



## **All Saints' Day**

### **Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Prayer Space:**

Make sure that you have a focal point in the gym or library where you will gather. This is a solemn service. Have quiet music playing as students enter to create reflective atmosphere.

#### **Prayer table:**

- green cloth
- a large pillar **candle**,
- a **Bible (Book of the Gospels)**
- a simple wooden **cross or** Year of Witness Cross given to schools
- Wooden Faith Logo
- Fresh mums or green plant

#### **Call to Prayer:**

Saints are people who have listened to and answered God's call. They model for us that the most important part of life is showing in all that we do how much we love God, others and ourselves. Saints follow the call of the Lord. They dedicate their lives to following God's Word.

In the name of the Father, Son.....

**Opening Prayer:**

No two saints are alike, just as no two people are alike. Saints do share certain qualities. They hear and obey the Lord's call. They follow the footsteps of Christ. They are WITNESSES of our faith. Let us open our hearts to the will of God and follow Christ by looking to the example set by the saints.

**Reading:**

(adapted from Colossians 3:12-15)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

You are God's chosen people. You are God's saints. God loves you. You should be clothed in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Be patient and forgiving. Jesus has forgiven you, so now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love.

And may the peace of Christ be in your hearts; because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

**Reflection:**

SAINTS READING (five students read one saint, all join in chorus, start with the chorus)

Chorus: GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO **BE A SAINT**

**Saint Paul**

Saint Paul was a tentmaker. Paul got angry a lot. He used to ride around on his horse and hurt Christians.

But one day Paul saw a bright light and fell off his horse. He was blinded for three days, so he could learn to see with his heart.

After that Paul rode around telling everyone how good Jesus is. Once he was captured by Pirates. Another time Paul escaped by being lowered over a wall in a basket. Paul preached the Gospel to the whole world. God helped him be a saint.

CHORUS

Saint Peter

Saint Peter was a fisherman when God called him. Sometimes Peter did not make good choices. He even denied Jesus three times. Another time Peter tried to walk on water but he did not trust Jesus and he SANK until Jesus lifted him up. Jesus told Peter that he was a rock and helped him be a saint.

CHORUS

Blessed Mother Teresa

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta was a teeny tiny nun and God helped her be a saint too. Every morning Mother Teresa prayed. Then she walked along the streets of India. She found people that no one cared for. Some were sick and dying or too poor. Mother Teresa carried them gently home to wash their sores and give them medicine. This teeny tiny nun from Calcutta shared God's love with them.

CHORUS

Saint Francis

Saint Francis was a rich kid. He loved fancy clothes, parties and singing love songs. But one day while he was praying God said, "Rebuild my Church". So Francis gave away his fancy clothes and put on a simple robe with a rope for a belt and sandals on his feet. Then Francis gave all his money to the poor. He tried to spread peace. He even talked to the birds and animals about God. Francis still liked to sing love songs but now he sang to God and all of God's creatures.

CHORUS

STUDENT

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ (student name).

I probably won't ever walk on water or get captured by pirates while preaching. But God is helping me be a saint too. I am just an ordinary person doing ordinary things. I wake up every morning and pray to do my best for God. I like to laugh and sing and work. Sometimes I get mad and sometimes I cry but God loves me anyway and wants me to be a saint too.

(Pause)

What are doing at home and at school to do your best for God?

### **Litany of the Saints:**

With all the saints, we pray that God may continue to bless us.

Please respond: Pray for us

St. Joseph and St Anne, patron saints of Canada,

ALL: Pray for us

St Paul the Apostle, patron of conversion,

ALL: Pray for us

St Thomas Aquinas, patron of students,

ALL: Pray for us

St Francis of Assisi, patron of ecology,

ALL: Pray for us

St Gregory, patron of teachers,

ALL: Pray for us

\_\_\_\_\_, patron of our school,

ALL: Pray for us

All of you , saints of God,

ALL: Pray for us

**Let us all now pray with the words that Jesus taught us...Our Father...**

**Ritual:**

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

**Closing Prayer:**

God of all that is good,  
We ask the help of those men and women who have struggled and stood firm,  
Who loved one another.  
Who worked for justice and peace,  
Who healed the sick and fed the hungry and who followed your Word.  
Make us and all those we love worthy to be called your saints.  
We ask this through your loving Son,  
Jesus Christ.  
Amen

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