

This page will offer monthly reflections on soul-stirring encounters evoked by the author's everyday life experiences and invite readers to contemplate their own related experiences.

November 2007

In the Catholic tradition, we begin the month of November with the Feast of All Saints. This feast invites us to celebrate faithful and blessed men and women of all ages, including our own time.

The Gospel for this feast is Matthew's account of the Beatitudes (see Matthew 5: 1-12A). It portrays Jesus teaching his disciples how to recognize the blessed ones.

For Jesus the blessed ones are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the gentle in spirit, those who hunger and thirst for justice, the merciful, the clean of heart, the peacemakers, those persecuted for the sake of justice—and us, his disciples, when others insult us or persecute us because of Him. We are to rejoice then and be glad; our reward will be great in heaven.



Reflection:

Who are "saints" that you celebrate today—from past ages or from now? From your own circles of relationship?

Ponder the forlorn child in the picture. Surely he is one of God's blessed...he mourns and needs comfort; he literally hungers and thirsts for justice.

We are living in a very challenging time in the history of humankind and of our planet. Who are today's blessed ones? Identify some individuals, groups and movements who seem to be living the Beatitudes.

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