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Tomorrow we celebrated the feast of “**All Saint’s Day**”. That reminds me that not long ago I read a reflection about: How do we get closer to Jesus and the Saints? As I continued to read, it compared our striving to become closer to Jesus & the Saints to that of climbing a ladder. It said that the Gospel is like a ladder, and each rung of that ladder is one of the Beatitudes (Matt 5: 3-12):

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, the reign of God is theirs.  
Blessed are the sorrowing, they shall be consoled.  
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; they shall have their fill.  
Blessed are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, they shall be call children of God...”*

That reflection gave me a lot to think about. How about you? It also told me that no matter difficult it is climbing that ladder, we can do it because Jesus & the Saints will be near at hand to help us. Matthew ends that passage by saying, “**Rejoice & be glad for your reward is great in heaven...**” That is how you and I get to be Saints – climb that *Beatitudes Ladder*. You might want to pray and reflect on that gospel passage more often. Think of each beatitude as one of the rungs of the ladder, and remember to just take one step at a time. Pick out the beatitude that is the easiest for you first. Then, move on to another one, and pray to Jesus and the Saints to help you to become a **real saint**.

May God bless you as you strive to climb that ladder.

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