place	Lisbon, Portugal	
		Date of Birth	1647 March 1	
		Died on	1693 February 4 (11), Oriyur, Madurai	
		Blessed	1853 August 21	
		Saint	1947 June 22	
		Feast day	February 4	
		<p>Saint John de Brito was a Portuguese Jesuit missionary and martyr, often called "the Portuguese St. Francis Xavier" by Indian Catholics. John de Brito was the scion of a powerful aristocratic Portuguese family his father died while serving as Viceroy of Brazil. He joined the Jesuits in 1662, studying at the famous University of Coimbra. He traveled to the missions of Madura, in southern India He renamed himself as "Arul Anandar" in Tamil. He died at Oriyur, Tamil Nadu, India, on February 11, 1693. Canonized on June 22, 1947 at Rome by Pope Pius XII.</p>		
10	<b>St. Joseph Vaz</b>		വി. ജോസഫ് വാസ്	
		Native Place	Benaulim, Goa	
		Date of Birth	1651 April 21	
		Died on	1711 January 16 (17), Kandy, Sri Lanka	
		Blessed	1995 January 21	
		Saint	2015 January 14	
		Feast day	January 16	
		<p>Saint Joseph Vaz was a Catholic Oratorian priest from Goa. He is known as the Apostle of Ceylon. Fr. Vaz entered Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) during the Dutch occupation, when Calvinism was the official religion. On 21 January 1995, he was beatified by Pope John Paul II in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He was canonized on 14 January 2015 by Pope Francis.</p>		
11	<b>St. Gonçalo Garcia</b>			
		Native Place	Vasai (Bassein in the Portuguese quarter) of India	
		Year of Birth	1557	
		Died on	1597 February 5, Japan	
		Blessed	1627 Septemebr 14	
		Saint	1862 June 8	
		Feast day	February 6	
		<p>St. Gonçalo Garcia O.F.M. (Portuguese: Gonçalo Garcia; 1556 – 5 February 1597), was a lay brother of the Franciscans from Portuguese Bombay and Bassein in early modern India. He died a Christian martyr in the 16th-century Shogunate of Japan, and was canonised a saint along with his companions, the Twenty-six Martyrs of Japan. He was born at Bassein (Vasai), Baçaim in the Indo-Portuguese era, an exurban town of the present-day Greater Bombay metropolis. He was the first canonized saint from India. Canonized on June 8, 1862 by Pope Pius IX</p>		
12	<b>St. Severus of Vienne</b>			
	<p>Photo not available</p>	Native Place	India	
		Died in	455 AD, Italy	
		Feast day	August 8	
		<p>St. Severus of Vienne was a priest who evangelised in Vienne, France. He is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church as well as in other denominations. Severus is said to have been Indian by birth and of wealthy origins. Severus settled in Vienne around 430. He founded a church in honour of Saint Alban (now the church of Saint-Alban-du-Rhône) near Vienne. He died in Italy in 455, but his body was brought back to Vienne and buried in the church dedicated to the protomartyr Saint Stephen, which he himself had constructed. His feast day is August 8.</p>		

13	St. Bartholomew, apostle	
	Native Place	Cana, Galilee, Roman Empire
	Year of Birth	1st century AD
	Died in	69/71 AD, Albanopolis, Armenia
	Feast day	August 24
	<p>Bartholomew born in Israel and died in Albania. He landed at a place called Kallianpur on the north Karnataka coast in 55 AD (Thomas had landed in Muziris on the Kerala coast in 52 AD). He preached there and went further north, along the Konkan coast till the present-day city of Kalyan in the Mumbai Metropolitan Area.</p>	
14	Saint Pantaenus of Alexandria, layperson	
	Native Place	Sicily, Italy
	Date of Birth	2nd century AD
	Died on	200 AD, Alexandria, Egypt
	Feast day	July 7
	<p>Saint Pantaenus the Philosopher born in Sicily, Italy and died in Alexandria, Egypt (200) was a Greek theologian and a significant figure in the Catechetical School of Alexandria from around AD 180. This school was the earliest catechetical school, and became influential in the development of Christian theology. Eusebius tells us (ib. v. 10) that in his zeal for the faith he undertook the work of an evangelist in the East, and penetrated as far as India; where he found that St. Bartholomew had already preached the Word and had left there a copy of St. Matthew's Gospel in Hebrew characters, which was still treasured by the Christians there. Feast on 7th July.</p>	
15	Saint Mary of Jesus Crucified (Mariam Baouardy), religious	
	Native Place	I'billin, Ottoman Syria
	Date of Birth	1846 January 5
	Died on	1878 August 26, Bethlehem, Mutasarrifate of Jerusalem
	Blessed	1983 Novemebr 13, Saint Peter's Square by Pope John Paul II
	Saint	2015 May 17, Saint Peter's Square by Pope Francis
	Feast day	August 26
	<p>Mary of Jesus Crucified, was a Discalced Carmelite nun of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church. Born to Palestinian Greek Catholic parents from the town of Hurfiesh in the upper Galilee, later moved to I'billin, she was known for her service to the poor. In addition, she became a Christian mystic who suffered the stigmata, and has been canonized by the Catholic Church. In 1870. Mariam was one of a group of nuns from the Carmel of Pau who set out to found a Carmel in Mangalore, India. It was there that she made her Profession on November 21st 1871.</p>	