



# November

## Month of Joy The Apostle Philip

The basket represents feeding the multitudes, which was one of his biggest concerns and the tau cross and spear represent his martyrdom.

For the month of November, we will be focusing our attention on the virtue of joy. Joy is a gift from the Holy Spirit. True joy can be felt even through great trials because we know that the Lord is with us always and that He has overcome all things.

**Philip in Samaria, “Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was great joy in that city.”**

Joy is not conditional based on our current circumstances. Joy comes from trusting in God and knowing that our life is meaningful. Joy is obtained by knowing, loving and serving God. We know that Joy is a gift that the Lord bestows upon us when we trust in His goodness.

## Prayer

**Lord, we pray for your help in finding joy through you. We pray that like the apostle Philip, we can come to you when we don't understand why you are taking us in a certain direction. We pray this especially for mothers and fathers enduring trails through pregnancy, that they may find joy in trusting our Lord. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

