



# Footprints of Generosity

## SAINTS ALL AROUND US

In our more liturgical traditions, All Saints Day falls on November 1, and it is sometimes observed in our American Baptist churches on the first Sunday in November. It marks the day to remember all those faithful Christians known and unknown. On this day, may we set time aside to give thanks to God for those persons who have made a difference in our lives. Perhaps the person who made a difference in your life was someone who loved and nurtured you. Perhaps that person was someone who brought you into the faith. Maybe it was the one who taught you about forgiveness, grace and generosity by his or her example.

May we also remember those saints in our churches, those who preach the gospel and those who make countless cookies for Vacation Bible School. We give thanks also for those saints who keep the building clean and for those who care for our children in the nursery so we might worship. May we give thanks for those who come early to the church building to turn up the thermostat so it is warm when we get there; as well as for the choir director and the one who taught countless Bible lessons or Sunday School classes.

And may we also on this day remember those special persons in our denominational life. Perhaps there was region staff person who was a leader in a training session that helped you in your ministry, or a camping minister that guided you through your teenage years. Maybe you heard our General Secretary, Rev. Roy Medley, preach and it changed your perspective. Perhaps you attended a World Mission Conference and were overwhelmed by the ministry that is occurring throughout the world in the name of Jesus Christ on your behalf by countless saints in our international field.

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us..."*

Hebrews 12:1

All of these persons have committed their lives and their generous hearts to the cause of Jesus Christ, and they are worthy of our expressions of thanksgiving to God on their behalf. Thank them when you next see them!

## LITANY

**Leader:** For all the saints who have touched our lives,

**Congregation:** We give you thanks O God.

**Leader:** For their lives of faithful service and dedication to the cause of your son Jesus Christ,

**Congregation:** We give you thanks O God.

**Leader:** For their lives of generosity of their time, their talent, and their hearts,

**Congregation:** We give you thanks O God.

**All:** May our own lives model their faithfulness and generosity for those who follow us.

***Nurturing generous disciples  
to serve as the  
hands and feet of Christ***



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