

PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

PREPARATION

Set up a Saint Table in the area where the service will be held. Place a large candle in the centre. Frame pictures of some Saints and set them on the table. This will remind the children of the many people who have followed God's will in their lives. Leave in the Sacred Space for the month of November.

OPENING HYMN

Gather Round: *Alive O 5: page 76*

PRAYER

Leader:

We gather together to remember the saints as we prepare to celebrate All Saints Day. The lives of the saints give glory to God. They are examples for all of us.

Student 1: The saints followed the Word of God in all they did. They lived the command of Jesus to love God and love others. All of us are called to be saints.

Student 2: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the teacher of all of us. May we follow your way of love always.

Student 3 God of love and mercy, help us to give glory and praise to your name as do your holy saints.

SCRIPTURE READING

A reading from the prophet of Isaiah (61:1-2)

The Lord has filled me with his Spirit.

He has chosen me and sent me...

to bring good news to the poor,

to heal the broken-hearted,

to announce release to captives

and freedom to those in prison.

He has sent me to proclaim that the time has come

when the Lord will save his people.

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The King of Love: *Alive O 6: page 245*

OR

My Shepherd is the Lord: *Alive O 4: page 236*

REFLECTION

Leader:

As we celebrate All Saints Day, we remember that God calls each of us to be saints. God created each of us for life with Him. We are to live holy lives each day.

Reflect for a moment in silence:

What can I do to give praise to God?

How can I help others at home?

How can I help others in school?

What God-given gifts and talents can I use for the glory of God?

PRAYER

Leader:

Lord, may our lives give glory to you in all that we say and all that we do.

We ask the saints in heaven to pray to God for us and for all people...

Response: *Pray for us.*

Holy Mary, mother of God...	Pray for us
St. Joseph, person who did God's will...	Pray for us
St. Matthew, apostle of Jesus...	Pray for us
St. Elizabeth, cousin of Mary...	Pray for us
St. Francis, lover of animals and nature...	Pray for us
St. Patrick, person of great love and faith...	Pray for us
St. Brigid, woman of faith and carer of people	Pray for us
St. Columba, a missionary and person of courage	Pray for us
St. Gobnait, a woman of faith and prayer	Pray for us
St. Kevin, person of prayer...	Pray for us

Let us now pray together the prayer Jesus taught us.

ALL: Our Father

CLOSING BLESSING

Leader:

May the Lord bless our lives today and always.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

HYMN:

We Sing a Song of Brigid: *Alive O 2: page 155*

OR

Spirit of God is Upon Us: *Alive O 5: page 33*

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Alive O 6: page 359