



## Daily Devotionals – November 3, 2024

### The Saints in Glory

#### Day 1: A Great Multitude of Saints

**Scripture:** *"After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands." – Revelation 7:9*

#### Reflection:

John's vision reminds us that God's kingdom embraces people from every background, nation, and language. This great multitude shows the unity of God's family, welcoming diversity in worship and identity.

#### Story:

A woman named Lila moved to a new country, far from home, with her faith being her only familiar anchor. She found comfort in a small, diverse church that welcomed her warmly. Every Sunday, she saw people from different nations and cultures worshiping God together. They shared a deep love for Christ despite their different languages and customs. Each service reminded Lila of John's vision in Revelation, a glimpse of heaven on earth. She felt a connection to this spiritual family that surpassed language and nationality, inspiring her to embrace new friendships and the joy of God's inclusive love.

#### Prayer:

Gracious God, thank You for creating a beautiful, diverse family that stands together in love and unity. We marvel at the image of all nations and peoples worshiping before Your throne, a reminder that Your grace and salvation reach every boundary. Help us, O Lord, to embrace the unity You call us to, seeing beyond our differences and celebrating each other as part of Your family. May we seek opportunities to show Your love to all people, honoring the bond that binds us in Christ. Guide us to live in harmony, reflecting Your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

## **Day 2: Robed in White**

**Scripture:** *"These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."* – Revelation 7:14

### **Reflection:**

The white robes symbolize purity and victory through Jesus' sacrifice. His blood washes away our hardships and sins, making us worthy to stand before God.

### **Story:**

A man named Robert struggled with guilt from past mistakes, feeling unworthy of God's love. He carried these burdens daily, wondering if he could ever be "clean." One day, his pastor shared Revelation 7:14, explaining that our robes are made white not by our works but by Jesus' sacrifice. This truth filled Robert with peace. Slowly, he began to release his guilt, accepting God's grace and forgiveness. Each morning, he reminded himself that he was washed clean in Christ. His life became a witness to the transformative power of God's grace.

### **Prayer:**

Loving Savior, we are humbled by the gift of Your sacrifice. You wash away our sins and clothe us in robes of righteousness, not by our strength, but by Your mercy and love. Thank You for cleansing and inviting us to stand before You, forgiven and renewed. Help us to release any burdens of guilt or shame, to walk freely in Your grace, and to honor this new life You've given us. May our lives shine as a testimony to Your love and forgiveness. Guide us to live boldly as forgiven and redeemed followers of Christ. Amen.

## **Day 3: A Shelter of Grace**

**Scripture:** *"They are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them."* – Revelation 7:15

### **Reflection:**

God's presence is a constant shelter for those who worship Him. No matter our challenges, He surrounds us with His love and protection.

### **Story:**

Emma had faced many struggles: the loss of her parents, a job that was ending, and a recent health scare. She felt like her world was falling apart. Emma turned to prayer in her darkest moments, seeking shelter in God's presence. She clung to the promise in Revelation, finding peace as she imagined God sheltering her under His throne. She sensed His strength sustaining her daily; this shelter became her refuge. Despite life's hardest trials, Emma remained grateful for God's constant love and protection as the storm passed.

### **Prayer:**

Dear God, You are our shelter, our refuge in times of trouble. Thank You for surrounding us with Your grace, holding us in Your presence, and being our steady rock when everything else

feels unsteady. Help us to rest under Your care, to trust You with our fears, and to find peace in the shelter of Your love. May we live in gratitude, knowing that Your presence is our constant comfort. Guide us to seek You daily, to rest in Your peace, and to walk in Your light. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

#### **Day 4: A Shepherd for Every Need**

**Scripture:** *"For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life."* – Revelation 7:17

#### **Reflection:**

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, leads us to life-giving water, offers spiritual nourishment, and guides us through every season.

#### **Story:**

Carlos, a young father, faced difficulty providing for his family. Work was scarce, and he struggled with feelings of failure. One Sunday, he heard a sermon in Revelation 7:17, describing Jesus as the Shepherd leading His people to life-giving water. Carlos felt a spark of hope. That week, he prayed for guidance, trusting Jesus to lead him. Soon after, he found a new job opportunity that provided security and purpose. The experience reminded Carlos that Jesus cares for every need, leading him to the spring of life even in dry times.

#### **Prayer:**

Gentle Shepherd, thank You for guiding us, meeting our needs, and nourishing us with the waters of Your life. You know our hearts, our fears, and our longings. Lead us, Lord, to Your refreshing streams of grace. When we are weary, let us find rest in You. When we are lost, lead us back to Your path. Fill us with the peace and assurance that comes from Your guidance, and help us to walk in faith, trusting in Your care. Amen.

#### **Day 5: Comfort for Every Tear**

**Scripture:** *"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."* – Revelation 7:17

#### **Reflection:**

God's compassion is limitless; He promises to comfort and wipe away our tears, ending suffering and sorrow.

#### **Story:**

A woman named Maria had recently lost her husband and was overwhelmed with grief. Friends tried to comfort her, but the pain felt too deep. One evening, she read Revelation 7:17, clinging to the image of God gently wiping away her tears. Maria felt God's comfort in small ways—a friend's visit, a warm memory, a peaceful sunset. She realized that, although her grief remained, God was tenderly guiding her through it, wiping away her tears with His love. In time, Maria found healing, grateful for God's presence in her deepest pain.

**Prayer:**

Compassionate Father, we are comforted by Your promise to wipe away every tear. You see our pain, understand our sorrow, and hold us close during heartache. Thank You for Your tender love that reaches into our broken places and brings healing. Help us to trust in Your presence, to find peace in Your arms, and to lean on You when grief feels overwhelming. May we also be instruments of Your comfort to others, sharing Your love with those who mourn. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Day 6: Faithful Endurance**

**Scripture:** *"These are they who have come out of the great ordeal."* – Revelation 7:14

**Reflection:**

The saints endured trials and tribulations yet remained faithful. Their endurance inspires us to hold fast to our faith, even when life feels challenging.

**Story:**

Mark faced challenges at work and in his personal life that left him feeling defeated. He began to doubt his faith, wondering if God was really with him. During a Bible study, they read about the saints in Revelation who had endured great ordeals. Mark was moved by their perseverance and reminded of God's faithfulness. He prayed for strength, asking God to help him endure. Over time, he found new strength and deeper faith, inspired by those before him and the God who never left his side.

**Prayer:**

Faithful God, thank You for the strength You give us to endure. We are encouraged by the saints who remained steadfast, trusting in You even through trials. Grant us this same endurance, Lord. Help us to hold onto faith, to persevere with hope, and to walk with courage in times of struggle. May our lives honor You, and may our faith inspire others, just as we are inspired by those who have come before us. Amen.

**Day 7: The Hope of Eternal Life**

**Scripture:** *"They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat."* – Revelation 7:16

**Reflection:**

There will be no more hunger, thirst, or suffering in God's eternal kingdom. This promise of eternal peace gives us hope and a vision of life to come.

**Story:**

Ben, a retired teacher, often thought about his friends and family members who had passed on. He missed them dearly and longed to see them again. Reading Revelation 7:16, he found comfort in God's promise of a place with no pain, only peace. Ben pictured his loved ones free

from suffering, filled with joy in God's presence. This hope filled him with peace, reminding him that the separation was temporary and that he would one day be part of this heavenly reunion.

**Prayer:**

God of eternal hope, thank You for the promise of a place with no pain, hunger, or sorrow. You are our hope and peace, and we long for the day when we will stand in Your presence, reunite with loved ones, and rest in Your love. Help us to live with this hope each day, letting it shape our hearts and guide our steps. May we bring Your light to others, sharing the promise of eternal life in You. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.