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Daily Reflections

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GOD OF THE LIVING

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An Excerpt from Today's Gospel

*That the dead will rise
even Moses made known in the passage about the bush,
when he called 'Lord'
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob;
and he is not God of the dead, but of the living,
for to him all are alive.*

LUKE 10:37-38

Reflection

November is made sacred by the remembrance of those who have gone before us into the eternal light of God's glorious presence. Honoring the memories of family, friends, saints, and ordinary people draws us all into the Communion of Saints in which we have membership as the people of God.

It is good to be reminded of two essential beliefs:

First, the kingdom of God is within us, here and now. We are formed to be goodness and light in this world. Let us live this reality.

Second, we have been promised eternal life. Those who have gone before us are brought into the fullness of Life in God. Physical death is a passage for final transformation. Life is not truly ended; rather, those we cherish live forever and intercede for us whom they have loved. We remember them and trust that we, too, will be with them in eternal life. This was very consoling at the death of my parents. Imagining them “at the right hand of God,” brought solace in my grief.

Faith has prepared my heart to be glad that those I have known are now with God, living eternally. Hope has opened my heart to desire union with God now, and more surely forever, as I long to see my loved ones again.

We and they LIVE a continuous circle of Life in God, through God, and with God who abides as loving and gracious presence. Let us give thanks and join the song of those who have gone before us -- *“The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob is the God of the Living”* -- those who now who enjoy Eternal and Radiant Light in God’s Presence.

It is as if God is saying, “Not to worry, for I AM with you! The promise of LIFE is yours!”



Green tall trees with view of mountain and sun peeking through
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For Pondering

- Ask yourself: What do I believe and hope about life after death?
 - Pray: I give thanks and remember fondly _____
among my family and friends who have gone before me.
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