# Paul (name)



**Paul**  $\mathbf{P}^{i'}$  p::// is a common masculine name in countries and ethnicities with a Christian heritage (Eastern Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Protestantism) and, beyond Europe, in Christian religious communities throughout the world. The name exists since the Roman times and derives from the Roman family name *Paulus* or *Paullus* - in particular in the Roman patrician family of the Gens Aemilia - including prominent persons such as Lucius Aemilius Paullus, Lucius Aemilius Paullus Macedonicus, Lucius Aemilius Lepidus Paullus, Tertia Aemilia Paulla (the wife of Scipio Africanus), as well as Sergius Paulus.

### **Origin and diffusion**

The Roman family name *Paulus* derives from the Latin adjective meaning "small" or "humble"<sup>[1][2]</sup> and which is cognate to the modern English word "few" and the adjective "rare".<sup>[3]</sup> Its prevalence in nations with a Christian heritage is primarily due to its attachment to Saint Paul the Apostle, whose Greek name was  $\Pi\alpha\tilde{\upsilon}\lambda\sigma\varsigma$ , Pàulos, a transliteration from the Latin.

The name *Paul* is common in all European languages (e.g. English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, German, Dutch, Scandinavian, Greek, Russian, Georgian). The feminine versions are Paula, Pauline, Paulina, and Paulette. Below are more notable people named Paul in history.

#### As a given name

- Pope Paul (disambiguation) several popes
- Saint Paul (disambiguation) several saints
- Paul I (disambiguation) several rulers
- All pages beginning with "Paul of" for people known as "Paul of ..."
- Paul Allen (born 1953), co-founder of Microsoft
- Paul Thomas Anderson (born 1970), American film director and screenwriter
- Paul Anka (born 1941), Canadian singer and songwriter
- Paul D. Boyer, American biochemist, Nobel prize winner
- Paul Breitner (born 1951), German international footballer
- Paul Brown (born 1908), American football coach and team owner

- Paul Caraway, American general
- Paul Cézanne, French artist
- Paul Cornell (born 1967), British writer
- Paul Daniels, British magician
- Paul Dirac, English physicist
- Paul Fentener van Vlissingen, Dutch entrepreneur
- Paul Galvin (businessman), founder of Motorola
- Paul Gascoigne (born 1967), English international footballer
- Paul Gauguin, French artist
- Paul Georges (1923-2002), American painter
- Paul Getty (John Paul Getty, Jr.), British philanthropist
- Paul Hewson (born 1960), the birth name of Irish singer Bono of U2 fame
- Paul Jennings Hill (1954–2003), American anti-abortion activist and murderer
- Paul Hill (flight director) (born 1962), NASA flight director
- Paul Hill (musician) (1934–1999), American music director
- Paul von Hindenburg (1847–1934), German field marshal and statesman
- Paul Hogan (born 1939), Australian actor and comedian
- Paul Ince (born 1967), English international footballer
- Paul Keating (born 1944), former Australian Prime Minister
- Paul Krugman (born 1953), Nobel Prize-winning American economist and writer
- Paul Levesque (born 1969), American professional wrestler better known as Triple H
- Paul Matisse, American artist and inventor
- Sir Paul McCartney (born 1942), English singer and musician; formerly a member of The Beatles
- Paul Merton, English comedian
- Paul Newman (1925-2008), American actor, philanthropist, and motorsport team owner and driver
- Paul Oakenfold, English electronic musician
- Paul Patterson (1909-2008), American author and storyteller
- Paul Pierce, (born 1977), American basketball player
- Paul Radu (21st century), Romanian investigative journalist
- Paul Revere (1735–1818), patriot of the American Revolution and silversmith
- Paul Robeson, American actor, singer and activist
- Paul Rodgers (born 1949), English musician/songwriter singer in Free and Bad Company
- · Paul Samuelson, Nobel Prize-winning American economist
- Paul Scholes (born 1974), England international footballer
- Paul Scofield, English actor
- Paul Sereno, paleontologist
- Paul Simon (born 1941), American musician
- Sir Paul Smith (fashion designer)
- Paul Stastny, Canadian-American ice hockey player
- · Paul Van Himst, Belgian international footballer
- Paul Verhoeven, Dutch film director
- Paul Walker (1973-2013), American actor
- Paul Weller, English musician formerly of The Jam
- Paul Wesley, American actor
- Paul Whitehouse, Welsh comedian
- Paul Young (born 1956), English singer most famous as a solo act in the 1980s

- Paul Young (Mike + The Mechanics) (1947–2000), English singer most famous for work with Sad Café and Mike + The Mechanics
- Peter Paul Rubens, Flemish Baroque painter
- RuPaul, prominent American drag queen

#### As a surname

- Aaron Paul, American actor
- Adrian Paul, English actor
- Alexander Paul, American politician
- Alexandra Paul (born 1963), American actress
- Alice Stokes Paul, American suffragist leader
- Art Paul, American graphic designer
- Bernard Paul (1930–1980), French film director and screenwriter
- Bernard Paul (born 1956), Mauritian/British boxer of the 1990s and 2000s
- Bruno Paul, German architect, interior designer, and furniture designer
- Chris Paul (born 1985), American basketball player
- Christi Paul, news anchor for CNN Headline News
- Harry Paul (1886–1948), Scottish footballer
- Henri Paul, driver of the car in which he, Princess Diana, and Dodi Fayed were killed
- Herieth Paul, Tanzanian-Canadian fashion model
- Henry Paul, Rugby League footballer from New Zealand
- Jayson Paul (born 1984), American professional wrestler better known as JTG
- Les Paul (1915–2009), American guitarist
- Rand Paul (born 1963), American ophthalmologist and politician
- Robbie Paul, Rugby League footballer from New Zealand
- Ron Paul (born 1935), American obstetrician and politician, and presidential candidate in 1988, 2008, and 2012; father of Rand
- Roy Paul, Welsh international footballer
- Vinnie Paul, Drummer for American Metal band Pantera
- Wolfgang Paul (1913–1993), German physicist who co-developed the ion trap, Nobel prize winner

De Paul

- Lynsey de Paul, English singer-songwriter
- Vincent de Paul, Catholic saint

### Translations

- Albanian: Pali, Pavli, Pal
- Amharic: Bao
- Ancient Roman: Paulus, Paulinus
- Arabic: بولس (Bulus, in the Bible), بول (English name Paul), Boulos
- Aragonese: Pavlo
- Armenian: ¶nηnu (Poġos/Boġos)
- Asturian: Pablu
- Basque: Paulo
- Belarusian: Павел (Paweł), Паўлюк (Paŭluk), Паўлюсь (Paŭluś), Пол (Pol)
- Bengali: পল (Pala)
- Biblical Greek: Paulos

- Biblical Latin: Paulus
- Bosnian: Pavao, Pavle
- Breton: Paol
- Bulgarian: Павел (Pavel)
- Catalan: Pau, Pol
- Chinese: 保羅, 保罗 (Bǎoluó)
- Cornish: Pawl
- Corsican: Paulu
- Croatian: Pavao, Pavle, Pavo
- Czech: Pavel
- Danish: Poul, Povl, Palle
- Dutch: Paul, Paulus, Pauwel
- Esperanto: Paŭlo, Paĉjo
- Estonian: Paul, Paavel, Paavo
- Faroese: Páll, Pál, Palli, Pól, Poul or Pauli,
- Philippine languages: Pablo or Paulo
- Finnish: Paavali, Paavo, Pauli
- French: Paul, Pol
- Frisian: Pouw, Powles, Paulus
- Galician: Paulo
- Georgian: პავლე (Pavle)
- German: Paul
- Greek: Παύλος (Pávlos, Pávlos)
- Gujarati: III (Pola)
- Haitian Creole: Pòl
- Hakka: Pó-lò
- Hausa: Bulus
- Hawaiian: Paulo
- Hebrew: פול (Pol)
- Hindi: पौलुस (Paulus only used in Biblical context), पॉल (Pāl), पॉल (Pŏla)
- Hungarian: Pál (Nicknames: Pali, Palika, Paja, Pajus, Pajó, Palcsi, Palcsika, Pálka, Palkó, Pálocska)
- Icelandic: Páll
- Indonesian: Paulus
- Irish: Pól, Pódhl
- Italian: Paolo, Paolino
- Japanese: ポール (Pōru), and in Biblical context, パウルス (Paurusu)
- Kannada: ಪಾಲ್ (Pāl)
- Korean: 폴 (Pol) / 바울 (Baul archaic translation; only used in Biblical context)
- Latin: Paulus
- Latvian: Pauls, Pāvils
- Lithuanian: Paulas, Paulius, Povilas
- Malayalam: പൗലത്രസ് (Paulose)
- Macedonian: Павле (Pavle, Pavel)
- Maltese: Pawl, Pawlu
- Manx: Payl
- Maori: Paora
- Mongolian: Павел (Pavel), Паул

- Nepali: पावलले (Pāvalalē)
- Norwegian: Paul, Pål
- Occitan: Pau
- Old English: Paulus
- Polish: Paweł
- Portuguese: Paulo, Paulino, Paulinho
- Punjabi: ਪੌਲੁਸਨੇ (Paulusanē)
- Romanian: Paul, Pavel
- Russian: Пол (Pol), Pavel, Pasha
- Sardinian: Paulu
- Scottish Gaelic: Pòl, Pàl
- Serbian: Павле (Pavle)
- Sicilian: Pàulu, Paulu
- Slovak: Pavol
- Slovene: Pavel
- Spanish: Pablo, Paulino
- Swedish: Paul, Pål
- Tamil: പഖൗல் (Pavul)
- Telugu: ລ້າຍ(Pāl)
- Thai: พอล (Paul), ปอ (Por)
- Luganda: Paolo
- Ukrainian: Павло (Pavlo), Пол (Pol)
- Urdu: پال
- Venetian: Pagoło, Poło
- Vietnamese: Phao-lô
- Welsh: Pawl

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