

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,¹² saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."¹⁵ Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,^[a] nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.'^[b] 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Revelation 7:9-17 NIV

This weekend is designated as All Saints Sunday.

Too often we equate this honor for those Christians who have had an extraordinary faith in life. However, the saints can those people who have crossed paths with us, who teach us by their life that the Christian faith is worth believing in and have inspired us to go on in the faith .

I have had the privilege of meeting such folks in 27 years of ministry. Interestingly enough, those who have made the greatest impression on me, were not 'famous people'
A man who continued to serve the church faithfully after his wife and friend of over sixty years is one. A woman who endured many years of prejudice because her husband was African American is another. A church leader who always prayed with me before a church service is still another.

Think for a minute. Who are those kind of folk in your life? .Ask God to show you. Then give thanks to God.

Who knows, you might be used as a saint for someone else's spiritual growth as well !

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