

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS



OPENING PRAYER

Sign of the Cross

Reflection (On “All Saints Day,” by Pope Benedict XVI)

Leader: “The solemnity of All Saints ... the spiritual community of the Church.”

Litany of the Saints

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord: ***All: Now and forever.***

Leader: Lord, have mercy: ***All: Lord, have mercy.***

Leader: Christ, have mercy: ***All: Christ, have mercy.***

Leader: Lord, have mercy: ***All: Lord, have mercy.***

Leader: Holy Mary, Mother of God: ***All: Pray for us.***

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Leader: All holy men and women: ***All: Pray for us.***

Leader: Let us pray.

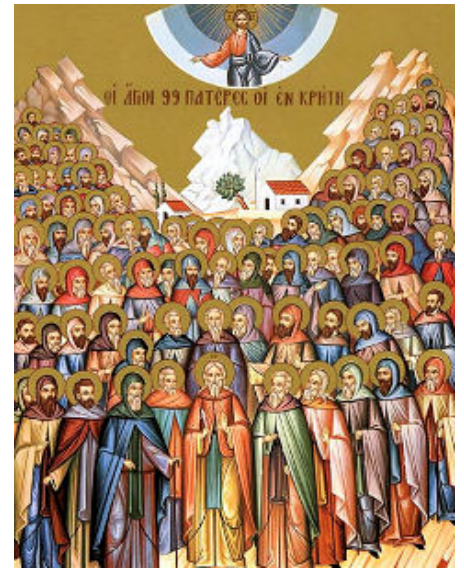
All: *We praise you, O God,
and we honor all your holy ones.*

*We ask the help of those men and women
who struggled against evil and stood firm,
who loved one another,
who worked for justice and peace,
who healed the sick and fed the hungry.*

*We on earth and they in heaven
sing one song of praise.
We in grace and they in glory
form one communion in Christ, Your Son.*

*Make us and all those we love
worthy to be called your saints.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

Amen



MID SESSION PRAYER

Election Novena Intention

Leader: We pray: "May Catholics recall all aspects of Catholic social teaching as they consider their votes."

All: *Our Father... / Hail Mary... / Glory Be...*



Novena Prayer

*Immaculate Heart of Mary,
help us to conquer the menace of evil,
which so easily takes root in the hearts of the people of today,
and whose immeasurable effects
already weigh down upon our modern world
and seem to block the paths toward the future.*

*From famine and war, deliver us.
From nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction,
from every kind of war, deliver us.
From sins against human life from its very beginning, deliver us.
From hatred and from the demeaning
of the dignity of the children of God, deliver us.*

*From every kind of injustice in the life of society,
both national and international, deliver us.
From readiness to trample on the commandments of God, deliver us.
From attempts to stifle in human hearts
the very truth of God, deliver us.
From the loss of awareness of good and evil, deliver us.
From sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us.*

*Accept, O Mother of Christ,
this cry laden with the sufferings of all individual human beings,
laden with the sufferings of whole societies.
Help us with the power of the Holy Spirit to conquer all sin:
individual sin and the "sin of the world," sin in all its manifestations.*

*Let there be revealed once more in the history of the world
the infinite saving power of the redemption:
the power of merciful love.
May it put a stop to evil.
May it transform consciences.
May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of hope.*

Amen.

ALL SOULS

CLOSING PRAYER

Sign of the Cross

Reflection (On “All Souls Day,” by Pope Benedict XVI)

Leader: “I would like to invite you ... the love that created and redeemed us.”



Prayers for the Dead

Leader: Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters who have died.

All: ***In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them enter eternal rest.***

Leader: The old order has passed away:

All: ***Welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.***

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

All: ***And let perpetual light shine upon them.***

Leader: May they rest in peace.

All: ***Amen.***

Leader: May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: ***Amen.***

All: ***May all the saints look after us, and lead us safely home. May they guide our steps in goodness,***

befriend us in loneliness,

refresh us in weariness,

and strengthen us in danger.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

who is our Way, our Truth, and our Life,

now and forever.

Amen.