



Let us clearly recognize what it means to be called the children of God, and to know we are to be your saints neither by our own inclination nor in our own strength, but simply by the call and the healing holiness of Christ Jesus our Savior. AMEN!

LITANY OF PRAISE

L: Gracious God, you are to be praised for the women and men whose faithful witness to your love inspires each generation of your people.

P: Mindful of all those who have gone on ahead of us, teach us to follow their example:

L: To feed the poor; to support and comfort those who mourn;

P: To cherish and learn from the merciful; to be humbled by, and stand with, the peacemakers.

L: Let us clearly recognize what it means to be called the children of God, and may we know we are to be your saints.

P: Neither by our own choosing nor in our own strength, but simply by the call of Christ Jesus our Savior.

L: Loving God, the generations rise and pass away before you.

P: You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of your saints.

L: We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in you, whose names we remember before you now.

(Reading of names)

- *Ask family members to stand as names are read*
- *Have a worship leader light a candle as each saint's name is read*
- *Have someone ring a bell as each saint's name is read*

Give us in time our portion with those who have trusted in you and have striven to do your holy will.

P: We bless you for their lives and love, and rejoice for them that “all is well, and all manner of things will be well.” AMEN.

