

# Blessed Feasts of Blessed Martyrs

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1. Blessed feasts of blessed martyrs,  
holy women, holy men,  
with the mem'ry of their witness  
greet we your return again.  
Worthy deeds are theirs, and wonders,  
worthy of the name they bore;  
we, our joyful praises singing,  
honour them for evermore.
2. Faith prevailing, hope unfailing,  
loving Christ with single heart,  
thus they, glorious and victorious,  
bravely bore the martyr's part,  
by contempt of ev'ry anguish,  
by unyielding battle done;  
victors at the last, they triumph,  
with the host of angels one.
3. Therefore, you co-heirs of glory,  
all who dwell with Christ on high,  
join to ours your supplication,  
when before him we draw nigh,  
praying that, this life completed,  
all its fleeting moments past,  
by his grace we may be worthy  
of eternal bliss at last.

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