

HOME PRAYER

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS, REMEMBERING THE DEAD

Find the reading (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18) in your Bible, ask for a volunteer to read it, and encourage the reader to practice reading it a few times. Then gather the household in one room. You may want to light a candle to create an even more prayerful environment.

LEADER:

Saints live among us today as well as with Christ in heaven. These heroes of our faith persevere in troubled times as they follow the path of Jesus. Their unselfish actions, as well as their talents, skills, and virtuous living inspire us as they pray for us.

✙ All make the Sign of the Cross.

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

LEADER:

Psalm 112: 1–6

Let us pray the Psalm response:
Happy are those who fear the Lord.

ALL: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

LEADER:

Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be
blessed.

ALL: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

LEADER:

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.
They rise in the darkness as a light for the
upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

ALL: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

LEADER:

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

✙ Read the Scripture passage from the Bible.

The Word of the Lord.

◆ All observe a brief silence.

LEADER:

And now let us remember family members and friends who have died:

◆ The leader begins, then pauses so others may add names too.

LEADER:

Lord God,
we ask you to bring these and all
those who have gone before us
into your beloved presence.

◆ Leader pauses, then continues.

Jesus, our Savior,
you are the Source of all being.
We are grateful for our leaders in faith,
as well as our family members and friends
who are with you now in heaven.
Their goodness reveals your holy truth.
Help us to honor your Spirit within us in
everything we do.
We ask this in your name.

ALL: Amen.

✙ All make the Sign of the Cross.