St. George

St. George is believed to have been **born in Cappadocia** (now Eastern Turkey) in the year **A.D. 270**. He was a Christian. At the age of seventeen he joined the **Roman army** and soon became renowned for his bravery. He served under a pagan Emperor but never forgot his Christian faith.

When the pagan Emperor Diocletian started persecuting Christians, St. George pleaded with the Emperor to spare their lives. However, St. George's pleas were not heard.

It is thought that the Emperor Diocletian tried to make St. George deny his faith in Christ, by torturing him. St George showed incredible courage and faith and was killed near Lydda in Palestine on 23 April, 303.