

November 1, 2020 – The Feast of All Saints

It's All Saints' Day. It's the day when we remember all the saints and decide to follow their examples. Jesus tells us how we can receive the grace which we live with God through the gospel of Beatitudes.

Jesus gives compliments to eight kinds of lives. Do we have to succeed in all of those? Jesus didn't say that. We may be accepted in the kingdom of heaven when we successively live at least one of these lives.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit"

- We will be poor in spirit when we share what we have with others.
- We need a decision and practice to share with others.
- If we can share even small things now, we will be able to share at any time and forever.

"Blessed are they who mourn"

- We need to visit those whom mourn.
- We need to give them consolation not from the words, but from the heart

"Blessed are the meek"

- There are so many cold hearted people around us.
- We can be a drop of hot water to warm them.

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness"

- We need to think right and act right.
- However, we cannot judge others.
- Even though they have different thoughts and actions from ours, they may be right as we believe we are right.

"Blessed are the merciful"

- As God forgets our wrongdoings, we also have to forget the wrongdoings of others.
- As God forgives us, we need to forgive others.

"Blessed are the clean of heart"

- We have to keep the heart which we had in the beginning.
- Everyone received a clean heart from God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers"

- No one knows everything from the beginning.
- As we need time to understand, they need time too.

“Blessed are they who are persecuted”

- We can be persecuted by others. Then show Jesus our broken hearts.
- His touching us will give us peace and healing.

These are the ways which we will be blessed to live with God in the kingdom of heaven. Let us try hard at least one of these until the end of our lives.

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