

there must be  
more to **life...**



*Discover  
Jesus.*

## All Saints-tide - Thanksgiving for the Holy Ones of God

### **Note**

This Litany of Thanksgiving is appropriate for various occasions. It is particularly suitable for use at Morning or Evening Prayer at All Saints' tide. It may also be used at services of Christian initiation in procession to or from the font.

### *The following responses may be said or sung*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Or*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

For Abraham and Sarah, our ancestors in faith, and all who journey into the unknown trusting God's promises:

For Jacob, deceitful younger brother, yet chosen by God, the father of all who are called by virtue not of their own:

For Moses the lawgiver and Aaron the priest, and all who lead God's people to freedom and newness of life:

**R**

For Esther and Deborah, saviours of their nation, and for all who dare to act courageously at God's call:

For Hannah and Ruth, and all who through love and devotion witness to the faithfulness of God:

For Isaiah, John the Baptist and all the prophets, and all who speak the truth without counting the cost:

**R**

For Mary the Virgin, the mother of our Lord and God, and all who obey God's call without question:

For Andrew and John and the first disciples, and for all who forsake everything to follow Jesus:

For Mary Magdalene, Salome and Mary, first witnesses of the resurrection, and for all who bear witness to Christ:

**R**

For Peter and Paul [, N] and the apostles, who preached the gospel to Jew and Gentile, and for all who take the good news to the ends of the earth:

For Barnabas, Silas and Timothy, and for all who bring encouragement and steadfastness:

**R**

*In the following sections names may be added or omitted to reflect local traditions.*

For the writers of the Gospels and for all who bring the faith of Christ alive for each generation:

**R**

For Ambrose, Augustine, Gregory and Jerome, and for all who contend for the truth of the gospel:

For Basil, Gregory of Nazianzus, Athanasius and John Chrysostom, and all who enable us to reflect on the mystery of Christ:

For Cyprian, Antony and Ephrem, and for all who lead the Church into new paths of discipleship:

**R**

For Stephen, Alban, Agnes, Lucy and the whole army of martyrs, and all who have faced death for love of Christ:

For Augustine of Canterbury and Aidan, for Boniface and Patrick, and for all who have carried the gospel to this and other lands:

For Aelred, Bernard and Cuthbert, and for all who live and teach the love of God:

**R**

For Anselm and Richard Hooker, and for all who reveal to us the depths of God's wisdom:

For Benedict and Francis, Hilda and Bede, and for all who deepen our common life in Christ:

For Julian of Norwich, Bridget of Sweden and Teresa of Avila, and for all who renew our vision of the mystery of God:

**R**

For Thomas Cranmer and all who reform the Church of God:

For Thomas More and all who hold firm to its continuing faith:

For Gregory and Dunstan, George Herbert and John Keble, and for all who praise God in poetry and song:

**R**

For Lancelot Andrewes, John Wesley and Charles Simeon, and for all who preach the word of God:

For William Wilberforce and Josephine Butler, and for all who work to transform the world:

For Monica, and for Mary Sumner, and for all who nurture faith in home and family:

**R**

For the martyrs and peacemakers of our own time, who shine as lights in the darkness:

For all the unsung heroes and heroines of our faith, whose names are known to God alone:

For all those in our own lives who have revealed to us the love of God and shown to us the way of holiness:

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For *NN...*

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### ***Conclusion***

Let us rejoice and praise them with thankful hearts  
**and glorify our God in whom they put their trust.**

*The following may be used;*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*The Collect of All Saints' Day*

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

May the infinite and glorious Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, direct our life in good works, and after our journey through this world, grant us eternal rest with the saints.

**Amen.**