

# Prayer Service for the Feast of All Saints.

November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Leader:

The saints are people who said “yes” to God`s plan for them and are now in heaven. Some were children and young people, some were mothers and fathers, some were monks, priests or nuns and some were single people. On All Saints Day we praise and thank God for what He has done for us through these holy people. We ask the saints to pray for us that we may love God and our neighbour the way Jesus taught us.

### You will need:

- Six or seven children to read.
- The life story of your school/parish patron saint.

### Sacred Space:

- Red cloth
- Bible
- Candle
- Crucifix
- Some pictures or statues of saints, especially the patron saint of your parish or school.



## Opening Song:

“This is The Day”

( Alive-O 4 Term 3. Alive-O 6. Term 3.

Alive-O 7 . Alive-O 8.

Or “Christ Be Beside Me” ( Alive-O 3,Term 2. Alive-O 6, Term 2)

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** Let us begin with the Morning Prayer:

**All:** Father in heaven, you love me,

You are with me night and day.

I want to love you always

in all I do and say.

I'll try to please you, Father.

Bless me through the day. Amen.

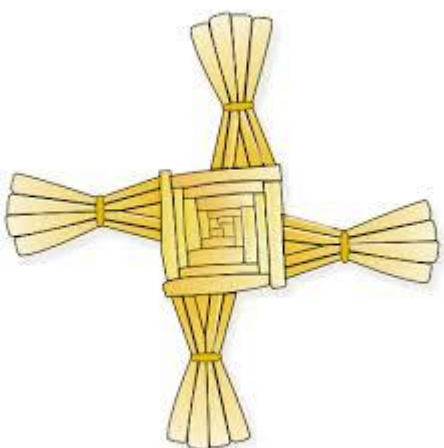
**Leader:** We gather today to remember the saints. Saints are holy men and women who lived good lives, dedicated to God and to others. Let us remind ourselves about some of the saints that we have learned about.

*You may like to think about your school/parish patron saint and pray to him/her near the end.*

**Reader 1:** The first among all the saints is Mary, Mother of God. She lived a perfect and holy life. She said `Yes` to God`s call to be the mother of Jesus, even though she was nervous and afraid. Mary teaches us to trust in God.

**Reader 2:** St. Patrick brought the Good News about God`s love to the people of Ireland. He taught them about Jesus and used the shamrock to explain the relationship between God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. St. Patrick teaches us to share the Good News about God with other people.

**Reader 3:** St. Brigid was a kind and generous woman. She helped people who were poor and sick.



She also built a church and convent in County Kildare. St. Brigid teaches us to look out for and help people who do not have as much as we do.

**Reader 4:** St. Vincent de Paul was a great friend and helper to people who were poor, in prison or homeless .He gave them whatever they needed and never asked for anything in return. St. Vincent de Paul teaches us to share what we have with those who need it.

**Reader 5:** St. Therese of Lisieux died when she was just twenty-four years old. However, even in her short life, she managed to bring joy and happiness to the world by doing small acts of kindness for the people she met .St. Therese teaches us that it is important to do little things with great love.

**Reader 6:** St. Francis of Assisi cared greatly for God`s creation. He knew that we need to respect the natural world and take care of it. We show that we are learning from St. Francis when we pick up litter, save energy and water and are kind to animals.



**Leader:** We thank God for these holy men and women, and ask them to pray for us, so that we can learn from their example, and live our lives for God and for others.

*The response to each prayer is :`Pray for us `.*

**Reader 1:** Holy Mary, Mother of God. (Response)

**Reader 2:** St. Brigid. (Response)

**Reader 3:** St. Patrick. (Response)

**Reader 4:** St. Vincent de Paul. (Response)

**Reader 5:** St. Francis of Assisi. (Response)

**Reader 6:** St. Therese of Lisieux. (Response)

**Reader 7:** *Patron Saint of Parish/ School* (Response)

**Leader:** Let us pray:

Loving God, The lives of the saints show us how ordinary men and women can live their lives in love for you and for others. Help us to follow their example. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

***David Ogden`s You Tube version of the song Christ has no body now but yours, accompanied by a video(<http://www.davidogden.co.uk>), may be played on a screen or I.W.B after the following prayer.***

**Leader:**

### **Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila:**

Christ has no body now but yours,  
no hands, no feet on earth but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

### **Closing Song:**

**Go Tell Everyone` ( Alive-O 7)**

**Or**

**You Raised Me Up` by Josh Groban**

