

MORNING PRAYER

November 1st – 2013

ALL SAINTS

Joyful Music

Antiphon Greeting:

May the Peace, the Grace and the Joy of the Risen Christ be with us!

R: And also with you.

Today we commemorate All Saints: the heroic women and men who follow Christ faithfully, during their lifetime and who are now with God in heaven.

“Saints, having achieved perfection through the multiform grace of God and reached salvation, sing and praise today God in heaven and intercede for us. They acclaim the great work of Christ in His servants and offer to the believers their good example to follow.” (Liturgical Constitution nº 104 and 111).

Two themes are interwoven in our day:

1. The path presented by Jesus to reach true happiness;
2. The Grail in the world of our time and the meaning it offers to us, the challenges it proposes to our existence.

Let us pray together to All the Saints to intercede for us, so that we can reach the fullness of happiness from our lives.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Initial Prayer:

God our Father, source of all holiness, who gave us the grace to honour the merits of all saints in this day, through them and through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, grant to us the abundance of your mercy.

AMEN.

Responsorial Psalm: Sl. 24, 1 - 6

Response: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's are the earth and its fullness;
The world and those who dwell in it,
For he founded it upon the seas

and established it upon the rivers. – **Repeat Response**

2. Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord?
Or who can stand in His holy place?
He whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
Who desires not what is vain. - **Response**

3. Such is the race that seeks for him,
That seeks the face of the God of Jacob. - **Response**

The Word of God according to Mt. 5, 1-12 – THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT:

The Beatitudes are the corner stone of the message that Jesus brought to mankind. To live according to the spirit of the Beatitudes is the path which leads to sanctity. Mathew and Luc differ on the presentation of this text. Mathew doesn't refer "who is blessed" (= perspective of Luck), but focus more on "how to be blessed". But, both versions are considered as an ideal to be achieved by the disciples of Jesus Christ.

Mt. 5, 1-12 – "Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around Him, and He began to teach them:

1. **Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor;~
The Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!**
2. **Happy are those who mourn;
God will console them!**
3. **Happy are those who are humble;
They will receive what God has promised!**
4. **Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires;
God will satisfy them fully!**
5. **Happy are those who are merciful to others;
God will be merciful to them!**
6. **Happy are the pure in heart;
They will see God!**
7. **Happy are those who work for peace;
God will call them His children!**
8. **Happy are those who are persecuted,
Because they do what God requires;
The Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!**

**Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you
And tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers.
Be happy and glad, for a Great reward is kept for you in heaven.
This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted!"**

Responsorial acclamation:

R: Honor, Glory, Power and Praise, to Christ, our God and Lord!

(Silent meditation)

Prayer with the Beatitudes:

1. Blessed are those who are convinced of their basic dependency on God, Whose lives are emptied of all that doesn't matter, those for whom the riches of this world just aren't that important.
R: The Kingdom of heaven is theirs!
2. Blessed are those who know that all they are is gift from God, so they can be content with their greatness and their smallness, knowing themselves and being true to themselves.
R: For they shall have the earth for their heritage!
3. Blessed are those who wear compassion like a garment, those who have learned how to find themselves by losing themselves in another's sorrow.
R: For they shall receive comfort!
4. Blessed are those who are hungry for goodness, those who never get enough of God and truth and righteousness.
R: For they shall be satisfied!
5. Blessed are the merciful, those who remember how much has been forgiven them, and are able to extend this forgiveness into the lives of others.
R: For they too shall receive God's mercy!
6. Blessed are those whose hearts are free and simple, those who have smashed all false images and are seeking honestly for truth.
R: For they shall see God!
7. Blessed are the creators of peace, those who build roads that unite rather than walls that divide, those who bless the world with the healing power of their presence.
R: For they shall be called children of God!
8. Blessed are those whose love has been tried, like gold, in the furnace and found to be precious, genuine and lasting, those who have lived their belief out loud, no matter what the cost or pain.
R: For theirs is the Kingdom of heaven!

Final Prayer:

Send us fools

Heavenly Father, send us fools,
Who fully commit themselves,
Who know to forget,
Who love others beyond words,
Who give fully their lives and till the end.

We need fools,
Unreasonable,
Passion- ridden,
Ready to launch themselves into insecurity,
Into the ever unknown and open wide poverty.

We need fool people in the present world:
Fond of a simple life,
Peace lovers,
Uncorrupted in their commitments,
Determined to never betray,
Ready to despise their own lives,
Able to accept all tasks,
Fit to leave to no matter where:
At all times obedient,
Spontaneous and firm,
Gentle and courageous.

Heavenly Father, send us fools.

We pray you heavenly Father through Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns in unity with the Spirit. AMEN.

Louis-Joseph Lebret

With confidence we pray to the Father with the words Christ our Savior gave us:

OUR FATHER

Final song:

Let us sing the two words we know to be singing at the eternal banquet:

Russian Alleluia + Amen (5 times)

Conclusion:

May the Lord bless us, deliver us from all evil and lead us to eternal life! **AMEN.**