



November 18, 2025

Luke 6:20–23

*Theme: All Saints
Remembrance*

This week we hear Jesus speak words of blessing that turn the world upside down: “Blessed are you who are poor... Blessed are you who weep now... Rejoice and leap for joy, for your reward is great in heaven.” These are not easy blessings. They are spoken to real people living through real struggles. And yet Jesus looks at them—at us—and declares that God’s favor rests not on the strong, the successful, or the perfect, but on the

humble, the hurting, and the hopeful.

As we gather for All Saints Remembrance, these blessings take on a tender richness. This week we remember the saints—those dear ones who walked beside us, who shared our days, who loved us deeply, and who now rest in God’s eternal peace. Some of them lived simple lives. Some carried heavy burdens. Some knew sorrow and hardship. And yet, in Christ, every one of them was blessed. Blessed in their faith. Blessed in their perseverance. Blessed in their belonging to God.

There is a beautiful old story about a pastor who once told his congregation, “A saint is not someone who shines with their own light—it’s someone through whom the light shines.” When he said this, he pointed to a stained-glass

window glowing in the afternoon sun. The colors were bright not because the glass worked hard, but because the light passed through it. The members thought about the people in their lives who had done the same—those who brought warmth, comfort, courage, and kindness simply by letting God’s light shine through them.

Today we remember such people—our saints. They were not perfect, but they were precious. Their lives leave an imprint on our hearts. Their love still touches us. Their memory is a blessing that continues to shine.

Reflection:

Who is one “saint” in your life whose light helped shape the person you are? What quality of theirs can you carry forward in your own life?

Closing Prayer:

Merciful God, we thank You for the saints who have gone before us—those whose love has shaped our lives and whose memory brings both tears and gratitude. Comfort us with the promise that they are safe in Your care, and bless us as we continue our own journey of faith. Amen.

In Christ’s Love,

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