All Saints Day Sunday Ordinary Time Year A November 1st

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou Katoa – Good morning and welcome. Today is All Saints Day. We gather to keep holy the memory of Jesus, and in gathering we express our longing for God. Through our baptism, we are called, so may our earthly pilgrimage lead us one day to be numbered among the saints who dwell in the presence of God. I welcome you here now as we gather on this earthly pilgrimage, to celebrate Eucharist, as Jesus instructed. Let’s take a moment of silence to prepare. **(20 … seconds - stay at microphone).** Welcome to this parish of ……………………… (*parish name).* Let’s stand and let’s sing together.

Note: The reader announces the petition.

The petition is addressed to the assembly who is invited to pray for that petition.

In the **silence** that follows, the people pray according to that petition.

The response which follows concludes each petition.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church –** that we may seeksteadfast commitment to the Gospel, prayerful discernment of God’s will and hunger for the peace of Christ to dwell in our hearts.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For our world, ravaged by pandemic, fires, civil unrest, racial inequality, ethical confusion and environmental stress** – that we act as people of hope and love, cultivating healing in all things.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For all people of faith** – that we actively pursue peace, understanding, healing and unity between people of different faith traditions.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For family, relations and friends who have died** – that they may rejoice in the communion of saints forever.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For all who are seriously ill, or nearing death** – that through the support and loving care of family, friends and professional staff, they recognise with gratitude the loving presence of God throughout their life and rest in the peace of Christ.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For all gathered here -** that we may know and understand our own family history, our own whakapapa and the history of the land that we live on, and that this understanding will free us of prejudice and allow us to seek justice for all.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For our local community of**………………….. That\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please add a prayer for your local community.

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(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**Concluding Prayer**

All-holy God, you call your people to holiness. As we keep the festival of your saints, give us their poverty of spirit, a thirst for righteousness and a purity of heart. May we share with them the richness of your kingdom and be clothed in the glory you bestow. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. ***AMEN***