

Prayer Calendar

November 2017

The first Sunday in November is All Saints Sunday. On this Sunday we celebrate and we remember our loved ones who have died during the last year. This month we will pray with all the saints who have died in the Lord, who have journeyed with us, who have led us in our faith and discipleship. This month I offer to you words from many saints who have influenced and guided us over the past two thousand years. As you quietly sit with each saint, reflect upon their words, allow God's Holy Spirit to guide you in prayer.

Wednesday, November 1

Meister Eckhart | "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough."

Thursday, November 2

Hildegard of Bingen | "God has arranged all things in the world in consideration of everything else."

Friday, November 3

Teresa of Avila | "We can only learn to know ourselves and do what we can – namely, surrender our will and fulfill God's will in us."

Saturday, November 4

Martin Luther | "Prayer ought to be frequent and fervent."

Sunday, November 5

Desiderius Erasmus | "Bidden or unbidden, God is present."

Monday, November 6

Augustine of Hippo | "Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you."

Tuesday, November 7

Thomas Aquinas | “To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith no explanation is possible.”

Wednesday, November 8

Ignatius of Loyola | “It is not hard to obey when we love the one whom we obey.”

Thursday, November 9

Benedict of Nursia | “Listen and attend with ear of your heart.”

Friday, November 10

Mother Teresa | “Joy is a net of love by which we catch souls.”

Saturday, November 11

Jerome | “Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ.”

~ God of Hope,

Sunday, November 12

Therese of Lisieux | “For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”

Monday, November 13

Catherine of Sienna | “If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze.”

Tuesday, November 14

Francis of Assisi | “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.”

Wednesday, November 15

Clare of Assisi | “Love God, serve God; everything is in that.”

Thursday, November 16

Francis de Sales | “You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working, and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves.”

Friday, November 17

Jesus to Faustina | “The greatest obstacles to holiness are discouragement and anxiety.”

Saturday, November 18

Thomas More | “Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.”

Sunday, November 19

John Wesley | “The best thing of all is God is with us.”

Monday, November 20

Jesus to Julian of Norwich | “All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well.”

Tuesday, November 21

Brother Lawrence | “We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed.”

Wednesday, November 22

Howard Thurman | “Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”

Thursday, November 23

Evelyn Underhill | “If God were small enough to be understood, he would not be big enough to be worshipped.”

Friday, November 24

Karl Barth | “Grace must find expression in life, otherwise it is not grace.”

Saturday, November 25

C. S. Lewis | “There is but one good; that is God. Everything else is good when it looks to him and bad when it turns from him.”

Sunday, November 26

Henri Nouwen | “To learn patience is not to rebel against every hardship.”

Monday, November 27

Desmond Tutu | “Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

Tuesday, November 28

Dietrich Bonhoeffer | “We must learn to regard people less in light of what they do or might do, and more in the light of what they suffer.”

Wednesday, November 29

Martin Luther King Jr. | “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Thursday, November 30

Karl Barth | “Joy is the simplest form of gratitude.”

This prayer calendar is designed to aid you in your daily life of prayer.

Read the quote from the Spiritual Master for the day over and over, out loud if possible. As you read, listen with an “ear of the heart” to a word or phrase that strikes you.

Reflect on that word or phrase asking yourself the question: “What is God saying to me through this word or phrase at this time?” Spend time in silence with this scripture mulling it over in your mind and heart.

Allow God to speak to you in the silence. Offer a prayer out of your reflection.

Thank God for whatever you received in the silence of your prayer and take that with you through your day.

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