

Reflection and Prayers for the Solemnity of All Saints



A child was once asked for a definition of a saint. She said 'a stained glass window!' Asked why, she explained, 'the different colours let in the light and every saint is a different colour of God.' Every one of our unknown saints coloured God in a new way in his or her corner of the globe. On All Saints Day we are grateful for the lives of so many people of every age, church and century who have lived their lives as best they could within the vision and spirit of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Let us put our prayers before the Lord:

That we may be inspired by the witness of the Saints and strive for holiness in every area of our lives, **We pray to the Lord.**

We pray for families, that we may come to a deeper awareness of the great dignity of family life, **We pray to the Lord.**

We pray for those suffering in oppressive work environments. That we may protect the value and dignity of workers and their service to the common good, **We pray to the Lord.**

We pray for our priests and religious called to serve Christ in their brothers and sisters. For their fidelity and encouragement and for a renewal of vocations of service in the Church, **We pray to the Lord.**

We pray for those who have been wounded by lies and injustice. That the mercy of God may console weary hearts and encourage us in service, **We pray to the Lord. –**

We pray for the sick, the lost, the aging, the dying, and those who have died. That Christ may give them the healing they need and fulfil the destiny to which they were created, **We pray to the Lord.**