

## All Saints

Grant us grace, O God, so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou has prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Myrtle	Used as a symbol for eternal love and as an allusion to the Gentiles who were converted by Christ. Zec. 1:8 'I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse among the myrtle trees, amid the Gentiles and followed by the hierarchies of the martyrs and confessors.'
Palm	Symbol for spiritual victory over death through faith in God.
Cello	A bass member of the violin family tuned an octave below the viola. Musical instruments are joyous expressions of eternal praise to God. The sense of hearing the glory of the word.
Barley	Grain is the oldest and most fundamental of man's food. Being cheaper than wheat, it was the food of the poor and most commonly used as bread flour. "I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger; they who believe in me, even if they die, they shall live forever.
Carnation	The red carnation is a symbol of the pure love of Christ by the faithful followers.
Fern	The fern conceals its grace, delicacy and beauty in the shadowed glens of the forest. Because it can only be seen by the honest searcher, the fern symbolizes solitary humility, frankness, and sincerity.
Lotus	This blossom of exquisite beauty and purity, with its roots in the mud, suggests that the life of the Christian may rise through and above selfishness and sin. Buddhism maintains that all souls emerge from a lotus. Just like people "blossoming" to reach their full potential, the lotus bears fruit only when its flowers bloom.
Water	Flowing water symbolize the four sacred rivers: the Pison, the Gihon, the Tigris, and the Euphrates, believed to be the rivers of Paradise, flowing from a single rock and such were used as symbols of the four gospels flowing from Christ.
Willow	Symbol of faith and of the faithful. Isaiah, God says to Jacob that he will grant to Jacob's descendents and future generations, who

"shall spring up like grass amid waters, like willows by flowing streams."

- Sparrow                      Considered to be the lowliest among all birds the sparrow came to be used as a symbol of the least among people, who nevertheless, under the protection of God the Father: for even the sparrow came to earth only through the will of God, and received from Him its means of life.
- Doves                         Symbolize the upward spirit ascending on high carrying all the souls of the faithful to Heaven where the soul of the saint has been released and has entered eternal bliss. Seven doves represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Eight doves is the symbol for heavenly harmony and justice.
- Clouds                        Clouds in the heavens are the natural veil of the blue sky, and are, therefore, used as a symbol of the unseen God. They are also a sign of the continuous presence of God.
- #144                          Means an infinitely large number. In the Epistle for All Saints Day the 144 thousand (twelve times twelve times a thousand) means all of God's people receive His blessing. It signifies eternity, since the numbers which exceed one thousand were merely additions to, and multiplications of it.
- Saint                         All in the "company of the saved, are saints." When the motive of our lives has been recognized and that an intense love of God above and in all things becomes our own pathway towards God and Christ.

God ensures that there will be a final restoration bringing to pass a regeneration of the moral universe and that the holiness of God will sweep the universe clean and create new heavens in which righteousness will dwell.

And I will raise them up,

and I will raise them up,

and I will raise them up on the last day.