



Daily Prayer For Individuals and Families

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The 1st of November 2020 A.D. – All Saints’ Sunday

This brief service is intended as a simple form of daily prayer for individuals and families. When more than one person is present, the Psalm and other parts of the service may be spoken responsively, with one person reading the words in regular type and the others responding with the words in bold type. The Creed and Prayers that are in bold type are to be said by all.

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

Amen.

Psalm *Psalm 149*

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

²Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

³Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with salvation.

⁵Let the godly exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶Let the high praises of God be in their throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

⁷to execute vengeance on the nations

and punishments on the peoples,

⁸to bind their kings with chains

and their nobles with fetters of iron,

⁹to execute on them the judgment written!

This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

For those with access to the internet, you may now play today’s worship video, located on Bethany’s website (www.bethanycr.org) under the Worship Resources tab and then continue with the Nicene Creed. Everyone else may continue the service as printed....

Scripture Lesson

(Revelation 7:9-17)

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵*“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.*

¹⁶*They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.*

¹⁷*For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”*

Sermon – † *These are the Saints* † *A written copy of the sermon is at the end of this resource.*

The Nicene’ Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of
God,**

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,



**and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends of this last year who have gone before us in faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day:

*Margaret Speers
Shirley Hansen
Darlene Schilling
Rollis & Shirley Deetz*

Let us pray...Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever...

Amen.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Bethany's Prayer List

Entrusting into God's Care

Those suffering after the storm and during the pandemic
The homeless & the unemployed
Dee Rose - hospice care at Meth-Wick nursing facility
Workers in the Church, here at Bethany and throughout the world

Thanksgiving

All Saint's Day

Healing

Donald (brother of Carol Edwards)- hospitalized with COVID-19
Steve & Kathy Hanchera- recovering after COVID-19
Linda Patten- recovering after hip replacement
Kim Neuhaus- health issues
Steve, Erin, and Bryce Wilson - recovering after COVID-19
Robby & Annie Russman - recovering after COVID-19
Pat Krekeler- health issues
Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders - recovering after COVID-19 and upcoming surgery
Kristi Montague - recovering after second eye surgery
Kent Zenor - recovering after second eye surgery
Darlene Eckert - recovering after broken leg
Aaron Moffett - recovering after eye surgery
Jeff, Angela & Wes Keslar - recovering after COVID-19

Dave Christian - recovering after surgery
Kris Dunn - health issues

Shut-Ins

Ann Meyer– Terrace Glen, Marion

Mourning

Bonnie Bubke– mourning her son’s death, Scott, on 10/27
Linda Patten - mourning her brother, Steve’s, death on 10/17
Deetz family - mourning the death of Rollis on 10/14

Serving Our Country

Taylor & Charlie (grandsons of Kim Neuhaus) – serving in the U.S. Armed Forces

The Lord’s Prayer



**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



✠ *These are the Saints* ✠

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The other day I came into the church office and noticed there was a sheet of paper clipped to my door. While this is the normal way for staff or others in the congregation to get me something that want me to read, every time it happens I sort of expect to read 95 Theses about something I did wrong. But this sheet had no theses, rather it listed 5 names – names of members of our congregation who have passed away over the past year and that we remember and give thanks to God for on this All Saints’ Day.

As I read those names on that list a lot of memories came back to me, as I had the privilege to know them all. I remembered Shirley Hansen telling me about her neighborhood and her concern for children these days. I remember the green and yellow TV tray that Shirley Deetz would always have set-up for me to bring her and Rollis Holy Communion. I remember talking to Darlene about her family and her cats - which in her mind might have been one and the same. And of course I remember talking to Margaret about what was happening in the church and the

world, and hearing her sound advice for everyone from myself to the children of the congregation. It was indeed a privilege and a blessing to know these people, but one that perhaps some of you are not able to share. Perhaps you look at the names on the All Saints List today and you ask, “Who are these?”

St. John tells us in the book of Revelation that God did not show him a list, but took him to heaven and there John saw a great multitude that no one could count, people from every nation and language on this earth praising God. And when he looks at this great multitude, when he looks at this mass of people, perhaps when he looked at some of the people who are on the list before us today, he is utterly amazed. And the elder that is with John senses this and asks the question that is on his mind, “*Who are these, clothed in white, and from where have they come, you ask? They are the ones coming out of the great tribulation*” (Revelation 7:14).

The Bible speaks of the great tribulation as a terrible time for the church just before Christ returns. Satan will be let loose and there will be persecutions, false teachings, and love will be hard to find. In Matthew 24 Jesus tells us that it will be so horrendous that no Christian would remain a believer if God would not cut that time short and bring an end to it. This is the great tribulation of Scripture and the same one which the elder refers to when speaking to John in Revelation. But the fact that the elder says, “*these are the ones coming*” that is that they are continually coming out of, not just the great tribulation, but every persecution, trial, and hardship that God’s people suffer.

And as we all know, God’s people suffer. Just look at the list. This list is one of tribulations – cancer, strokes, the ravages of old age. When I read this list, I’m reminded of the tribulations that we suffer because of sin – God’s perfect world now ruined through man’s disobedience to the Creator. And so we suffer. We wanted it our own way and know we got it. “You want to know good and evil, Adam, all right, eat from that tree and here is evil – one son will kill another. You’ll grow old and die and all of your offspring will join you in the dust.” We want to do things our own way and thus, we have the list before us today.

But thanks be to God, for John does not just see people coming out of tribulation, he sees that their robes have been washed in the blood of the Lamb – Jesus Christ. As terrible as the suffering and death of our beloved saints who are on this list, or even a list that may be written in our hearts, the glory that they have is even greater. For their glory, their white robes, come from God Himself. Who did not leave our loved ones in their suffering, nor in their sin. But sent His own beloved Son to shed His blood on the cross. And it is by that blood of Jesus that their sin has been washed away, and they have been saved from all suffering, from every disease and disaster, every tribulation great and small. They no longer hunger or thirst. The blessings of which Jesus speaks in the Beatitudes of Matthew 5 are theirs, which they will fully enjoy at the resurrection. The Lamb whose blood cleansed them is their shepherd, and He has wiped every tear from their eye.

When it comes to looking at this list, I’m sure that I’m just like many of you. Sometimes tears come to my eyes when I think that these people are no longer with us and I hate the sin and evil that has caused their death. But the fact that Jesus also died, died for them, and they are with God now because of that, give me a joy and peace that the world cannot give. And not just for them, but also for me and for all of you. Because I know that I, like everyone on that list and sitting here today, I am a sinner as well. And because of that, one day my name will be on that list too. But what I suffer will last only for a short time, compared to the eternal glory we all have, through Jesus Christ. My robe and your robe is washed white with the blood of Christ. Your tears will be wiped away, we will hunger and thirst no more. We will be blessed by God.

And so as we look at this list before us every year, we should give thanks to God for the blessings that He has given to us through all of these lives of the past. And we should thank God that when Christ returns our loved ones who have died in the faith will be raised from the dead, just as He is and they will have the eternal blessings of God. But we also should take heart that we will have these blessings as well. For “Who are these people” that St. John sees in heaven around the throne of God? They are all the believers in Jesus Christ – not only including those on our list this morning, but also all of us here today who trust in the Lamb of God to wash away our sin. Amen.

