

ALL SAINTS DEVOTIONAL

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The period into which we enter is a joyful one – and one tinged with regret and wistfulness.

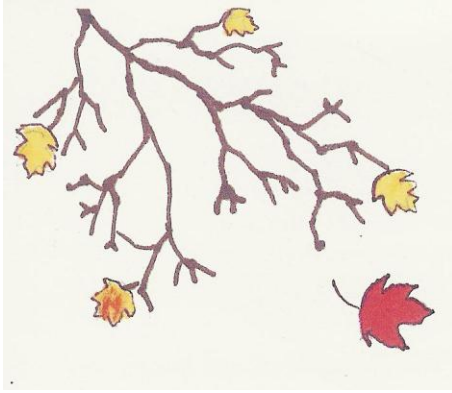
All Saints reminds us of those we love who have died; and we remember the best of their lives, and try to learn the life-lessons they learned the hard way, from following the best of their examples.

It's sort of a distilling process, where each generation of believers learns the best from those before.

And it's a joyful time of harvest and plenty, where we are reminded of the glory of God (just look outside!) and the blessings God has given us.

The harvest God collects from our lives – the fruit we produce – will it be as plentiful as those we most admire? Will the fruit of the Spirit be evident (love, patience, kindness, gentleness, self-control) be as obvious in our lives as in those we now miss?

If we feel less adequate than those whom we treasure and remember at All Saints Day – what are we doing about it? If the



fruit is not as evident in our lives – are we cultivating what God has given us by fully sharing? Are we trimming back on those practices the Bible tells us (and common sense!) do not “build up”? Are we fertilizing with plentiful input, reading devotionals, reviewing the Bible, engaging in intentional Christian fellowship, regularly worshipping God?

This devotional will help us focus on God’s harvest of souls, on thanksgiving, and on blessings.

