Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a Solemnity of All Saints

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.
He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."

1. What words, phrases, thoughts struck you as you read this Gospel and why?

2. What in this passage comforted you? What in this passage challenged you?

3. *Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.* When have I received the gift of mercy? With whom should I share that gift?

4. *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.* What has brought me joy this week? How does my hope of heaven affect how I view my life in this world?

5. What is one way that God's grace came to you this past month?