

*"Around your throne the saints, our brothers and sisters, sing your praise forever. Their glory fills us with joy, And their communion with us in your church gives us inspiration and strength as we hasten on our pilgrimage of faith, eager to meet them." (from Preface for the feast of All Saints)*

November opens with the glorious feast of All Saints Day when we celebrate the great host of "anonymous" saints who have blessed us throughout the ages without recognition. The month closes with the great American tradition of Thanksgiving Day when we are reminded of our debt of gratitude to our all- generous God who blesses us every day.

This also seems to "officially" open the "holiday season" that brings families together in celebration. It can also be the start of a season of busyness and stress if we allow the meaning of these days to somehow get lost in the preparations.

Remember to take a moment each day to breathe deeply and give thanks for the saints who have appeared in your life and become aware of God's blessings in your life today.

One of our greatest blessings is you! We give thanks everyday for the gift you are in our lives. May you experience how loved you are.

With our love and prayers,

*Sr. Nancy.*

Sr. Nancy Shively, osc and all your Poor Clare Sisters