



Communion of Saints

The Communion of Saints is the belief that every living _____ through _____ is connected to every other member of the _____, whether alive or _____, through Jesus Christ. Because in Christ we are one _____; we live in a communion that encompasses _____ and _____.

“all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church...in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always [attentive] to our prayers” [\(CCC 962\)](#).

We have this connection because, as Jesus tells us,

“He is not _____” (Luke 20:38).

Because all of those who have died in _____ with God are alive in _____, we are connected in a very real way. As a result, it is possible to pray for the dead in _____ and to the dead in heaven.

The Catholic belief about “the communion of saints” can be found as far back as the Fourth Century. The term appears in the _____ Creed:

*“... I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints...”*

In the New Testament, “saints” refers to all the people of _____. Paul began one of his letters, *“To all the _____ in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi” (Phil. 1:1).*

The communion of saints encompasses not only all believers in Christ, but according to many scholars, all those of _____ and _____, in whom the Spirit is at work.

The communion of saints _____ us all—because we are one body in Christ.

When we celebrate the _____, we pray with all those who have gone before us.

We the _____ can pray for the dead, “the souls in purgatory,” who need _____ on their journey to God.

Jesus calls us to seek _____ with others, including the whole Church, those on earth, in purgatory, or in heaven.

apostles	Baptism	body	Christ
Christian	Church	connects	dead
earth	eucharist	friendship	god
heaven	living	love	prayers
purgatory	relationships	saints	truth



Find the above words in the find a word below excluding "relationships".

C	G	E	G	E	M	S	D	S	A	C	W	D	K	G
H	G	O	P	V	H	X	E	B	A	P	T	I	S	M
R	D	E	H	O	Q	L	S	T	L	E	C	D	F	P
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T	R	F	O	Y	V	R	Z	Q	D	B	P	D	E	G
R	D	P	A	S	I	N	E	V	A	E	H	Y	N	A
K	A	R	G	S	T	H	H	C	R	U	H	C	D	T
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N	A	E	W	N	D	B	I	J	N	I	L	D	P	P
F	I	H	T	U	R	T	O	L	U	O	F	Z	B	T
J	I	S	M	H	W	D	F	D	K	L	C	A	T	E
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“He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive” (Luke 20:38).

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Note: “Relationships” is excluded from below.

