



# Title: All Saints/All Souls

## Luke 17:11-19

Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.” Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

## Scripture

## Prayer to St Julie Billiard

Saint Julie, through your great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, you were miraculously cured and favoured by many graces.

By your powerful intercession, obtain for us above all, a great trust in God in all the difficulties of life, the strength to accomplish in all things the adorable will of God, and the special grace we now ardently ask of you.

“We must have courage in the times we live in. Great souls are needed, souls having the interest of God at heart”

St Julie Billiard

## Prayers

### Eternal Rest

(a prayer when someone has died)

Eternal rest grant unto them (her /him)

O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them (her/him)

May they (her/she) rest in peace.

Amen

Focus on one each day

### Pray for:

- those who have died as a result of violence or conflict.
- those saints we know in our families/communities/lives.
- ourselves, that we can be more 'saint-like'
- those we know who have died.
- those who are grieving the death of a loved one.

**Reflect:** This week sees us celebrating two very important dates in the Church’s calendar - they are ‘celebrations’ that we can all relate to, all have a connection with. The first, that of All Saints on 1st November, used to be known as ‘All Hallows’ (which means ‘all who are holy’) and is what led to the naming of Halloween, or All Hollows Eve. On All Saints Day we remember, celebrate and give thanks for the lives of the saints - the holy men and women recognised by the Church, the holy men and women we know or have known in our own lives, and us because as followers of Christ we are called to be holy men and women too.

All Souls Day follows on nicely from this - we focus on all those we know who have died. We take time out to remember them and all they mean to us, all they gave us when they were alive and all that their love continues to mean to us. We pray for all those souls and pray that they are with God. When someone dies we feel very sad and it seems like the END of something, as Christians we can try to find comfort in the fact that death is the START of a new life with Christ.

*Saints weren't always perfect but they made a difference, how can you be a more saint-like?*

### Prayer in action this week:

Be there for someone.

- Be saint-like by trying to do what is right.
- Be responsible with what you own.
- Smile at everyone

### **Living saints...**

As you walk beside me, Lord,  
lead me to recognise you in all those saints you place into  
my life today. **Amen**

Loving God, thank you for giving us the gift of the  
saints that live amongst us.

Our lives and the lives of many others are made so  
much better by their presence.

Help us to follow their example by trying to live more like  
saints each day.

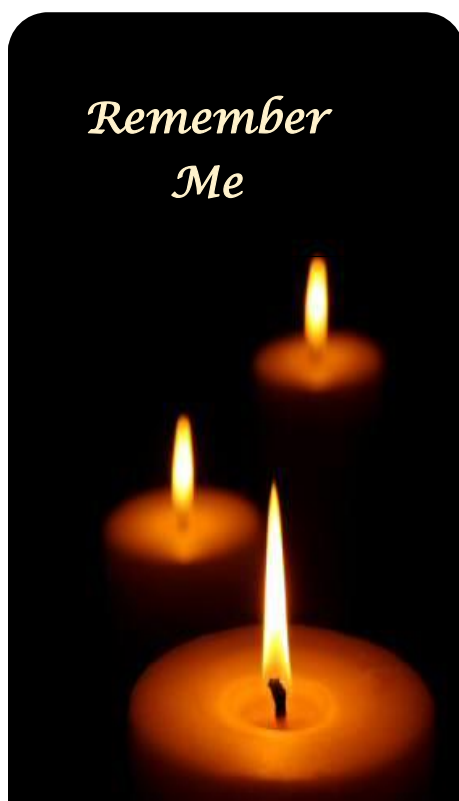
**Amen**

### **How can you be a saint?**

A man approached Mother  
Teresa and said, "Mother, I  
want to do something  
great for God, but I don't  
know what. Should I start  
a school, be a missionary  
in a foreign land, build up  
a charitable agency?" He  
had great visions.

Mother Teresa looked at  
him closely, with kindness,  
and responded:

**What you need to do is  
make sure that no one  
in your family goes  
unloved.**



### **Saints of the Church**

We ask that the saints of our College  
pray constantly for the happiness and  
success of all in our community.

We are people inspired by God's spirit  
and by the example given to us in our  
Saints, Peter and Paul.

We ask that through their prayers and  
example we too will learn to be people of  
faith and love. **Amen**

#### **Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi**

Lord, make me an instrument of your  
peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so  
much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to  
eternal life.

**Amen**

#### **Saint Thomas Aquinas**

##### ***Patron Saint of Catholic Schools***

We pray that the story of St Thomas' life  
inspires us to do the things we are  
meant to do. Watch over us when we  
are in college and as we study. Help us  
not only to love learning but to love and  
honour the Lord as you did.

**Amen**

#### **Saint Dominic Savio**

##### ***Patron Saint of Children***

Saint Dominic lived a simple life of study,  
prayer and duty. In spite of poverty and  
ill health he was kind, cheerful and  
helpful to others. Lord, help us to live  
our lives in a similar way, reaching out to  
those in need and giving comfort where  
it's needed.

**Amen**

#### **Saint Joseph**

##### ***Patron Saint of the Universal Church***

Saint Joseph, you quietly cared for Jesus  
and Mary, ever mindful of the  
importance of family. We pray that we  
may learn from your example so that our  
love for our families grows ever stronger.  
Help us to be people of trust, who  
always place our faith in God. **Amen**