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3. Who could thank this Bless - ed mar - tyr: Bless - ed Pan - cras, ho - ly one? 4. May our voic - es join in rais - ing gra-cious hon - or, love pro-longed!



Glo- 'rious, Bless - ed tyr Pan-cras, of whose life mar great - ly. the midst of great temp - ta - tion, vou re - sist - ed fame and_wealth. he taught us In whose life and death faith un - til our days are__ done. this joy - ous of prais-ing, let us sing your name hymn in_ song!



From a life of full self giv-ing, you have lived to serve the King! Gave your life for Christ's de-vo-tion, e-ven un-to death it - self! Keep a stead-fast faith up-on us, keep a stead-fast vic-'try won! O, St. Pan-cras, live with-in us, may our loy-al faith be strong!

A - men.

St. Pancras (Pancras of Rome) was a Roman Citizen who converted to Christianity. When refusing to make a sacrifice to the Roman Gods — even after being bribed and tempted with wealth and riches by Roman authorities — he was beheaded for his faith at the early age of fourteen years old.

The name "Pancras" in Greek translates to "the one who holds everything."

Built by Pope Symmachus (498-514), the Basilica of Saint Pancras in Rome was constructed on the very place where the young marytr had been buried. Each year, on May 12, we as Catholics celebrate the Feast Day of St. Pancras. Due to this time of May being referred to in some countries as the "black-thorn winter," St. Pancras is often referred to as the second of the "Ice Saints."



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