



St George and the Dragon War Memorial St John's Wood London England

The patron saint of England

Some stories say that Saint George lived in the time of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, and was beheaded in April 303 as a Christian Knight and martyr.

He would die for his beliefs

He risked his life to save the princess and, according to Christian history, sacrificed his life instead of renouncing his Christian beliefs.

“O father, strive not thus for me,
But let me be the dragon’s prey;
It may be, for my sake alone
This plague upon the land was thrown.”

Version 2

Saint George and the Dragon 1502

Scuola di San Giorgio degli Schiavoni, Venice



“Farewell, my father dear,” quoth she,
“And my sweet mother meek and mild;
Take you no thought nor weep for me
For you may have another child:
Since for my country’s good I dye,
Death I receive most willingly.”

Version 2

“Oh noble youth,” cried the fair victim, “tarry not here lest you perish with me. “Fly, I beseech you.”

“God forbid that I should fly,” said George in answer; “I will lift my hand against this loathly thing, and I will deliver you through the power that lives in all true followers of Christ.”

Version 3



Yegorii and The Dragon Saint George



Iconography 13th-century *Passio Sancti Georgii* (Passion of Saint George) from scripture

Story Versions

Version 2: Thomas Percy, *Reliques of Ancient English Poetry* (1765)

Version 3: *Heroes Every Child Should Know* (1905), adapted by Hamilton Wright Mabie.

Icon of St. George and the Dragon, Russia, 16th century

