

SOGL Kindergarten Family Prayers

November: All Saints Litany

Preparing to Pray

Explain to your child that the saints are holy people who showed their love for God in many ways. Some dedicated their lives to teaching others about God. Others showed their love for God by caring for people in need. Some saints traveled around the world to share the Good News about Jesus, the Son of God.

The Church celebrates the feast of All Saints on November 1st. Many saints have their own special feast day. Other saints are not as well known. Many saints lived quiet lives serving God. We honor *all* the saints on November 1st—those who are known to us and those who are known only by God.

Help your child understand that God calls us all to be holy. He has given us each the special gift of grace. With God's help, we all have the capacity to become saints!

The Church has a special prayer called the Litany of the Saints. A litany is a prayer in which we call on the Lord or one of the saints for their help or intercession. We respond in a litany, "Pray for us." The litany below is based on the saints you and your child will learn about on the "For My Family" pages of the *Stories of God's Love* leaflets. Invite your child and other family members to prayerfully respond "Pray for us" aloud as each name is read.

Praying Together

Leader: God our Father, you bless us and help us to live good lives. We pray to our holy brothers and sisters, the saints. Their lives give you praise and honor.

Saint Martin de Porres, pray for us.
Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us.
Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us.
Saint Katherine Drexel, pray for us.
Blessed Pope John XXIII, pray for us.
Saints Benedict and Scholastica, pray for us.
Saint Juan Diego, pray for us.
Saint John the Baptist, pray for us.
Saint Maria of Jesus Venegas, pray for us.
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.
Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, pray for us.
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
Saint Nicholas, pray for us.
Saint Frances Cabrini, pray for us.
Saint John the Evangelist, pray for us.

Leader: God of love, we pray that the example of your saints will help us to love and serve you always. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus.

All: Amen.

Working with Your Child

- All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation. Be sure to participate in the festivities as a family by participating in Mass together. Take part in any special opportunities that are planned for families with young children.
- Since All Saints Day is the day after Halloween, you may want to plan two costumes this year—one for trick and treating and another to honor your child's name saint or another saint they have learned about. See the Faith-Filled People "Read-To-Me" stories elsewhere on this website.