

The Story of the Kindness Angels



*"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." -
Hebrews 13:2*

Many years ago, before you were even born, God looked around at the beautiful world he had created. God saw the trees he made to give us shade and breezes on hot days. He touched each leaf, painting them red and yellow and orange and he looked at the sparkling snowflakes he had created, each one different just like you and me. He listened to the ocean waves crash onto the sand of the beach, and at night he'd light up the sky with millions of stars and a big, bright, beautiful moon to watch over all of us so we would know just how loved we are.

One day as God was walking around town; he likes to do that you know, get up and take a walk with all of us whether we're on our way to school or to work, to the park or the library...even to the DOCTOR'S office. As God was walking he noticed some things that made him sad. Someone had thrown their empty candy bar wrapper on the fresh green grass instead of into the trash can. And what was this? An old man sat alone on a park bench and lots of people walked by but no one said hello. He heard a brother and sister arguing over who got to hold their puppy's leash and he saw a little girl swinging by herself on the school playground while all the other children laughed and played with their friends. His feelings were very hurt when he saw that there were people without food, people without warm gloves or mittens to wear in the cold weather, and people who weren't

sharing the things they had with others. The more he looked around, the more he realized that people weren't being very kind to one another or to all of the wonderful things he had created. So God thought and thought. What could he DO to help people treat each other more nicely? What could he DO to help people see how important taking care of each other and the Earth was?

He'd already given us prayers and church, the Mass and a way to say we were sorry, he'd given us stories about his life and the way he treated others, he'd even given us guardian angels to watch over and protect us but it still didn't seem to be enough. But wait! Maybe he could send us a different kind of angel, ones without wings, ones who looked like us and talked like us and reminded us with their acts of kindness and love that we should be more loving and kind to one another. So God made a list of all the things he wanted his people on Earth to see; angels who would care for the Earth and its plants and animals, angels who would show kindness in simple acts, angels who could bring people together in spite of their differences, angels who would help children and people who were sick or scared or lonely.

When his list was finished, he chose just the right person for each and every job and sent them here to help us. Because there

are SO many people in the world only a few angels come to visit different towns and cities and churches at a time. Sometimes they come in the fall or summer but our angels are here to visit us during the season of Advent and Christmas because what better time to practice being kind to our families and friends and neighbors than while we wait for Jesus to be born? Being kind is just one way we can show God how much we love him!

When you look at your angel over the next few days remember how much God loves each and every one of us and how much God wants us to share, to be helpful, to talk nicely to others, to take care of the Earth and animals and plants, and to be kind to people who might be feeling sad, lonely, left out, or who don't have all of the things we do. There are lots of ways to be kind and nothing is too big or too small. Every act of kindness is important!

Take good care of your angel and in a few days he or she will leave to go to another home to help another family remember to be kind and loving!

And remember, God always loves you!

Our Saint

Hi! My name is Catherine! My special day is April 29th and I was born in Siena, Italy. Do you know where Italy is? If you don't, maybe your Mom or Dad can show you on a map!

I'm so happy to be staying at your house for a visit and spending some time with you and your family! How many people live in your house? Do you have any pets? A friend of mine, Francis, really loves animals!

Tell me a little bit about you. What's your name? How old are you? What things do you like to do when you're not at school?

What are you looking forward to about my visit? I'm excited to see all the kind things your family does for one another and for other people! I bet you are really good at being kind and loving and helpful!

Some of the things I like to do to be kind are cooking big meals for my friends, taking care of people especially if they aren't feeling well, and helping people who don't get along to become friends or at least to be nice to one another!

I'm sure you have lots of ways of being kind too!

I know you have lots of things to do like go to school and doing your homework so don't let me keep you from your

work but maybe when you see me these next few days
you can remember to do something nice for someone
else, okay?

I'm looking forward to our time together!

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Our Saint

Hi! My name is Cecilia! My special day is November 22nd and I was born in Rome, Italy. Do you know where Italy is? If you don't, maybe your Mom or Dad can show you on a map!

I'm so happy to be staying at your house for a visit and spending some time with you and your family! How many people live in your house? Do you have any pets? A friend of mine, Francis, really loves animals!

Tell me a little bit about you. What's your name? How old are you? What things do you like to do when you're not at school?

What are you looking forward to about my visit? I'm excited to see all the kind things your family does for one another and for other people! I bet you are really good at being kind and loving and helpful!

Some of the things I like to do to be kind are playing music or singing, talking with my friends when they are upset or worried, and helping people who cannot see.

I'm sure you have lots of ways of being kind too!

I know you have lots of things to do like go to school and doing your homework so don't let me keep you from your work but maybe when you see me these next few days

you can remember to do something nice for someone else, okay?

I'm looking forward to our time together!

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Our Saint

Hi! My name is Therese! My special day is October 1st and I was born in Alencon, France. Do you know where France is? If you don't, maybe your Mom or Dad can show you on a map!

I'm so happy to be staying at your house for a visit and spending some time with you and your family! How many people live in your house? Do you have any pets? Do you play any instruments? My friend Cecilia LOVES music!

Tell me a little bit about you. What's your name? How old are you? What things do you like to do when you're not at school?

What are you looking forward to about my visit? I'm excited to see all the kind things your family does for one another and for other people! I bet you are really good at being kind and loving and helpful!

Some of the things I like to do to be kind are simple things like setting the table before a meal or making sure the dog has food and water or reading to my brothers and sisters. I have A LOT of brothers and sisters! I also love flowers and leaving them for people to find.

I'm sure you have lots of ways of being kind too!

I know you have lots of things to do like go to school and doing your homework so don't let me keep you from your

work but maybe when you see me these next few days
you can remember to do something nice for someone
else, okay?

I'm looking forward to our time together!

Our Saint

Hi! My name is Kateri! My special day is July 14th and I was born in the state of New York. Do you know where New York is? If you don't, maybe your Mom or Dad can show you on a map!

I'm so happy to be staying at your house for a visit and spending some time with you and your family! How many people live in your house? Do you have any pets? Do you play any instruments? A girl I know LOVES music.

Tell me a little bit about you. What's your name? How old are you? What things do you like to do when you're not at school?

What are you looking forward to about my visit? I'm excited to see all the kind things your family does for one another and for other people! I bet you are really good at being kind and loving and helpful!

Some of the things I like to do to be kind are watering the plants, taking care of my friend's pets, sharing food I've grown with others, and spending time with children!

I'm sure you have lots of ways of being kind too!

I know you have lots of things to do like go to school and doing your homework so don't let me keep you from your work but maybe when you see me these next few days

you can remember to do something nice for someone else, okay?

I'm looking forward to our time together!

Our Saint

Hi! My name is Francis! My special day is October 4th and I was born in Assisi, Italy. Do you know where Italy is? If you don't, maybe your Mom or Dad can show you on a map!

I'm so happy to be staying at your house for a visit and spending some time with you and your family! How many people live in your house? Do you have any pets? Do you play any instruments?

Tell me a little bit about you. What's your name? How old are you? What things do you like to do when you're not at school? I like to spend time outside!

What are you looking forward to about my visit? I'm excited to see all the kind things your family does for one another and for other people! I bet you are really good at being kind and loving and helpful!

Some of the things I like to do to be kind are taking care of animals, helping those in need by making food or donating clothes or toys, and helping people who might not get along to act nicely towards each other.

I'm sure you have lots of ways of being kind too!

I know you have lots of things to do like go to school and doing your homework so don't let me keep you from your work but maybe when you see me these next few days

you can remember to do something nice for someone else, okay?

I'm looking forward to our time together!

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Our Saint

Hi! My name is Patrick! My special day is March 17th and I am from Ireland. Do you know where Ireland is? If you don't, maybe your Mom or Dad can show you on a map!

I'm so happy to be staying at your house for a visit and spending some time with you and your family! How many people live in your house? Do you have any pets? Do you play any instruments?

Tell me a little bit about you. What's your name? How old are you? What things do you like to do when you're not at school? I like to spend time outside!

What are you looking forward to about my visit? I'm excited to see all the kind things your family does for one another and for other people! I bet you are really good at being kind and loving and helpful!

Some of the things I like to do to be kind are talking with people who feel sad or lonely, cheering up a friend who is having a hard day by telling them a silly joke or doing something to make them smile, and by helping out wherever I can.

I'm sure you have lots of ways of being kind too!

I know you have lots of things to do like go to school and doing your homework so don't let me keep you from your work but maybe when you see me these next few days

you can remember to do something nice for someone else, okay?

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Our Saint

Hi! My name is Christopher! My special day is July 25th and I was born in Rome, Italy. Do you know where Italy is? If you don't, maybe your Mom or Dad can show you on a map!

I'm so happy to be staying at your house for a visit and spending some time with you and your family! How many people live in your house? Do you have any pets? I have a friend, Kateri, who loves animals and nature!

Tell me a little bit about you. What's your name? How old are you? What things do you like to do when you're not at school?

What are you looking forward to about my visit? I'm excited to see all the kind things your family does for one another and for other people! I bet you are really good at being kind and loving and helpful!

Some of the things I like to do to be kind are helping people who are going long trips by giving them directions or talking to them about where they are going. I love talking to and learning from kids, and helping people to do things that require someone strong like bringing in firewood or raking the leaves or shoveling the snow!

I'm sure you have lots of ways of being kind too!

I know you have lots of things to do like go to school and doing your homework so don't let me keep you from your work but maybe when you see me these next few days you can remember to do something nice for someone else, okay?

I'm looking forward to our time together!

Our Saint

Hi! My name is Michael! My special day is September 29th and I am God's head angel.

I'm so happy to be staying at your house for a visit and spending some time with you and your family! How many people live in your house? Do you have any pets? Do you play any instruments?

Tell me a little bit about you. What's your name? How old are you? What things do you like to do when you're not at school? I have two friends; Kateri and Francis who love playing outside.

What are you looking forward to about my visit? I'm excited to see all the kind things your family does for one another and for other people! I bet you are really good at being kind and loving and helpful!

Some of the things I like to do to be kind are helping my friends, taking care of people who are sick by sending them cards or making them soup, sharing the things I have with my friends, and by helping whenever I am asked to do something.

I'm sure you have lots of ways of being kind too!

I know you have lots of things to do like go to school and doing your homework so don't let me keep you from your work but maybe when you see me these next few days

you can remember to do something nice for someone else, okay?

I'm looking forward to our time together!