

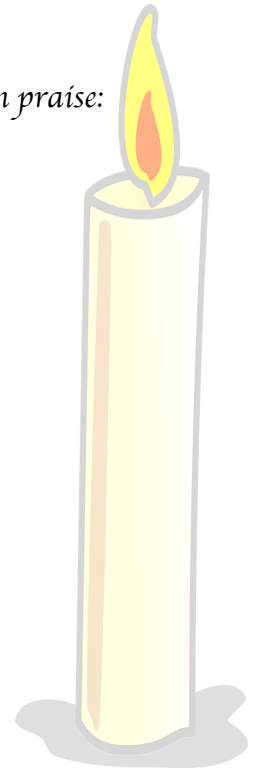


# All Saints' Day

## A Prayer Meditation for All Saints Day

(Written by Safiyah Fosua)

We give you thanks, O God,  
for all the saints who ever worshiped you,  
whether in arbors or cathedrals,  
wooden churches or cement meeting houses.  
We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:  
manicured hands and hands stained  
with grease or soil,  
strong hands and hands gnarled with age,  
holy hands.  
We thank you, God, for hardworking saints,  
whether hard-hatted or aproned,  
blue-collared or three-piece-suited.  
They left their mark for you, for us,  
for our children to come.  
Thank you for the sacrifices made by those  
who have gone before us.  
Bless the memories of your saints.  
May we learn how to walk wisely  
from their examples of faith, dedication,  
worship, and love.



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