NOVEMBER 23

CALL TO PRAYER -

Gracious is the LORD and righteous; yes, our God is merciful.

Dear in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his devoted.

PSALM 116:5, 15

"Do not let your hearts be troubled." John 14:1



"| will come again and will take you to myself..."

SCRIPTURE READING -

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek: To dwell in the LORD's house all the days of my life, To gaze on the LORD's beauty, to visit his temple.

Hear my voice, LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

"Come," says my heart, "seek his face"; your face, LORD, do I seek!
Do not hide your face from me; do not repel your servant in anger.
You are my salvation; do not cast me off; do not forsake me, God my savior!

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD, take courage; be stouthearted, wait for the LORD!

PSALM 27:1, 4, 7-9, 13-14

PRAYER FOR ALL SOULS —

Gracious God, with faith in the Resurrection, I pray for (Name) and all of the faithful departed. I thank you for the joys and happy memories we shared in this life. I entrust them now to your mercy and ask you to purify them with your forgiveness. Wash them clean and welcome them into your Kingdom. Strengthen me with your love and mercy until the day that I too, shall see you face to face.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



