

NOVEMBER 6, 2016
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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God cares for those who are filled with sadness, giving them comfort and hope.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 6:20-31	Blessed are you who weep
Monday	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	There is a time for everything
Tuesday	Isaiah 25:1-9	The Lord will wipe away tears
Wednesday	1 Thess. 4:13-18	Hope for those who grieve
Thursday	Revelation 7:9-17	A huge crowd in white robes
Friday	Ephesians 1:11-23	Thanksgiving for blessings
Saturday	Psalms 13	I trust in your unfailing love
Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

God will bless you hungry people. You will have plenty to eat! God will bless you people who are crying. You will laugh! **Luke 6:21 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving us a hope and a future. May our whole lives bring praise to you. Amen. (Ephesians 1:11-12)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, as we await our home in heaven, bless our home on earth. As you fill our stomachs with food, please fill our hearts with faith. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be given the wisdom and understanding that come from the Holy Spirit, so that you grow in the grace of God. Amen. (Ephesians 1:17)



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CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home or small group:

- Share about a time when you were sad. Who comforted you?
- Jesus said, "Blessed are you who are sad now. You will laugh" (Luke 6:21). How does God comfort people who are sad?
- People are very sad when friends or loved ones die. How does faith in Jesus help people who are mourning?

DEVOTIONS



The first Sunday in November is All Saints Sunday, the day to remember Christians who have "finished the race" and entered God's heavenly kingdom. Ephesians 1:15-16 states, "I have heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people. So I never stop being grateful for you, as I mention you in my prayers." Talk about family and friends who have died and have been an example of faith for which you give thanks. Talk about their lives of faith and service then offer prayers of thanksgiving for their witness.

SERVICE



On All Saints Sunday we are called to remember those around us who are grieving. Is there someone you know who is mourning a loved one? Call, send a card or a message using social media, bring him/her a bunch of flowers or a plate of treats.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Set aside time to light candles in remembrance of friends or loved ones who have died. Have a minute of silence, then read aloud 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Look at pictures of your departed loved ones and share stories about their lives. If possible, visit their gravesites. Take along flowers to leave behind in their honor.



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