

TALKING ABOUT ORDINARY TIME >>>

On the Feast of All Saints we honor all the Saints. We honor the many people who are in Heaven because they responded to God's grace and lived according to the Gospel. For this feast on November 1 and the feast of All Souls on November 2, we remember those in Purgatory. Catholics believe that those who die in God's friendship but who are not completely purified need purification in Purgatory before enjoying Heaven. As a member of the Communion of Saints, you are encouraged by the Church to pray for the souls in Purgatory.

God's Word



Read **John 12:23-28** part of Jesus' farewell conversation with his disciples before his death. It focuses on his death but also refers to us and the dying and new life we experience.

HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND >>>

Death

- Most children this age understand that when a person dies they permanently leave this Earth.
- At this age, many children have some fear and anxiety that people they love and who love and care for them will die.
- In most cases children are comforted by the faith of the Church which tells us that there is life after death.



CATHOLIC FAMILY CUSTOMS >>>

Prayer Space Create a family prayer space as a memorial during November. Place in such space pictures of relatives who have died. Consider lighting a candle for them during family prayer time. Refer to departed relatives on family occasions during November. For example, sing one of their favorite hymns during family prayers, or add one of their favorite foods to an All Souls Day dinner.

FAMILY PRAYER >>>



Use this prayer at family gatherings in November.

Dear God, You have made us a family. Some of our members are no longer with us. We know that they live in you. We know that they praise you. We offer our prayers for their souls. We look forward to being united with them in Heaven.

We pray this through Jesus, your Son. Amen.



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