

NOVEMBER 6, 2022
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



We give thanks for all the saints.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 6:20-31	Blessed are you who weep
Monday	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Daniel's vision
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:11-23	Paul's prayer
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Greetings to the Corinthians
Thursday	Psalms 34:1-10	Honor the Lord
Friday	Philippians 4:10-23	Paul sends thanks and greetings
Saturday	Psalms 149	A new song of praise
Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:15-16 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Eternal God, we thank you for the saints who have come before us and those who serve with us through Christ Jesus, who reigns with you now and forever. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Praise the Lord for all the saints, past, present, and future, and for this gift of food that sustains us as your beloved children through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be given a spirit of wisdom as you come to know the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:17)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

When the Poor Ones



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When you hear the word, "saint," who or what do you think of and why?
- As a follower of Jesus, you are a saint. How does knowing this impact your life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Ephesians 1:11-23.

This is a letter from Paul to the Ephesians. They are people who have heard the gospel and believed. They have been "marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit" (v.13), a reference to the act of baptism that they received. It marks God's pledge to us for a divine inheritance as "God's own people" (v. 14). This is what it means to be saints, people called out and set apart to trust God's promise of eternal hope through Christ. Each year we celebrate All Saints Sunday, a time to recall those loved ones who have died and have been embraced forever in God's promise of eternal life, and received "the riches of his [God's] glorious inheritance among the saints" (v. 18). It is also a time to be reminded that we, too, are saints and God's own people now, people equipped by the power of the Holy Spirit to love all people and all the world through the crucified and risen Christ. It is a message that comforted those who have died in the faith and that comforts us and energizes us today.

Discuss: Who do you remember with thanksgiving for their life of faith in Christ?

Pray: **God of our future, we thank you for the hope that is ours and that you have promised to all your saints through Christ our Lord, the one who in love conquered death. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how do you show gratitude for all the saints in your life?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Set aside time in your home to light candles in remembrance of Christian friends or family who have died. Light the candles, spend a moment in silence, and then name those saints you are thinking about and tell stories and share memories about them. Before extinguishing the candles, pray: **Lord God, we thank you for [names you talked about] and ask that you comfort those who mourn, through our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**



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