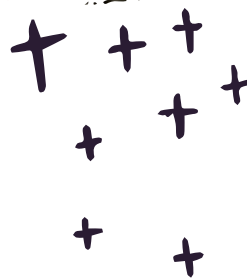




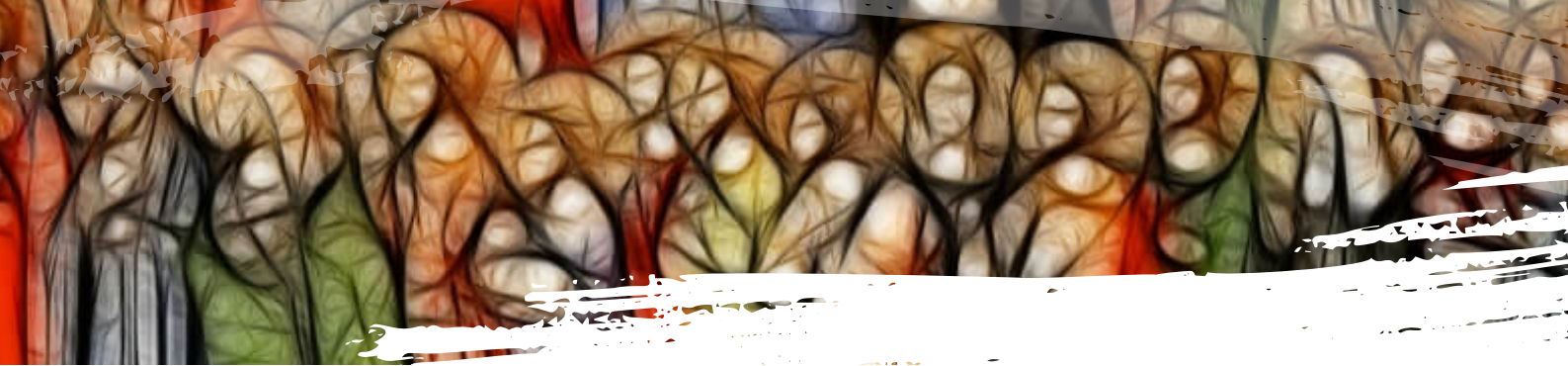
# ALL SAINTS

## FEAST DAY



Gospel: (Matthew 5:1-9)

Jesus went up the mountain, and he began to teach them saying, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.



### **Reflection:**

This solemnity of All Saints is a reminder and promise that through our baptism we already share in the glory of the saints whom we honour. The saints stand out as models who have been faithful to their baptismal commitment and give us courage and strength that we, too, can be faithful. We know some of the saints who have been canonized by name. And there are also countless other saints, our deceased relatives and friends among them, whom we also know by name. This multitude of faithful followers of Christ beckons us to hear what Jesus teaches in the gospel: "Blessed are you..."

### **Intercessions:**

Today we remember all the saints, named and unnamed, who are forever inscribed in the heart of God's unconditional love. Joining in praise of the eternal God in the heavenly Jerusalem we present our needs this day:-

Saints of God, intercede for us.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; may we work together to build up the kingdom of God,

Saints of God, intercede for us.

Blessed are the hungry; may our desire for God draw us more deeply into prayer, Saints of God, intercede for us.

Blessed are those who weep; may we comfort the broken-hearted in their sorrow, Saints of God, intercede for us.

Pause for any prayers we wish to share.

The Lord's Prayer:- Our Father.....

### **Closing Prayer:**

Eternal God, we rejoice today in the women and men in all times and places who have shown us the way of holiness. With your Church in glory, we, your Church on earth, lift up our hands in prayer and our hearts in thanksgiving and praise. As we celebrate the witness of the saints' lives, we pray that we may one day join them in the kingdom of heaven. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

