Bringing it Home
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Today is a special day in the church. It is All Saints Day. We remember people who lived before us and showed us what it is like to love and serve God. You might call them holy people. You might just call them friends of God.

There is so much we could say about these wonderful people! But I bet if you met one of them, they wouldn't want to talk about themselves at all. They would want to talk about God and about following Jesus, and about loving and serving their neighbors.

In today's Bible story, Jesus described people who are meek, who are merciful, who want to do the right thing; who have pure hearts and who are peacemakers. He promised they would be blessed.

Do you have someone in your life who is merciful? Someone in your life who can stop a fight before it starts? Someone who always tries to do the right thing? Maybe you know a saint!

Let's pray. Dear God, thank you for the saints who show us how to follow Jesus. Help us to be like them and to follow Jesus more and more each day. Amen.

Today’s Bible reading: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."