

All Saints' Day

Wishing you a safe and blessed Sunday



Glory to you, O Lord,
from the whole company of heaven,
from the saints in glory,
from your people on earth.
Father we give you thanks that in the
darkness of this world your saints shine.
May we, with them, have a share in your
everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We give you praise for the men and women
who have been an inspiration to us,
for those who have set us an example to follow.
We remember those who have stood up for their faith
and set themselves against evil.
May we too dedicate ourselves to you and your glory.
Lord of the saints
Strengthen our faith.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, you have called us to a world
of wonder and delight.
We thank you for all who work to improve our environment,
who care for the natural world and who seek to lessen our
footprints here on earth.
We pray for those who seek to live simply that others may simply live,
Lord of the saints
Strengthen our faith.

We pray for all of those who suffer for their faith,
who face mockery and scorn,
who face danger and violence
in order to meet for worship.
May we never take our own freedoms for granted.
Lord of the saints
Strengthen our faith.



We pray that our own homes and places of work

may be places of holiness that we may be an example to others.

Lord of the saints

Strengthen our faith.

Lord, grant us a share in the inheritance of your saints in glory.

May we at last be part of the church which is victorious.

We give thanks today for all your saints.

Lord of the saints

Strengthen our faith.

Our Bible readings for this week:

1 John 3: 1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.



“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Collect

God of Holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Blessing

Let us be of good courage,
stand firm in faith,
and do everything in love.
May the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us, and our loved ones,
now and forever. **Amen**

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