



## Prayer Mission activities November 1<sup>st</sup>-November 6<sup>th</sup> 2020

<p>Monday</p>	<p>Read the Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 What do you remember from today's reading? Jesus tells us today exactly the kind of person he wants us to be, and the kind of person that he has a special love and care for. Can you remember what he says?</p> <p>Here they are again. Listen carefully to the list and see if you can think of anyone that these remind you of: Happy are those who are poor in spirit – those who believe and trust in God. Happy are those who are sad. Happy are those who are humble – that is not being boastful or full of our own importance. Happy are those who want what is right and fair for all people and who do what God asks of them. Happy are those who are merciful – those who are willing to forgive others when they do something wrong. Happy are those who are pure and good. Happy are those who work for peace. Happy are those who are laughed at, picked on or hurt for what they believe. We all know people who are one or all of these things – who really follow Jesus in their lives. It might be someone well known, who lots of people have heard of. Or it might be a friend or a family member. Let's just think quietly about them for a moment. Who do you know who really follows Jesus in their lives?</p> <p>What kind of person would you really like to be?</p>	
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Nine years ago, the pope visited the UK. It wasn't Pope Francis, who is pope now, but Pope Benedict XVI.</p> <p>During his visit, Pope Benedict XVI spoke to all the children in England, Wales and Scotland who go to Catholic schools. He said, "I hope that among those of you listening to me today are future saints... Let me explain what I mean. When we are young we can usually think of people we look up to, people we admire, people we want to be like. It could be someone we meet in our daily lives. Or it could be someone famous."</p> <p>Then the Pope asked all the children a question. It was, "What are the qualities you see in others that you would most like to have yourselves? What kind of person would you really like to be like?"</p> <p>Record your ideas onto paper to share with your family and friends.</p>	

<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>We pray together to God, who loves and cares for each one of us:</p> <p>We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may be an example of God's love in our world, spreading peace, speaking out for what is right and bringing comfort to those in need. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p>We pray for all people throughout the world: that they may find comfort when they are sad, strength to stand up for what they believe in and mercy, peace and love for one another in their hearts. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p>We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may be inspired by the example of the Saints and of all those who have followed Jesus in their lives, to do all that we can to live as God wants us to. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p><b>Closing prayer:</b> God of wisdom, help us as we try to follow the right path, share your peace and love with others, and make the world a fairer place for all to live. Amen.</p>	
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Invite the children to think of all those people they know who have died and are now in heaven. You could ask them to write the names and collect them into a book of remembrance to be displayed for the whole of November.</p> <p>Share the lives of some saints with the children – either those canonised by the Church, or people who have lived their lives really well. You could particularly focus on local saints, or those who had a special interest in helping people who are poor. Find some CAFOD resources about saints at <a href="https://cafod.org.uk/saints">cafod.org.uk/saints</a></p> <p>Invite the children to share all that they have heard and thought about with others at home today. Remind them to try to keep what they have heard in mind throughout the following week, and to try to follow Jesus in all that they do.</p>	
<p>Friday</p>	<p>Access the link below to choose your own prayer for today's prayer time. There are some wonderful prayers to choose from.</p> <p><a href="https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Children-s-prayer-films">https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Children-s-prayer-films</a></p>	