

Prayers of the People
All Saints' Day
October 30, 2022

Cleansed in the blood of the Lamb, and one in communion with all the saints of every time and place, let us offer our prayers to the God who loves us, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the holy church of God throughout the world, that the Lord may confirm it in faith, sustain it in hope, and deepen its communion in charity. We pray for Samuel our Bishop, and the parishes and clergy of this diocese especially the parish of St. Michael and All Angels, Corner Brook, and those worshipping in the Church of Bermuda. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who wield earthly power. May the leaders of governments see the needs of the oppressed and respond in justice. We pray for Justin, our Prime Minister; we remember the leaders of the nations and infuse your Spirit within them. That all may recognize in the disciples of Jesus, children of God, anxious to serve in building up the earthly city, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those beset by persecution for righteousness' sake and those weighed down by trial and distress, that the examples of the saints may give them courage, and the help of believers give them hope, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those we remember in prayer, affected by sickness, anxiety, and pain, especially those on the Ascension Prayer Cycle. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the newly baptized. May all children be loved, educated, fed, and housed. May they grow with self-confidence and joy. We remember Lenni Louise, and all the newly baptized. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who departed this life in faith and in the fear of God, especially we remember our loved ones who have died this past year, especially David Courage. May they join the innumerable throng of holy ones gathered before the throne and the Lamb, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pray together: Holy God, mighty God, immortal God, adored by angels and praised by the saints, receive the prayers of your holy church, and grant them in accordance with your gracious will, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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CHILD OF BLESSING, CHILD OF PROMISE,

Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.

Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are; from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you:
live as one who bears Christ's name.

Child of God, your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.

ASCENSION PRAYER CYCLE: Aden, Alexa, Ambrose, Amelia, Amy, Angela, Ann, Annie, Arlene, Aubrey, Audrey, Barbara, Bettina, Beverly, Brenda, Brian, Berdina, Brandon, Callum, Carl, Cathy, Christina, Cindy, Claire, Clarence, Connie, Daisy, Debra, Delilah, Dennis, Derrick, Don, Donna, Doreen, Dot, Douglas, Dulcie, Ed, Edie, Elaine, Elizabeth, Emily, Erin, Ethan, Evelyn, Frances, Frederick, Fred, Frank, Flo, Garrett, Gary, George, Gerald, Gerry, Harry, Ike, Ingrid, Ira, Irene, Jack, Janet, Jason, Jenny, Josephine, Joan, Junior, Kent, Kevin, Kim, Kyle, Leo, Leonie, Lewis, Lori, Louise, Luke, Marie, Marsha, Marion, Maxwell, Melvin, Michael, Michelle, Mike, Mona, Nancy, Nicole, Oskar, Pam, Peter, Randell, Rochelle, Rodney, Rose, Ruth, Sadie, Sam, Sean, Shirley, Stephen, Susan, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tony, Valerie, Wayne.