

NOVEMBER 2, 2014
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

God brings comfort to
people who mourn.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.
We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes
Monday	1 John 3:1-3	Our hope in God
Tuesday	Revelation 7:9-17	God will wipe away tears
Wednesday	John 14:1-4	Do not let your hearts be troubled
Thursday	John 11:17-26	The resurrection and the life
Friday	2 Corinthians 1:3-5	God of all comfort
Saturday	Jeremiah 31:10-13	Joy instead of sorrow
Sunday	Matthew 25:1-13	Parable of the wise and foolish girls

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”
Matthew 5:4 (NLT)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, please comfort us when we are sad. Give us the hope that comes from your promises. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, we bring you our praise and thanks. You meet our needs here and give us hope for the life to come. All glory be to you! Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God comfort you when you are sad. May God bless you with the hope and peace that Jesus gives. Amen.

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What does it mean to mourn? Have you ever felt that way?
- God promises to comfort those who mourn. How does God do this?
- Have you experienced God's comfort in your life?
Share your story.

DEVOTIONS

All Saints Sunday is an occasion to remember Christians who have died. Take time to remember your relatives or friends who have passed on. Light a candle for each person. Share your memories of them. Then, read Revelation 21:1-4 and have a time of silence. Conclude by saying this prayer together:

Lord God, we thank you for the life of (*name of person*). Thank you for all the blessings that came to us through them. Most of all, thank you that they now have eternal life with you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SERVICE

Arrange a bouquet of flowers to give to someone who has recently lost a loved one.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

As a family, visit a nearby cemetery. Look at the gravestones and take note of any Christian symbols or Bible verses. Talk about the hope that Jesus gives to Christians in the face of death.



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