**All Saints Day Primary Collective Worship**

***Collective Worship suggestions to support the message from the Right Reverend Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester.***

**Gathering suggestions**

* Prepare the Worship space with a white or gold cloth to represent the liturgical colour.
* To look at-PowerPoint slide 1 Can you recognise the saint?
* To hear -Listen to a version of ‘When the saints go marching in’. There are different versions on YouTube. There are two by Bruce Springsteen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izSK_fFv4tM> and Lois Armstrong [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyLjbMBpGDA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyLjbMBpGDAw) which would work well.

**Engagement suggestions**

Introduce what All Saints Day is. All Saints’ Day is a special feast day when we honour all the saints in heaven; including those holy people not officially canonised by the Church. We celebrate this on 1 November.

Introduce the Right Reverend Bishop Roger Morris. The Bishop of Colchester.

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0agL3557Uug**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0agL3557Uug)

In his message, Bishop Roger focuses on everyday rather than heroic saints and that we can all be saints if we are friends of Jesus.

This short Bible reading is taken from The Message version: **1 John 3:1**

‘What marvellous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we’re called children of God! That’s who we really are…’

**Responding Suggestions**

I wonder who do you think are the Saints around you?

On clouds or banners of white paper that can be displayed in the hall ask children to share their ideas. This could be added too during the day or in discussion in class.

I wonder how what kind of person do you want to be? PowerPoint Slide 2 qualities rather than talents

or

Song ‘When the Saints go marching in.’ Pupils could play percussion instruments to accompany it, a smaller group of pupils could sing it to others, versions could be played to pupils.

**Closing Prayer / Refection suggestion**

God of life, we give thanks for all the holy men and women who have lived throughout the world.

Help us to live as you would like us to by showing love to all, bringing peace and always trying to do what is right. Amen.

**Sending**

* Send the pupils out with a message - what kind of person do you want to be? PowerPoint slide 2
* Send pupils out listening to another version of When the Saints go marching in?

**In the classroom**

Classes could look at saints from around the world, this could be from a country that the school has close links to, or those that are linked to current curriculum themes or those with the school’s name. There are many to choose from including:

* St Josephine Bakhita,
* St Oscar Romero,
* St Peter Yu Tae-Chol,
* St Mary McKillop,
* St Thérèse of Lisieux.

There are also feast days that are linked to these saints that could be further celebrated in school.