

The Feast of All Saints [B]

General Intercessions

Presider:

United with all the angels and saints who stand before God's throne,
we pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader:

1. For the Church :
encouraged by the witness of so many saints
who have gone before us in faith,
may we strive for the coming of God's kingdom on earth.
PAUSE for silent prayer – at least five seconds, please.
We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for the peace of the world,
especially in Afghanistan, Iraq, Israel, Palestine, Pakistan and Zimbabwe :
may all peace-makers receive the blessings of the children of God.
3. Let us pray for the world's hungry and starving people,
especially in East Africa and Zimbabwe :
may they put their trust in the God who saves his people.
4. Let us thank God
for the good and holy lives of those many people
who have guided us in the ways of faith, hope and love;
may their prayer for us, at the throne of God, inspire us still.
5. For our own parish community :
that we may be workers for the kingdom of God
and ministers of the Gospel of love.
6. Let us pray for all who have died recently,
especially Joan Stephens, Philip Turner and Tina Louise Young;
we pray, too, for John Cawley, Mollie Earnshaw, Jack Finlinson,
Margaret Rice, Sister Marina Vieira,
and all whose anniversaries are at this time :
may they see God face to face in glory.

Presider:

O God,
the saints and angels worship you and give you glory.
Strengthened by our worship of you, here on earth,
may we know that you live among us
and strive to be builders of your kingdom.
Purified by the blood of the Lamb,
may we, one day, see you face to face
in that glory where you live with your Son and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Amen