

Gracious God, as we remember all those who have gone before us, be our strength and our joy this day, that we too may apply ourselves to excellence in whatever we do, and by the refining of our gestures of work and play may capture something more of the promise of our humanity. As by your mystery, most gracious Lord, you have used brimming water to bring to your children the promises of heaven and revealed the freshness of Eden among the things of earth, so we pray you to encourage us day-by-day and year-by-year toward your goodness. Keep round about us, your holy love that we may accept this life lovingly, teach us your mercy that we may handle life mercifully; engage us by your truth that we may grasp life truthfully. In all ways, be our guide and protector that we may awaken to daylights of hope and go to sleep in the sure faith that our universe itself and our very lives rest on your compassion and in your hands.

We recall the names of all those who have lived and striven to do your will while in our midst and with gratitude and thanksgiving for their lives and for what they have bequeathed to us, we offer our heartfelt thanks and praise. May their witness spur us on to greater heights of selflessness and mercy, compassion and achievement, until that day when we are reunited with them in your heavenly kingdom. With grateful hearts we remember those from our community who have entered the Church Triumphant this past year:

Anna Nawrot
Ann Gross
Frederick Yuhl
David Lehde
Marjorie Hagner
Ruth Wilck
Dorothy Harman
Ibrahim Ayad
Elwood Searles
Clifford Hehr
Timothy Cofield
Patricia DeAeth
Linda Brackett
Hazel Fiswher
Ellen Miller
Stacy Daniels
Eric Bryant
Victoria Caffarelli
Maureen Haffley
Donald DelBello

For all these and for all those we name now in the silence of our hearts,
Accept our humble thanks and praise.

Thanks be to God for all the saints.

Amen and Amen.