



The Solemnity of All Saints (Matthew 5: 1-12)

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Men persecuted the prophets in just the same way before you.



The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer One

The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is
in the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Reflection:

***This week the Church celebrates the
Feast of All Saints... A chance to
remember and give thanks for all of the
amazing men and women who have lived
out their faith with love, hope and joy.***

You have probably noticed that Saints are a really big deal in the Catholic Church. Pretty much every Catholic Church, school college and other institution is named after at least one, if not a few. Every diocese has a patron saint, and a lot of individual people are named after saints too.

Saints are important for two reasons: firstly because the way that they lived their lives provides us with a great example, and secondly because they can pray for us. Saints can't actually act on our behalf, but because they are up in heaven, they are closer to God than we are, and so their prayers are powerful.

Some saints are remembered because of the exceptional love that they show. Others are remembered because they showed a lot of love, or because they stayed true to the faith through a great deal of suffering.

We will end our prayer today by asking the Saints to add their prayers to ours.



Final Prayer

Holy Saints,

You have gone before us and done great things. You give us an example to follow and a history to be proud of.

Look upon us today with love and friendship. Pray for us to God the Father, that we may be kept safe from danger and that we may flourish in all that we do.

In the name of the Father and of the Son...

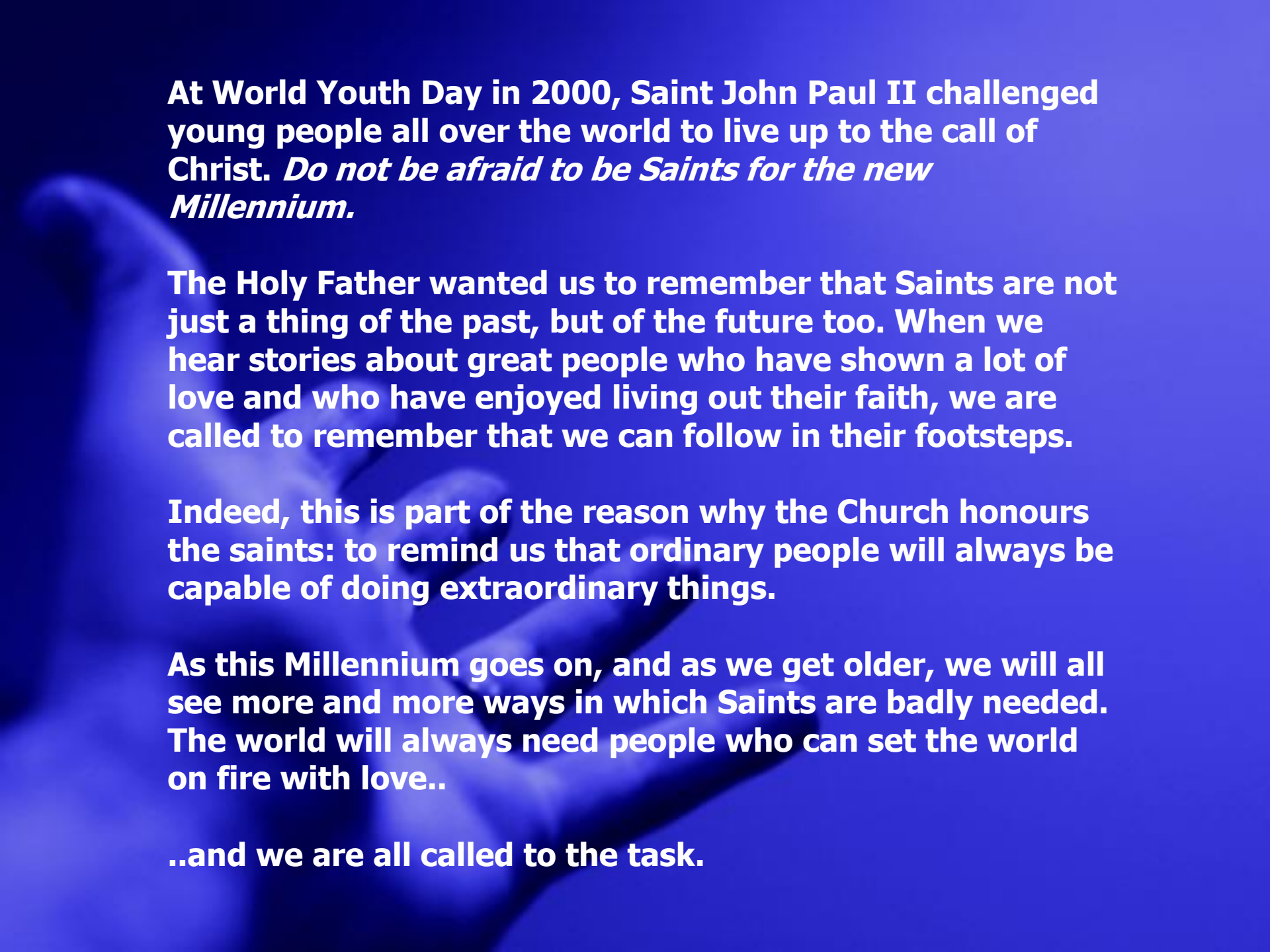
Prayer Two

The Sign of the Cross

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In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reflection:

*When we think about the idea of saints,
we remember the fact that we are all
called to be saints.*



At World Youth Day in 2000, Saint John Paul II challenged young people all over the world to live up to the call of Christ. *Do not be afraid to be Saints for the new Millennium.*

The Holy Father wanted us to remember that Saints are not just a thing of the past, but of the future too. When we hear stories about great people who have shown a lot of love and who have enjoyed living out their faith, we are called to remember that we can follow in their footsteps.

Indeed, this is part of the reason why the Church honours the saints: to remind us that ordinary people will always be capable of doing extraordinary things.

As this Millennium goes on, and as we get older, we will all see more and more ways in which Saints are badly needed. The world will always need people who can set the world on fire with love..

..and we are all called to the task.



Final Prayer

Loving Father,

Help us to be the Saints of this Millennium as so many other great men and women were Saints of the last thousand years. Remind us always that with you at our side, and with a belief in ourselves, we are capable of achieving great deal.

In the name of the Father and of the Son...

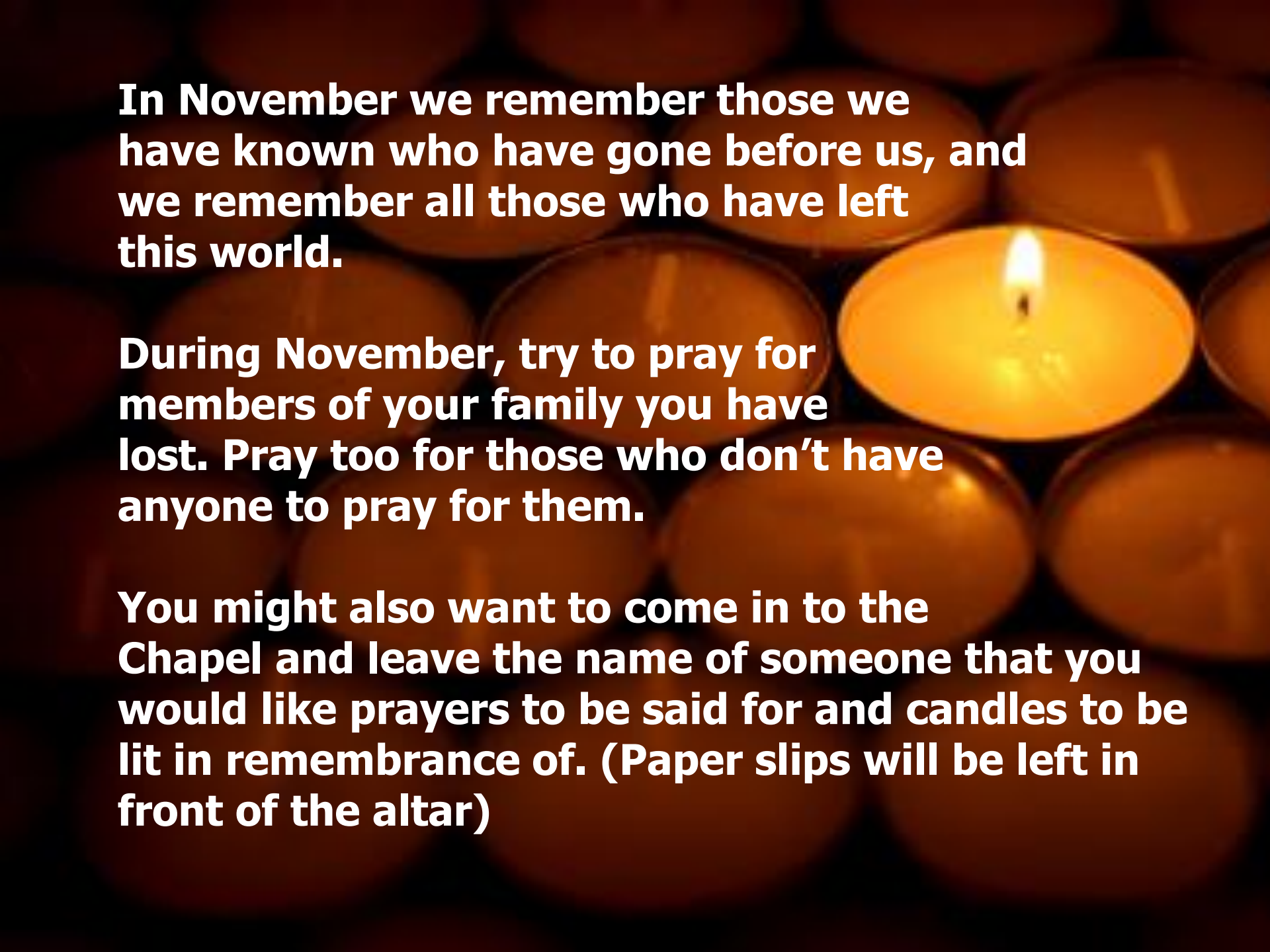
Prayer Three

The Sign of the Cross

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In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reflection

*In November, Catholics traditionally
remember those who have died*



In November we remember those we have known who have gone before us, and we remember all those who have left this world.

During November, try to pray for members of your family you have lost. Pray too for those who don't have anyone to pray for them.

You might also want to come in to the Chapel and leave the name of someone that you would like prayers to be said for and candles to be lit in remembrance of. (Paper slips will be left in front of the altar)



Final Prayer:

LOVING FATHER...

Watch over those we have loved and lost, and keep them in your arms forever. Comfort those who have been left behind, and in all things keep us closer to you.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN

Final Thought...



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The Saints were not superhuman.
They were people who loved God in
their hearts, and who shared this joy
with others.

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Next weeks theme: Saints