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### **Father Michael Whyte's Reflection Prayer for All Saints' Day and New York City**



This Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic Church celebrates those who have already attained the glory of God's children. Many Saints are already known to the Church --and acknowledged by the church's calendar at Mass-- and many, perhaps millions or billions more of unknown Saints, might have attained this blessed state. For All this rests upon the Mercy of God.

Today we celebrate "Those who long to see the face of God," they being the friends of God who by living a holy, earthly life --by living out a life formed and informed by the Beatitudes-- may upon death reach the heights of heaven. Now these heavenly intercessors, to whom we can seek help from as we walk the journey of heaven, can lead us, by example and prayers answered, to live out the Father's Holy Will.

As we remember and acknowledge the Saints today, we must realize and acknowledge that we are all called by God to live as Saints-in-the-making, for we believe in the Communion of Saints and hope to attain that Blessed State one day through our acts of holiness in this world: the Beatitudes and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy of the Church.

Doing God's Holy Will through the words and actions of our daily activities of life leads us to the "Christ Path" for Life Eternal.

Tomorrow we celebrate All Souls' Day which asks us to pray for those who have died and have not reached the Glory of God's Children. Our duty and obligation is to remember them in prayer and at Mass, keeping their noble souls in our prayers to the Saints and God. Remembering always that each one of us is intended for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Today as "saints-in-the-making" let's ask All in heaven to lead us home, keep us strong in faith, and holy in word and deed. We also keep close to our hearts and prayers all those lost due to hatred and violence, especially terrorism, and in particular those innocents who perished in yesterday's tragedy in New York City. May they Rest In Peace, be welcomed home as Saints before God, and may we who remain; work each day to become a member of the Communion of Saints: therefore, let us bring the Light of Christ into the darkness of our world.

Happy and Blessed All Saints' Day!

The Reverend Michael Whyte  
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