

## Communion Prayer for All Saint's Day

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

It is always good to give thanks to God  
who has created us and never stopped loving us.

God has such great love for us  
that we can call ourselves the children of God;  
and indeed, that is what we are:

**we are God's children.**

**Thanks be to God.**

God sent Jesus to share our life  
and journey with us, to show us how to live as God wants

Through reading the Bible,  
prayer, acts of justice and kindness,  
and this holy meal,

we seek to be more like Jesus each day.

**We are followers of Jesus.**

**Thanks be to God.**

With his words and actions  
Jesus taught us that the ways of God  
are different from the ways of the world.

We are called to be peacemakers,  
to hunger and thirst for what is right,  
and to show mercy to others.

**When we do these things,  
we are holy – we are saints.**

**Thanks be to God.**

Many other people have gone before us  
and are with us even now:  
a great cloud of witnesses who with their lives  
show us how to be followers of Jesus.

People who have stood up for what is right no matter what the risk or the cost,  
people who with their every breath or even just for moments  
tried to live God's love every day.

*(Here we name, remember, and light a candle for particular individuals and for those who have died in the past year.)*

We are part of the communion of saints:

**Thanks be to God.**

Jesus invited saints and sinners to dine with him and be his friends.  
And Jesus invites us – saints and sinners – to this sacred meal,  
in which we can taste and see –  
experience and remember the goodness of our God.

We remember how on the night before he died  
Jesus sat at table with his friends –  
even those who would hurt and betray him – and he took bread, and blest it,  
and broke it, and gave it to them saying,  
“Take and eat, this is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took a cup of wine and, after giving thanks,  
gave it to them and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is poured out for you and many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Send your Holy Spirit, O God,  
upon these gifts of bread and cup and upon us,  
who have gathered here today because we love you.  
As your children help us to be more like Jesus in all we do.  
Bless your people everywhere,  
the saints in every time and place,  
and help us to know your love  
not only in this moment  
but in every moment of our lives.  
We praise you O God,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.  
**Amen.**