



Daily Reflections

November 2, 2017

Scripture

Wisdom 3: 1-9

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed, they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;
chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them
and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

In the time of their visitation they shall shine,
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;
they shall judge nations and rule over peoples,
and the LORD shall be their King forever.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:
because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

Our Scripture Reflection

Following on the heels of the feast of All Saints, today we commemorate the feast of All Souls. We remember and offer special prayers for "those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and who are now at rest." Today's Scripture from the Old Testament Book of Wisdom offers us a description of the destiny of the "just" person, that is, the person who is right with God. Even though they may have struggled in this life, especially as they were leaving this life, because they were just they are now enjoying the peace of God. What a consoling thought as we remember our loved ones who have died and what a hopeful message for those of us who have yet to depart this life. This day offers us the opportunity to get right with the Lord our God.

Food for your Journey

Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die.

—Anonymous.

A Prayer from the Heart

Precious Lord, You gave Your life for me so that I might live with You forever. Help me, Lord, to live Your Gospel each day so that when my journey in this life is complete, I might, through Your mercy, enjoy the life that never ends. Amen.